



**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
STRATFORD, ONTARIO

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***Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Sunday September 20, 2026**

**11:00 am**

*The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron*

*The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector*

*The Venerable Tanya Phibbs, Associate Rector*

*The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon*

*The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon*

*The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate*

*Joel West, Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator*

*Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music*

*Neil F. Young, Contemporary Musician*

*Peter Ryde, Chimer*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

*Aria – Noel Rawsthorne*

Processional Hymn #380

*O Worship the King*

The Grace

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### Land Acknowledgement

*Celebrant* We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

*People* **From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

*Celebrant* We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

*People* **We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

*Celebrant* We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

*People* **We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

Collect for Purity

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*Gloria*

*#686*

The Collect of the Day

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading                      Exodus 16: 2-15

Barb Dyson

Psalm 105: 6, 37-45

*Cantor: Jane Foster*



The Lord has al-ways been mind-ful of His Co - ven - ant.

Second Reading      Philippians 1: 21-30

*Mariam Flewitt*

## Gradual Hymn #435

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

## The Gospel

## Matthew 20: 1-16

*Deacon:*

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

*People:*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

*Deacon:*

# The Gospel of Christ.

*People:*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Sermon

*The Rev. Tianna Gocan*

Anthem:

*Day By Day – Martin How*

## Nicene Creed

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## Prayers of the People

*Mariam Flewitt*

*Response:*    **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

## Confession and Absolution

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## The Peace

## Peal of the Bells

*Peter Ryde*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #388                      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #1                      *BAS p. 193*

*Sanctus and Benedictus*                      #689

The Lord's Prayer                      *BAS p. 211*

Breaking of the Bread #3                      *BAS p. 212*

*Agnus Dei*                      #690

The Communion

*All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.*

Communion Hymn #63                      *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

Prayer After Communion

Doxology                      *BAS p. 214*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #84                      *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

Dismissal

Postlude:                      *Postlude in D – Wm. Mathias*

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

~ **Major Frank S. Walker (former Organist and Choir Master of St. Paul's Anglican Church), Mrs. Ray Walker, and their family Lloyd and Helen Walker, son Bill; Clarice and Jim Caley, son David; Margaret and Wallace Warner; and John and Gretchen Walker, son James.** ~  
With Thanksgiving from their family.

The flowers on the Pedestal today are given to the glory of God with gratitude and in celebration for the life of:

~ **Eric Freeman McKay**  
**September 21, 1932 – July 6, 2023,** ~  
With love from Susan & Family

## **NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Venerable Tanya Phibbs Vacation Time**

The Venerable Tanya Phibbs will be on vacation starting September 21st and will return on Monday September 28th. For any Pastoral needs during this time please contact: Venerable Rob Lemon or Reverend Tianna Gocan.

### **Server Training TODAY after the 11:00 a.m. Service**

Have you ever wondered what serving at the Lord's altar is like? Are you looking for a way to participate in the liturgy in a new way? Have you ever wanted a closer look at what the Eucharist is all about? Join us today after the 11am service to learn more, receive training, and join the crew of servers here at Holy Trinity!

## **Holy Trinity Anglican Church Parish Survey**

If you have not yet completed the Holy Trinity Parish Survey, and do not wish to use the online form, we have hard copies of the survey available at the Warden's Desk. Thank you for your participation!

## **H.A.R.T. Game Social Evening**

When: September 23rd, 2026, at 6:30pm – 8:30 – 9pm

Where: Holy Trinity Church, Lower Hall

What to bring: a snack and game to share, and a beverage for yourself

Who: Adults only this time, family event coming soon!

How: drop in and join us! No need to RSVP.

## **Community Recovery Breakfast – Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Join us in celebrating Recovery Month. Community Recovery Breakfast takes place on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall. Pay what you can.

## **Save the Date – Outreach Lunch Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Our first Outreach Lunch after the summer break will be Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. service in the Lower Hall. Proceeds will benefit Alongside Hope (PWRDF) water projects in the North.

## **Holy Grounds Sunday September 27th**

Holy Grounds will meet again on Sunday September 27th at 1:00 p.m. at Balzac's Café. Coffee, Conversation & Community for Young Adults.

## **Fall Food & Faith Tuesdays (Education Series)**

Our Fall Food & Faith series is back! For six weeks, starting on Wednesday, September 30th beginning at 5:30pm (skipping October 14th), we will gather for dinner and a discussion in the lower hall. This fall, our series is based on Shannon K. Evans' book, *The Mystics Would Like a Word*, where we'll lean more deeply into the stories and spirituality of six female mystics and how they can speak into our experiences as Christians today.

## **Holy Trinity Community Food Bank Wishlist – 9 Douro Street**

- Stove Top Stuffing
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Can or packet of gravy mix
- Canned pie filling (apple, pumpkin etc)
- Juice boxes
- Lunch box snacks
- Oatmeal (Quick oats or flavoured packets)

## **Holy Trinity Music & Art Sale – Call Out for Volunteers**

Call for Volunteers: Holy Trinity Fundraiser **Stratford Music and Art Sale Inclusivity: All ages**, both from our incredible parish and our wonderful friends. Please sign-up for either/or/both activities on **Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17**. Clearly write your name, contact information and when you are available. Clipboards with the sign-up sheets are to be found in the Narthex, starting Sunday, Oct. 20. Questions and Suggestions should be directed to Karin Mussen at [kejmstudios@gmail.com](mailto:kejmstudios@gmail.com), if you haven't talk with her at church.

## **Singing at Holy Trinity for 11:00 a.m. Service**

If you would like to sing in the choir for the 11:00 a.m. service, now would be a great time to join. The weekly rehearsal is held on Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in preparation for the 11:00am Sunday service for which we meet at 10:00am. While regular attendance is desirable, I am fully aware that singers need to be absent from time to time. We will help you with reading music and improving your voice while having a fun time. Vacancies in all voice parts. Please speak to our organist, Ian Sadler or email him anytime over the next few weeks. [sadlermusic57@gmail.com](mailto:sadlermusic57@gmail.com)

## **Wednesday Morning Eucharist**

Join us for our mid-week Book of Common Prayer Eucharist services. If you miss the old BCP service, and prefer a quieter form of worship, this is the service for you! Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesdays at 10 am in the Chapel. Please use the ramp door.

## **Upcoming Readings – Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 17: 1-7

Matthew 21: 23-32

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Chancel Team #3

Philippians 2: 1-13

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 22 - \*Breakfast Club from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Outreach Centre – 9 Douro Street  
\*Holy Trinity Community Food Bank from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall – **9 Douro Street.**
- Sept. 23 - \*Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service  
\*H.A.R.T. Game Social Evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall.
- Sept. 24 - \*Breakfast Club from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Outreach Centre – 9 Douro Street  
\*Celtic Worship at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.  
\*Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sept. 25 - \*Friday Food Bank from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Outreach Centre – 9 Douro Street  
\*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12 p.m.  
\*Chimes Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26 - \*Community Recovery Breakfast from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall.  
\*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Sept. 27 - \*Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:00 a.m.  
\*Contemporary Holy Eucharist Service at 9:30 a.m.  
\*Choral Holy Eucharist BAS Service at 11:00 a.m.  
\*Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Meet by the stairway in the Narthex.  
\*Outreach Lunch following the 11:00 a.m. Service in the Lower Hall.  
\*Holy Grounds group meets at 1:00 p.m. at Balzac's Café.  
\*Choral Evensong Choir Rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
\*Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.