

Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, Trumbull CT

Sunday, June 19, 2022

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (H 493)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

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. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis (S 277) (sung)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray. 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 First Lesson *1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Psalm 43 (*Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses*)

Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly / people;*
deliver me from the deceitful / and the wicked.

For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me / from you?*

and why do I go so heavily while the ene/my oppresses me?

Send out your light and your truth, that they may / lead me,*
and bring me to your holy hill and / to your dwelling;

That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and / gladness;*
and on the harp I will give thanks to / you, O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my soul?*

and why are you so disquiet/ed within me?

Put your / trust in God;*

for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Second Lesson *Galatians 3:23-29*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gradual Hymn: *REFRAIN* *Cantor intones, congregation repeats*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel *Luke 8:26-39*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.*** Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Prayers for Transition (*Officiant and People*)

For the ECCT:

Good and gracious God, we stand on the threshold of a new time for our diocese. As we cross that threshold hand in hand in thankfulness with our new Bishop-elect, Jeffrey Mello, pour upon us an abundance of your grace and guidance that together we may seek to be about the building up of your Kingdom in this place. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Trinity:

Oh God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Lambeth Conference and Episcopal Church Triennial Convention

O Lord and Ruler of all, please send your holy spirit upon those who gather for the General Convention of our Church and for the bishops of our communion as they gather in Lambeth. Guide them to discern your will and enable them to spread forth the Gospel. May they and we be infused with the Holy Spirit to act in your name. Amen

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory Sentence

✠ **THE HOLY EUCHARIST** ✠

The Offertory

Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West (LEVAS 62)

(to be sung)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.*** Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.*** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise*** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to a new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Sung to Land of Rest)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

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

***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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Fraction Anthem: Angus Dei (S 161) (*sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body (LEVAS 151)

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (H 686)

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers this morning are given in celebration of
all our talented musicians.*

Clergy	<i>The Rev. Peter Powell The Rev. Diane Peterson</i>
Intercessor	<i>Simon Howes</i>
Lectors	<i>Jami Carlacio Nancy Wilson</i>
Organ	<i>Herb Lazration</i>
Usher	<i>Joe Buzzeo</i>

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☛ Prayer Requests

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, M’lee, Dave, Kelly, Maggie, Willard, Catherine, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Jane, Al, Phyllis, Xavi, Adam, Billy, Jane, Kelly, Paul, Robby, Suzie, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Lilly, Pat, Jodi, Rui, Susan, Lisa, Marilee, John, Donna, DJ, Deacon Knute, Fran, Suzanne, George, Chris, Jamie, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Cathy.

☛ WORSHIP

THIS WEEK we welcome back The Rev. Dr. Peter Powell.

TEN REASONS why you should come to church: #4 – Church helps us better connect with our spouse. Not everyone is on the same page as his or her spouse when it comes to faith. However, couples who attend church together report higher levels of happiness and satisfaction within their marriage. Couples who attend church together are making time to reiterate the important foundations of their marriage.

☛ CARING CONNECTIONS

Manny Silva recently underwent surgery and is doing well. Cards of encouragement may be sent to Manny at 31 Beverly Drive, Ansonia, CT 06401.

☛ PARISH LIFE

TOTAL RAISED for the 175th Anniversary Capital Campaign as of June 16, 2022, is \$49,600

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\$0	\$16,250	\$32,500	\$48,750	\$65,000

Next Saturday, June 25th we will be holding the interment of long-time parishioners Bill and Thelma Whiteside. The service will take place outside in the memorial garden at 11am. All are welcome to attend.