

welcome

Trinity Episcopal Church



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ✕ July 12, 2020 ✕ 10:00am
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to Trinity | As beloved children of God gathered in community, we are called to LOVE God and our neighbor, to SERVE God and the greater world, and to GIVE from the abundant resources with which we have been blessed.

Guests | If you are visiting or new to the community, we welcome you, wherever you are on your journey. Please join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour – a link and passcode will be on Facebook. We'd love to hear from you so please leave a comment on our post so that we may have a record of your presence.

Children | All are welcome in the liturgy; children are encouraged to participate with their families.

Prayer | This booklet is offered to help everyone take an active part in praying as a community.

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The Prelude

The Word of God

The people stand.

Opening Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

American Folk Song

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

All: **Amen.**

We listen to the Gloria.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We say together the Collect of the Day, a short prayer to bring focus to our worship.

People: Loving God, wake me up so that the evil of racism
finds no home within me.
Keep watch over my heart Lord,
and remove from me any barriers to your grace,
that may oppress and offend my brothers and sisters.
Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give
services of justice and peace.
Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory.
And finally, remind us Lord that you said,
"blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God."
Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

We sit and affirming our earliest story as God's people, we hear a reading from scripture.

Lector: A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 65:1-8,9-14

We hear a selection from the Psalter, the oldest collection of Jewish hymns

Let the valleys shout for joy and sing.

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

² To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

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⁴ Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

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⁶ You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

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⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰ You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

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¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹² You crown the year with your goodness, *

and your paths overflow with plenty.

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¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

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The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

We hear a reading from early Christian writings.

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll & Walker

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty
fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed apostles sing praise;
prophets and martyrs give glory;
For your majesty
praise the Spirit, praise the Son!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

You are the Christ everlasting
born for us all of a Virgin,
you have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Help those you saved by your blood,
raise them to life with your martyrs.
Save your people, Lord,
as their ruler raise them up.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

We hear a reading from the life of Jesus.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

George Black, So. Central Regional Missionary

A leader breaks open the scripture.

A short period of silence follows the sermon.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor bids the community's prayers.

For our Church, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For world leaders, that they may work to end the violence perpetrated by verbal attacks, deadly weapons, and cold indifference. May our nation and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community, that we may receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language, or culture, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For parents and educators, that we may teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully and have the courage to model it in our own behavior, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this faith community, that we may hear the call of our leaders to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to act together to end violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our public officials, that the Spirit of Wisdom may help them strive to work for equal education, suitable housing, and equal employment opportunities for all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For solidarity in our global human family, that we may be vigilant in our protection of those who are most vulnerable and most in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, may they be welcomed into the great glory of God's love, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving God, whose promise of justice sustains us, hear our prayers that we might ready our hearts and our communities, for the coming of Christ, our example in all things. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
O God, we confess
that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice
distorts your divine plan for our human lives.
You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful;
In every person, every race is your image.

**All: But too often we fail to recognize your image in all;
Forgive us.**

Celebrant: You created us in divine freedom, to be free;
In every decision, every choice is your possibility of justice.

**All: But too often we fail to choose to advocate for your justice for all;
Forgive us.**

Celebrant: You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share;
In every garden, every social structure is your seed of community.

**All: But too often we fail to create that community which includes all,
and gives to all equal access to your abundant life;
Forgive us.**

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.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

We greet one another in the Name of Jesus Christ.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

We join in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**All: 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.**

We keep silence before saying,

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

God of Heaven and Earth,
you created the one human family
and endowed each person with great dignity.

Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor
so that we may work with you
in healing our land from racial injustice.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Closing Blessing

Closing Hymn

In Christ Alone

Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
The bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

We have prayed and now, with changed hearts, let us move our feet to action.

All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Postlude

The worship is ended, the Service begins.



Announcements

- ✠ **IN MEMORIAM** The Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Flowers are dedicated today to the Glory of God.
- ✠ **PRAYER LIST** Tyler, Jeff, Josephine, Melissa, Michelle, Rich, Fabian, Joyce, Ashleigh, Peggy, Morgan, Matt, Jennifer, Mary Beth, Lori, Cassandra, Kim, Laura, Christina & Amber, Katilyn, Jessica Joy, Patrick, Beth Lee, Christie Lynn, Christopher, Mikos Family, John, Beth, Adam, Hailey, Jodi & Jay, Kevin, Maureen, Donovan, Gale, Paul, Julianna, Harry, Bob, Ed, Joan, Carol, Steven, Geri, Evelyn Rose, Vanessa, James, Vinny, Kevin, Harry, Rosemarie, Michael, Kay, Audrey, Frank, Gene, Joanna, Debbie, Nick, Jeff, Cecily, Carol, Cheryl, Jason, Janet, Anne, Curt, Taylor, William, Luann, Amanda, Linda, Tracy, Elaine, Amy, Lisa, Aaron, Austin, Garrett, Ryan, Shirley, Pat, Mark, Norlyn, Ashley, Kevin, Bonnie, Ann, Bob, Sgt. Gabe Davis, Lt. Jacob Drodz and Sgt. Nicole Spiro.
- ✠ **KIDS KINGDOM** Miss Maura is back today on Facebook. Make sure to check out what's new in the Kingdom today!
- ✠ **SERVING TODAY** Lectors: Teresa Smith & Kim Barton; Intercessor: Betheny Hawkins; Altar Guild: Audrey Yost & Wendy Camp.
- ✠ **FOOD BANK** Next Sunday: Individual Bags of Goldfish

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