



**TRINITY** *19 November 2023*

## ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church! If needed, there is a nursery in the main building with a changing station. Please come back to the sanctuary at any time!

GATHERINGS	DAY & TIME	LOCATION
Men's Study	On Break	ZOOM
Women's Study	On Break	Church
Trinity Scholars	On Break	Church
Morning Prayer	On Break	Church
Women's Prayer	Friday @ Noon	Church

## FIRST FRUITS - 2024 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. **Proverbs 3:9-1***

Thank you for your generosity! Please return your pledge cards to the offering plate by Sunday, December 3rd.

## GIFTING GRACE CHRISTMAS TREE

Give Christmas gifts to the homeless and foster children of Lafayette! Select a child from the tree, purchase gifts, and return on December 3rd for our St. Nicholas Party.

## GREENING OF THE CHURCH, ST. NICHOLAS PARTY, & ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Join us on Dec 3rd for our fun launch to the Advent and Christmas seasons. After the service, we will put up our seasonal decorations, then enjoy a St. Nicholas party in the Family Center, with Advent-Wreath Making. Bring the whole family!

	Old Testament	Responsive	New Testament
This Week	Ed Abell	Diane Bartlett	Virginia Reinhardt
Next Week	David Brammer	Donna Guillory	Patricia Townsdin

*All stand and sing the* **THE PROCESSIONAL HYM**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:  
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown, are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

**THE ACCLAMATION**

*Priest*            **The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.**

*People*           **We will repent and believe the good news.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All kneel or sit for* **THE PRAYERS**

We pray to thee, Lord Christ. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our elected officials and all public institutions, that they may govern according to thy truth, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace of God, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who do not believe, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, and be born again to new life, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those requesting prayer, especially \_\_\_\_\_,  
and others we now name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_,  
we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and all who have died, that by faith in Christ we may be delivered on the Day of Judgment, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN**

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*We take a moment of silence for repentance.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

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.**

*All stand for*

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

*Officiant*      Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAISE GOD, FOR HE IS KIND (PSALM 136)**

**Praise God, for he is kind: His mercy lasts for aye.**

**Give thanks with heart and mind To God of gods alway:**

***Refrain:*      For certainly His mercies dure  
                    Most firm and sure Eternally.**

**The Lord of lords praise ye, Whose mercies still endure.**

**Great wonders only he Doth work by his great pow'r - *Refrain***

**Which God omnipotent, By might and wisdom high,**

**The heav'n and firmament Did frame, as we may see: - *Refrain***

**To him who did outstretch This earth so great and wide,**

**Above the waters' reach Making it to abide - *Refrain***

**Great lights he made to be; For his grace lasteth aye**

**Such as the sun we see, To rule the lightsome day. - *Refrain***

**Who hath remembered, us in our low estate;**

**And us delivered, From foes which did us hate - *Refrain***

**Who to all flesh gives food, For his grace faileth never**

**Give thanks to God most good, the God of heav'n forever - *Refrain***

*All sit for* **THE WELCOME**

### **COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING - OLD TESTAMENT**

**GENESIS 24:1-29**

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, that I may make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac." The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. Behold, I am standing by the spring of

water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Let the young woman to whom I shall say, ‘Please let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.”

Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water to drink from your jar.” She said, “Drink, my lord.” And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.” So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the Lord had prospered his journey or not.

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, and said, “Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?” She said to him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” She added, “We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to spend the night.” The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord and said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master’s kinsmen.” Then the young woman ran and told her mother’s household about these things.

Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PROVERBS 3:5-10

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
**and do not lean on your own understanding.**

In all your ways acknowledge him,  
**and he will make straight your paths.**

Be not wise in your own eyes;  
**fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.**

It will be healing to your flesh  
**and refreshment to your bones.**

Honor the Lord with your wealth  
**and with the firstfruits of all your produce;**  
then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
**and your vats will be bursting with wine.**

## SECOND READING - OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 24:50-67

Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing has come from the Lord; we cannot speak to you bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken."

When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the Lord. And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, "Send me away to my master." Her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go." But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the Lord has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master." They said, "Let us call the young woman and ask her." And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?"



She said, "I will go." So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"Our sister, may you become  
thousands of ten thousands,  
and may your offspring possess  
the gate of those who hate him!"

Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for*

### **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort and restore me**

**Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger**

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 4:1-26

*Lector* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we

worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

*Lector* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

**THE REV'D DR. PETER JOHNSTON**

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## **SERMON NOTES**

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## **THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you

*People*          **And with thy spirit**

*Officiant*      Lift up your hearts

*People*          **We lift them up unto the Lord**

*Officiant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

*People*          **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All sit or kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION**

*Priest* In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Priest* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*People* **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat**

**the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

- + *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion*
- + *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal*
- + *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest*

## **GIVE THANKS**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son**

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong."**

**Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong."**

**Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us"**

## **HIS MERCY IS MORE**

***Chorus:* Praise the Lord**

**His mercy is more**

**Stronger than darkness, new every morn**

**Our sins they are many, his mercy is more**

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done**

**Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum**

**Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore**

**Our sins they are many, his mercy is more**

***Chorus***

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam**

**What father, so tender, is calling us home**

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more  
*Chorus*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more  
*Chorus*

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Priest*            Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*All stand to sing* **BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

**Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood!  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

## **THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION**

*Priest*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            **And with your Spirit.**

*Priest*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Priest*            And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

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