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Trinity Episcopal Church



Third Sunday after Pentecost ✕ Holy Eucharist Rite I **June 21, 2020 ✕ 10:00am**

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 sign our guest book or leave a comment on our Facebook post so that we may have a record of your presence.

Children | Everyone is 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 Word of God

A time for silent prayer and meditation as we prepare for worship.

The people stand.

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.**

All: **Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards people.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

People: **O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21

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

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis:

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the

child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

A short period of silence follows and then we join in saying a selection from the Psalter, the oldest collection of Jewish hymns.

**¹Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,*
for I am poor and in misery.**

**²Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;*
save your servant who puts his trust in you.**

**³Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;*
I call upon you all the day long.**

**⁴Gladden the soul of your servant,*
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,*
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
⁶Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,*
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,*
for you will answer me.
⁸Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,*
nor anything like your works.
⁹All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,*
and glorify your Name.
¹⁰For you are great;
you do wondrous things;*
and you alone are God.
¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me;*
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;*
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

We hear a reading from early Christian writings.

Lector: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know

that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

A short period of silence follows and then we stand for 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 said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Patricia Leonard-Pasley

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.

With all our hearts and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

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, have mercy.**

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, have mercy.**

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, have mercy.**

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, have mercy.**

For this faith community, that we may respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to act together to end violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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, have mercy.**

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, have mercy.**

For those on our parish prayer list and those on the front lines of this pandemic, especially Ashleigh, Peggy, Morgan, Matt, Mary Beth, Lori, Cassandra, Kim, Laura, Christina, Amber, Kaitlyn, Jessica Joy, Patrick, Beth Lee Christie Lynn, Christopher, Hailey, Jodi, Jay, Aiden and Kevin, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: **And with thy spirit.**
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.

The Celebrant offers God's blessing.

All: **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The worship is ended, the Service begins.



Announcements

- ✘ **IN MEMORIAM** The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated in loving memory of Name by Name. The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.
- ✘ **PRAYER LIST** Josephine, Dennis, Melissa, Jennifer, 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** Children may join Miss Maura online for another Kids of the Kingdom installation.
- ✠ **SERVING TODAY** Lectors: Patti Kierol & Kim Barton; Intercessor: Kevin Pasley; Altar Guild: Debbie Engstrom & Margie Grose.
- ✠ **FOOD BANK** Next Sunday: Paper Towels

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