Trinity Episcopal Church – St. Charles

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

(10 am only) **Opening Hymn 9** Not here for high and holy things *Morning Song*

Celebrant Blessed are you, Creator of all,
People **To you be praise and glory for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant The heavens declare the glory of God,
People **And the firmament shows forth your handiwork.**
Celebrant Day speaks to day, and night gives knowledge to night;
People **May all that lives proclaim your goodness.**
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
People **All desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God is with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: Judges 4:1-7

Reader A Reading from the Book of Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 *(Read reciprocally by full verse.)*

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(10 am only) **Sequence Hymn 680** O God, our help in ages past *St. Anne*

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Meg Goldstein

Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Leader Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

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Leader God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need [especially N.]. Surround them with your healing and your peace.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace [especially N.].

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you!
People **And also with you!**
Celebrant Greet one another in the name of Christ!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor on your servant/s as they/she/he begin/s another year. Grant that they/she/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their/his/her trust in your goodness all their/his/her days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Anniversaries

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that N. and N., having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Doxology

People **All things come of thee o lord**
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Eucharistic prayer is adapted from the Anglican Church of Kenya to reflect the principles of inclusive and expansive language.

Celebrant Is the Holy One with us?
People **The Holy One is.**
Celebrant Is Christ among us?
People **Christ is.**
Celebrant Is the Spirit here?
People **The Spirit is.**
Celebrant This is our God.
People **Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.**
Celebrant We are God's people.
People **We are redeemed and made one.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Holy One.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the God of our life.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, Holy One, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself.

Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life. Therefore, with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

People **Holy. holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People **Amen. Christ's body was broken for us.**

Celebrant In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

People **Amen. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through Christ's blood.

People **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**

Celebrant Therefore, Holy One, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

People **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Celebrant This is the feast of victory.

People **The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Jesus taught us, so we pray.

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.**
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share one bread.**

Celebrant The cup of blessing in which we bless,

People **Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive

People **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

Celebrant Christ is alive forever.

People **We are because He is.**

Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. We will come forward from the rear of the church, beginning with the choir. Please blend your rows to form one line in the center aisle. If you wish to sip the wine, please to go left. If you wish to instinct (dip) the host into the wine, please go to your right. After you receive communion, please return down the side aisle and return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing, rather than the bread or wine, please cross your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest when you come forward. If you need communion brought to you where you are, please tell the usher.

(10 am only) **Communion Hymn 312** Strengthen for service. Lord *Malabar*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH

The community accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Altar, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

Celebrant All our problems
People **We send to the cross of Christ.**
Celebrant All our difficulties
People **We send to the cross of Christ.**
Celebrant All the devil's works
People **We send to the cross of Christ.**
Celebrant All our hopes
People **We set on the risen Christ.**

BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has knit together his elect in one mystical body, grant you grace to follow the steps of all his saints—past, present, and yet to come—in all virtuous and godly living. **Amen.**

May Christ, whom the Father has exalted as King of kings and Lord of lords, break the dominion of hatred and fear, and establish your hearts in his peace across the whole world. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who fills all things, empower you to live as Christ's body in the world today until we are brought into the glorious liberty of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, those you love, and all creation, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

(10 am only) **Sending Hymn 574** Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *St. Petersburg*

Dismissal

Postlude