

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Opening hearts to God, doors to community

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost: July 30, 2017 • 10:30 a.m.

Voluntary: Andantino

Procession Hymn: O worship the king

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Kyrie

Collect of the Day

1 Kings 3.5-12

Psalm 119.129-136

César Franck

Hymnal 388

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymnal S-96

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Romans 8.26-39 back page

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia, Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	back page
Sermon	
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People: Form IV	BCP 388
Confession & Absolution	BCP 360

Peace

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory Anthem: *Oh, For A Closer Walk With God*Charles Villiers Stanford

Tune: Hymnal 618

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymnal S-125
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-164
Communion Hymns: Seek ye first the kingdom of God	Hymnal 711
Be thou my vision	Hymnal 488

Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these gifts,

People that those to whom you go may share with us in this Holy Communion.

Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing	BCP 365
Procession Hymn: "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee	Hymnal 615

Dismissal

Voluntary: The Kingsfold Trumpet Alfred Fedak

Psalm 119.129-136 read responsively by whole verse

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; * therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; * it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
 I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
 let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

The Old Testament Lesson

Lector A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

The Psalm

Lector Please join me in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

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The Epistle

Lector A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Life Vestry contact: Bruce Smith, smith@htparish.com | Outreach Vestry contact: Christine Cason, cason@htparish.com

July 30 (Today) Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessings take place at both the 8:00 and 10:30 service. Students and educators of all ages--from preschoolers to grad students and beyond--are invited to bring their book bags, backpacks, briefcases, totes, etc. to church. More at tinyurl.com/y9ucmuk4

July 30 (Today) Young Adults Summer Pool Party!

Summer Pool Party for young and young-ish adults, with or without children, at 1 p.m. (after church). Nancy Qarmout and Leanne O'Rear are graciously opening up their pool and home once again this year. Feel free to bring a side to share or something you'd like to throw on the grill. This is also a great time to invite a friend or family member seeking a supportive, caring church family and Christian community. *Contact*: Whitney Brown at brown@htparish.com

August 6 (Sun) Parish Picnic

Come one, come all to our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 6 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HTP. The grill will be fired up and water, lemonade, soft drinks, and *live music* will be provided! Bring a side and something to put on the grill if you like.

August 13 (Sun) Rally Day

A day to kick off the program year and celebrate our ministries. Learn of the many ways in which parishioners serve the church, the community, and the world.

August 13 (Sun) Pray-Ground Discussion and Feedback

Following the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 13, Mo. Jenna and Fr. Greg lead a discussion on creating a "pray-ground" at Holy Trinity. More at tinyurl.com/y9tq8x8f. *Contact*: Mo. Jenna at strizak@htparish.com

August 13 (Sun) Youth Pool Party

All rising 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us immediately after the 10:30 service at Nancy's home. Lunch will be provided. Bring your bathing suit, towel, and a friend! *Contact:* Nancy Qarmout at youth@htparish.com

August 13 (Sun) Women in Ordinary Time at the SCAD Fashion Museum

The Women in Ordinary Time group will take a trip to the SCAD Fashion Museum to see the exhibit Shoes: Pleasure and Pain on Sunday, August 13. Gather after the 10:30 service to carpool first to lunch and then to the museum. Purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/yczmtylo and RSVP Cindy Stein at cinstein@bellsouth.net

August 20 (Sun) Children and Youth Formation Classes Resume

Godly Play, Building Faith Brick-by-Brick, Junior High, and High School formation classes resume at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 20 in the Comer Center. See holytrinitydecatur.org/formation/ for class details.

August 20 (Sun) Chalice Bearer Training/Refresher

Would you like to be a Chalice Bearer, and participate in the serving of the sacrament? If so, you and all current Chalice Bearers are invited on August 20 following the 10:30 service in the Nave for a 90 minute training/refresher session on the who, what, why, and how of serving the sacrament. A light lunch will be served. For details and to reserve your spot, contact Scott Miller at scott@kirkmillerandassoc.com or 404-538-9347.

Through August 13 (Sundays) Summer Singers 10:30 Worship Choir

It's easy to be in Summer Singers! There are no weekday rehearsals: Meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to rehearse for 10:30 a.m. worship. More info at tinyurl.com/y9hm4t68 *Contact:* Vince at evans@htparish.com or 404-574-9233.

