



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II; BCP 355

9:00 AM Church School

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”

H574

OPENING SENTENCES, COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

GLORIA

H. S277

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies / triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be / put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disap/ointed in their schemes.

Show me your / ways, O LORD,*
and / teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and / teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted / all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion / and love,*
for they are from / everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions;*
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your / goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the / LORD;*
therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in / doing right*
and teaches his way / to the lowly.

THE SECOND LESSON **Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Choir)

Stay awake, pray at all times

Praying that you may be strengthened

That with confidence you can meet the Son of Man.

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 21:23-32**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him. *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

HOMILY

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form I *(Response – “Lord Have Mercy”)*

BCP 383

Confession

BCP 397

THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn *“At The Name of Jesus” (verses 1-4)*

H435

DOXOLOGY

H43 verse #4

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

BCP 361

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

H. S164

(gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request)

All are invited to come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing. Please note that we are only drinking from the cup and not dipping the bread to stop the spread of germs as Covid numbers continue to go up and down. If you do not want to receive the wine, please know that just receiving bread is a valid form of taking communion. If you do not want to receive communion, please come up and cross your arms over your chest. This is the signal for you to receive a blessing.

Healing Prayer is offered in the chapel directly out the side door of the sanctuary during Communion. Please go receive Communion and then head to the chapel if you desire to receive laying on of hands and anointing. Healing Prayer can be used for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for yourself along with prayers on behalf of others.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach)

Organ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"

H336

DISMISSAL

Clergy

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar, The Rev. Diane Peterson

Intercessor

Sam Sutter

Lectors

Jane Sampson, Susann Gill-Riley

Organist & Choirmaster

Herb Lazration

Usher

Joe Buzzeo

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

☛ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, M'lee, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, Deacon Knute, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Louise, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Phyllis, Al, Cherie, Sam, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Dave, Georgeann, Jeannie, Tim, Walt, Bob, Fred, Beth, Suzie, Debra, Anthony, Matt, Jimmy, Betty, Gary.

☛ WORSHIP

This Sunday, October 1st - Healing Prayer First Sunday of the Month- We will be offering healing prayers during communion. Healing prayer is when anointing oil and hands are put upon someone and individual prayers are said for that person for their needs. This will happen in the chapel during communion. Please come up to the rail, receive communion or a blessing, and then go out the side door of the sanctuary to the chapel for prayer. Please note that you do not have to take part in healing prayer. It is something that we are offering for those that would like it. From now on, every first Sunday of the month will have healing prayer offered.

How This Works – Welcome to our new streamlined bulletin format! In order to save paper we have decided to go back to using our books in the pews instead of having an all "inclusive" bulletin. Below is a listing of the books used along with the abbreviations as they are listed in the bulletin.

BCP – Book of Common Prayer (red book)

H – The Hymnal 1982 (blue book)


H. S – The Hymnal 1982 (blue book). The "S" means service music which is in the front of Hymnal.

LEVAS – Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal

Please note, we will hold Morning Prayer on the 4th Sunday of each month.

☛ PARISH LIFE

Stewardship Sunday Kickoff, Oct. 1 – Be on the lookout for Stewardship information which will be coming soon!

 **Sun. Oct. 8, Feast of St. Francis:** Join us for our 2pm outdoor service to celebrate all God's creatures, large and small. Bring your pets, pictures, stuffed animals, etc. *Be sure to bring a neighbor or two to this service!*




We are excited to invite the parish to a Jack & Jill baby shower for Rev. Kate next Sunday, October 8th immediately after service in the parish hall. Rev. Kate is aware of this event and mentioned that she has quite a few things from Paul that she plans to use for the new baby; therefore, we would like to offer her a cash purse or a diaper/wipe “2 for” – Bring two packages of diapers and wipes (of any size), Rev. Kate keeps one and one is donated to charity. For those who wish to contribute to the cash purse please give your donations to Georgeann or Brenda by Sunday, October 1.

We have a sign-up sheet posted for specific food items that we would like to serve at the party: sandwiches (chicken, egg, tuna, ham salad, cold cuts) wraps, potato salad, macaroni salad, cut veggies and dip, and fruit salad. The church will provide a cake. We will also need volunteers to help us on the day of the event.

Please email Georgeann at georgeann50@att.net or Brenda at goldfish203@aol.com with any questions or if you need more information. Thank You!!

Southwest Region Convocation, Sunday, Oct 22nd – 3-4:30pm, Christ Church Stratford, 200 Main Street, Stratford – Come meet Bishop Mello and hear his hopes and dreams for our region. Please follow the link to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southwest-region-convocation-meet-and-greet-with-bishop-mello-tickets-715259088187?aff=oddttdcreator>

 **Halloween at Trinity!** – Trinity is handing candy out this year from 5-7pm in the parking lot this Halloween. *We are looking for candy donations as well as “helpers” to hand out candy.* We get tons of kids in the neighborhood as it is *the place* to Trick or Treat. Please see the sign-up sheet with time selections to help give candy out. Donations of candy can be left in the church office. Fun is promised to all!


St. Nicholas Fair – Sat. December 2nd


Our St. Nicholas fair is fast approaching and is our biggest fund-raiser. We are in need of the following items for the fair:

- **Baked Goods:** Whatever you bake we will take for our baked goods table! Christmas cookies are the favorite. Bake now and drop them off at the Church and we'll put them in the freezer.
- **Christmas plates and tins**
- **Soups:** Make your favorite! Bring it to church and we'll put it in the freezer.
- **Vendors:** If you know of a vendor who would like to participate, please have them request an application from the office.


Bible Study- Bible Study meets Wednesday's from 1pm to 2pm in the parish hall. Please come with a bible if you have access to one or one will be provided. See you there!

CARING CONNECTIONS


 Birthdays – Manny Silva (the 2nd), Regina Howes (the 3rd).

 Anniversaries – Bruce & Nancy Zepke (the 29th), Richard & Martha Garrow (the 29th), Kristopher & Erin Nicholson (Oct 3rd).

OUTREACH

 **It's SOCKTOBER TIME** – Collection of socks will be taking place for our brothers and sisters during the month of October. New socks are requested for infants, children, women and particularly adult men. If you have questions, please speak with Deacon Diane.

St. John's Community Suppers – The 1st Tuesday of each month Trinity makes meatloaf which is served at the community supper. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare meatloaf for this event each month. We are thinking the easiest way is to have people pick and cook an ingredient that goes into the meatloaf like carrots, onions, celery, or Quinoa, bring it back to the church so the meatloaf can be assembled. We are open to suggestions on how to make this as easy as possible. Remember, many hands make for light work! Please speak with Lurena if you have any questions or to volunteer for this most important ministry. *There is also a sign-up sheet posted – thank you all in advance!*

 **Sweaters for Seniors:** Once again we are purchasing sweaters for senior citizens for distribution through Priscilla House for the Christmas Holidays. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call or text Vestry member Lisa Brown at 203-954-8874 to receive the name and size of sweater for a person in need. *All sweaters should be dropped off at the church no later than December 3rd. Thank you!*

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In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 475-265-0654 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. *Thank you!*