

Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, Trumbull CT

Sunday, August 7, 2022

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn: Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us (H 559)

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.

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Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 50 (*Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses*)

The LORD, the God of gods, has / spoken;*
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun / to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its / beauty,*
God reveals him/self in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep / silence;*
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about / him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth / from above*
to witness the judgment / of his people.

“Gather before me my loyal / followers,*
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed / it with sacrifice.”

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his / cause;*
for / God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness a/gainst you;*
for / I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacri/fices;*
your offerings are al/ways before me.

Consider this well, you who for/get God,*
lest I rend you and there be none / to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving / honors me;*
but to those who keep in my way will I show the sal/vation of God.”

The Second Lesson *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

The Gospel *Luke 12:32-40*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.*** Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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.**

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: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (H 68)

(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: Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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: Faith of our Fathers (H558)

The Dismissal

The altar flowers this morning are given by Pat and Gladys Freyre in celebration of 47 years of marriage.

Clergy	<i>The Rev. Marcus Halley</i> <i>The Rev. Diane Peterson</i>
Intercessor	<i>Simon Howes</i>
Lectors	<i>Jane Sampson</i> <i>Sam Sutter</i>
Organist & Choirmaster	<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, Kelly, Paul, Robby, Suzie, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Pat, Jodi, Rui, Susan, Lisa, Marilee, John, Donna, DJ, Deacon Knute, Fran, Suzanne, George, Chris, Jamie, Michael, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Gayle.

☛ WORSHIP

THIS WEEK we welcome back to Trinity The Rev. Marcus Halley

☛ CARING CONNECTIONS

Birthdays - Lou Payne (the 4th), Cora Musso (the 8th).

☛ PARISH LIFE

Help is needed for the following upcoming events!

WELCOME BRUNCH – Sunday, August 14 - Come, welcome our new Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar with a Trinity style brunch. A sign-up sheet is posted with menu suggestions - Hope to see you there!

BARN EVALUATION PROJECT - The Barn Committee will work with Simon to determine the maintenance needs of our historic barn and possible funding resources that may be available. If you would like to be part of this group, please see the sign-up sheet posted.

COVENANT TO CARE BACKPACK SUPPLIES - *A note from Vestry member Lisa Brown:*

Dear Trinity Family,

As you know, Covenant to Care helps to provide school supplies to those in need. Attached below is a list of supplies that have been requested this year. In keeping with safety protocols, I am happy to come by and pick up any supplies you would like to donate from your porch. Alternatively you can arrange with Sharon to drop them off at Trinity, or bring items on Sunday. My email address us ark261503@yahoo.com and my cell phone is 203-954-8874. Shoot me an email, send me a text or give me a call and we can arrange a time for pick-up. The deadline for donations is Sunday, August 21st. Thank you! *Lisa*

TOTAL RAISED for the 175th Anniversary Capital Campaign as of August 4, 2022, is \$63,550

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ST. NICHOLAS FAIR MEETING THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP: We welcome anyone interested to join our second Christmas Fair planning meeting. New ideas are welcome during this planning stage. Please see the sign-up sheet posted. Remember, many hands make for light work!