EfM

Every baptized person is called to ministry. Do you know yours? Are you being nudged in a new direction? Consider joining Education for Ministry. EfM provides a framework to help participants prepare for the ministry to which we all are called. Openings are available in Wednesday evening or Thursday morning groups that start the end of August. More information at tinyurl.com/y9wml6hk *Contacts:* Joe Pearson at jhpatl@earthlink.net, DeDe Craig-Clark at dcraigclark@gmail.com

September 22-24 (Fri-Sun) Parish Retreat at Camp Mikell

Join your church family in September at the annual HTP retreat in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. This year we will have short sessions for spiritual development, special activities for children and teens, and, of course, our talent show--now and forever named the *Steve Bishop Annual Retreat Talent Show*. Register at tinyurl.com/HTP-retreat. *Contact:* Gina Smith at bgsmith528@hotmail.com

► Full event listings, details, and maps at holytrinitydecatur.org/upcoming-events/

Prescoop

Holy Trinity Parish Preschool Director: Kay Watkins, watkins@htparish.com, 404-371-1310

Preschool Scholarship Fund

The preschool seeks donations for scholarships. Please put money in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Preschool" or drop off at the front desk for the preschool mailbox. Any amount helps; the average cost for a student each month is about \$300. Thanks!

DID YOU KNOW...

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available during Sunday morning services from 8 a.m. until communion at the 10:30 service. The nursery is located on the second floor, right outside the chapel. *Contact*: Mo. Jenna at strizak@htparish.com

Assistive Listening Devices and Large-Print Bulletins

ALDs are available on the table at the nave entrance. An usher can show you how to use the device. Please leave your keys as a reminder to return the ALD. You do not need to remove the device for communion. Large-print bulletins are available for both services; ask an usher.

Announcements and Room Reservations

Please fill out the online form at tinyurl.com/HTP-announcements to reserve a room or to post an announcement in Parish Matters, E-News, and social media.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Classes begin at 9:15 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Contact information, directions, and details are at holytrinitydecatur.org/formation/

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- **Life in Christ Class** (Comer Center, 2nd floor, Room 259*) This class, for women of all ages, involves studying, praying, learning, and a healthy bit of laughing & crying.
- The Men's Room (Comer Center, 2nd floor, Room 255*) This class, for adult men of all ages, discusses the gospel reading from the previous Sunday using a simple curriculum to spur discussion.
- * Class meets on the second floor of the Comer Center, which is not currently wheelchair accessible. If you require assistance, please see an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- Children and Youth Sunday Formation classes will resume on August 20.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, July 30, 2017

MINISTERS OF THE DAY AT 8:00 A.M.

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Jenna Strizak PREACHER: Bob Farrow, Seminarian MINISTER OF MUSIC: Vince Evans

ACOLYTES: William Carter, James Gibbs

LECTOR: Greg Shortell EPISTOLER: Jacob Arkin

INTERCESSOR: Charlotte Pfeiffer

CHALICE BEARERS: Alison Gibbs, Grant Knox EUCHARISTIC VISITORS: Deanna Pope, Sarah Ozio

GREETERS: Jake Abraham, Linda Abraham

USHERS: Jeff Jacobs, Jeff Lee

ALTAR GUILD: Susan & Loyd Deaver, Linda Thompson, Lou Trotti

FLOWER GUILD: Anna Fallon

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY: Bruce Smith

MINISTERS OF THE DAY AT 10:30 A.M.

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Jenna Strizak PREACHER: Bob Farrow, Seminarian MINISTER OF MUSIC: Vince Evans

VERGER: Scott Miller

ACOLYTES: Infinit Brown, Coltrane Cheatham, Eero Cheatham

LECTOR: Nancy Qarmout EPISTOLER: Belinda Watkins INTERCESSOR: Oto Ekpo

CHALICE BEARERS: Steve Clark, Linda Nelson, Leanne O'Rear, Belinda Watkins

INTERPRETER: Susan Lascek

GREETER: Julia Gable

ALTAR GUILD: Susan & Loyd Deaver, Linda Thompson, Lou Trotti

FLOWER GUILD: Kimiko Miller

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY: Tra Walker

The Prayers of the People, Form IV, 10:30 a.m. The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost—July 30, 2017

I invite all those wishing to come forward for special prayers to do so at this time.

Don't wait for everyone to get to the rail. After about 5 seconds, continue on.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence Lord, in your mercy / Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Donald, our president; Nathan, our governor; Patti, our mayor; and Michael, our county executive officer.

Silence Lord, in your mercy / Hear our prayer

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence Lord, in your mercy / Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV, 10:30 a.m. The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost—July 30, 2017

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those who have been injured in the service of others, all those serving the common good, and for those now serving in the military, including Kari, Hawk, Daniel, Kester, Edward, Lance, Tom, Derick, Rob, Stovall, Logan, Brent, and Kate.

