

Announcements

-Worship: Outdoor worship continues, alternating with fully-online worship. Outdoor worship at Trinity is scheduled for Oct. 18. Safety guidelines include social distancing and wearing masks. Full details at trinitytipton.org/outdoor-worship/.

-Worship: We need your input for worship going into the colder months. If we required masks and distancing, would you attend worship indoors, or does that seem too risky for you? Council needs to hear your thoughts before Oct 13 to help us decide. Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3P9ZFRN>

-Zoom Fellowship today at 11am

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/601353237?pwd=YjhXSE5rZ2hPaUg1SIzIzMUNMNVI2dz09>)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

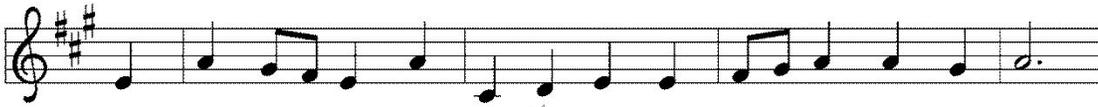
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;
 4 New grac-es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum-pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos-pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh-ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

WORD

Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both

good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

SERMON

When I got engaged, I bought Emily Post's Wedding Planner, a detailed book covering every sort of wedding etiquette with a week-by-week planning checklist. One whole chapter was devoted to the guest list. I learned that I should invite about 20% more guests than there was space to seat, on the assumption that some wouldn't be able to attend. Then, Emily Post went on, I should have a "B List," people I could consider inviting if the first round of invitations included more polite regrets than happy acceptances. The trick, Emily Post pointed out, was to make sure that none of the B List people knew they hadn't been invited in the first round.

Not being an avid socialite with a long list of friends, I avoided the problem altogether by fitting all the guests onto one list, happily avoiding the A List/B List dilemma.

The host in this parable has a great guest dilemma indeed! He hasn't run out of room. Quite the opposite! The king has invited all the worthy guests in the kingdom, and none of them can be bothered to attend the banquet. Unwilling to embarrass his son with a lifeless party, the king sends out his servants to round up anyone they can find. This isn't just a B List situation. This is desperation. The king is throwing a banquet, and there *will* be guests at the feast.

The guests who do arrive are quite a mixed bag, by all accounts. Good, bad, and ugly all thrown in together. All welcome at the heavenly banquet because the King was determined to have guests. Now, here, we need to understand that when the wealthy gave wedding feasts, they provided elaborate robes for the guests to wear over their street clothes. Think of the choir robes worn over whatever the choir members had on. It would be clear if anyone refused the wedding robe. And they'd only reject the robe if they thought their clothes were better.

One proud soul does reject the robe, and the king notices. Well call them Pat, with no offense meant to any Patricks or Patricias reading this. Pat likes the clothes they came in wearing, thanks. Pat isn't some kind of loser who depends on the King's generosity. Pat's no B-List guest. Pat is great just the way they are, thank you very much.

The King knows better. At this feast, only guests who know they don't merit a place on their own truly belong. This is a feast for losers, and thank God for that. The King invited left behind people from the streets into the feast, making them ready by dressing them in wedding robes. At the Kingdom of Heaven, God invites us in just as we are but refuses to leave us as we are, proud and sure we've got it all figured out. God clothes us in righteousness, mercy, forgiveness, and love. Only a fool would reject such a garment, and only a sinner would need it. That's you and me. Sinners, invited to a banquet, dressed by God for the occasion. It's not because of who we are that we get a seat at the table. It's because of who God is. God makes a place for you.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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PRAYERS

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world,
 and all who are in need.

Let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

; cX\Ug[]j Yb'hc'YUW'cZi gl'ci fgYj Ygž'ci f'hja Yž'UbX'ci f'dcggYgg]cbg"; cX'[]j Yg'hY'Vtc''
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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Let all that we offer be in service to you to the glory of the risen Christ.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

; UH YfYX']b'U\ca Yž'hY'X]gV]d'Yg'fYW]j YX'>Ygi gDdfca]gY'hUh'hY'VfYUX'UbX'Wd'k Ug'\]g'
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