Silence Lord, in your mercy / Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Nate, Mary, Mary Linda, Nicholas, Keeyan, Gracie, Virginia, Rosemary, Lisa, Jim, Diana, Carroll, Martin, Vickie, and Bert.

Silence Lord, in your mercy / Hear our prayer.

Pause while the priests pray for those who have come to the altar rail.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Steve Bishop, Mike Franzen, and Helene Hand.

Silence Lord, in your mercy / Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Prayers of the Parish – July 30, 2017

Names are prayed aloud at Sunday services and daily prayers. Please take this prayer list home for your personal prayers.

Sunday

For those who are ill or in need: Nate Pickens, Lynne Pickens' nephew; Mary; Mary Linda Bishop; Nicholas, Michelle Moore's son; Cian MacNicholas; Gracie Kennedy, Ginna Evans' friend; Virginia Evans; Rosemary Howard, Jan & Julia Gable's aunt; Lisa Nass; Jim Kelly, Anna Edwards' neighbor; Diana Beverley, Georgia Andrews' friend; Carroll Fregosi, Giulia Galvin's sister-in-law; Martin; Vickie & Bert Hartz, Ellen Bishop's sister and brother-in-law

For those who have died: Steve Bishop; Mike Franzen, Doug Franzen's brother; Helene Hand, Dickson Hand's mother

Monday

For those who are ill or in need: Charles Wells, Jackie Wells' brother; Suzie Ball; Catherine Meyer; Olga & Jeavanni Islas and children, St. Bede's parishioners; Anne Carter; Mayo Moses; Daniel John Clark, Steve Clark's brother; Teddy James; Nell Absher, Charles Absher's mother; Holly; Andrew Howard; Benjamin Howard; Carey Kidd

For the Staff: Sarah, Vince, Ellen, Al, Nancy, and Kay

For our Syrian Family: Khaled, Ruwaida, Zainab, and Mohamad Ghannoum

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, and Pittsburgh, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell.

Tuesday

For those who are ill or in need: Ryan; Kathryn Kuck; Emily Abraham; Charlie Abraham; Phyl Hilton; Jackie Grant, *Liz Hilton's mother*; Martha Davidson, *Denise Norris' mother*; Mike Thames, *Linda Pope's nephew*, Jeannine & Don Morrison; Blanche & Ernie Holditch; Amanda Kyle Williams; Beverly Hansen and the Heather Oliver family, *Georgia Andrews' friends*For the Vestry: Alison, Anne, Bill, Bob, Bruce, Christine, DeDe, Leanne, Linda, Matt, Tra, Whitney, Estelle, and Berkeley

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Transfiguration, Rome, and for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction.

Wednesday

For those who are ill or in need: Brian Thompson, Beth Young's brother; Gloria Porter; Cynthia Brown; Dennis Hill, Mabel Goehe's son-in-law; Nancy Stiefel, Susan Deaver's mother; Matthew Carey, Renee Huie's grandson; Barbara; Ernest Ramsay; Rob; Susie; Carolyn Winn; LaKisha & Darryl Matthews

Parish Birthdays: 7/30 Henry Jones, Parks Miller; 7/31 Mayo Moses; 8/2 Mary Hinkel, Linda Nelson; 8/3 Julia Gable; 8/4 Jenny Beaman; 8/5 Jan Gable

Thursday

For those who are ill or in need: Bill Freret; Ben Caldwell, Margaret Hertlein's friend; Liz Grant Hilton; Lynn Edgar; Tom Lowndes; Caroline Counts; Laura Spencer, Anne Franzen's friend; Kim Flippen, Whitney Brown's mother; Lucy Moss; Sarah Murchison

Parish Wedding Anniversaries: 8/2 Mollie & Matt Arkin; 8/4 Lindy Newman & Charles Absher; 8/5 Anthea & Neil Purves

Friday

For those who are ill or in need: Meg Speier, Lynne Pickens' cousin; Ellen, Teresa, and Jerry, Ellen Cobban's friends; Betsy Shanks, Jim Shanks' sister; Marilyn Grant, Anthony Grant's wife; Annie, Laura Manzer's sister; Carol Mentzer, Gail McClellan's daughter; Betty Fregosi, Giulia Galvin's mother; Nichole Lupo, Kay Watkins' friend; Craig Campbell; Deborah

Parish Baptism Anniversaries: 8/1 Cathy Shanks; 8/4 Daniel Clark; 8/5 Eero Cheatham, Jann Thomas