

Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, Trumbull CT

Sunday, September 18, 2022

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (H 390)

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 79 (*Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses*)

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy / temple;*
they have made Jerusalem a / heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of the / air,*
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the / beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je/rusalem,*
and there was no / one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our / neighbors,*
an object of scorn and derision to / those around us.

How long will you be angry, O / LORD?*

will your fury blaze like / fire for ever?

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not / known you*
and upon the kingdoms that have not / called upon your Name.

For they have devoured / Jacob*
and made his dwel/ling a ruin.

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to / meet us;*
for we have / been brought very low.

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory / of your Name;*
deliver us and forgive us our sins, / for your Name's sake.

The Second Lesson *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.. The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

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

The Gospel *Luke 16:1-13*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.*** Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to

dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

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

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

The Offertory

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
walking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my vision, and Thou my true World;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
I in Thee dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty raise,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

(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 (S130)

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, Amen, Amen. (*sung*)

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 164) (*sung*)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your 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: There is Balm in Gilead (LEVAS 203)

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: Jesus Calls us; O'er the Tumult (H550)

The Dismissal

Clergy	<i>The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar</i>
Intercessor	<i>Sam Sutter</i>
Lectors	<i>Donna Sutter, Robert Pitzschler</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, 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, Will, Lucille, John.

☛ WORSHIP

THE REV. JEFFREY W. MELLO will be ordained and consecrated as the XVI Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut on October 15th at 11:00AM at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. Attendance at this event is expected to be around 1200 and each parish has been invited to have five lay members of their congregation attend. There is no charge involved – if you would like to attend as a representative of Trinity, please let us know and we will order your ticket.

A LITTLE TRINITY HISTORY: (7) Following the fire in 1969, the decision was made to replace the sanctuary with a larger facility with a brightly lit interior lighted by ceiling-high windows on the south wall and clerestory windows over the office area on the north side. The overall appearance of the church was meant to express the distinctive look of colonial Episcopal churches in Connecticut. Since there were over 140 members of the church school and over 115 families, prior to the fire, space had been at a premium. As a result, not only was the sanctuary replaced but the entire complex – church, offices, chapel, classrooms, and the parish hall were remodeled and \$250,000 had to be raised to accomplish this new construction. That would equal \$1,963,394.00 today!!!!

☪ CARING CONNECTIONS

Birthdays - Carolyn DeFranco (the 21st).
Anniversaries - Joe & Sharon Buzzeo (the 15th).

☪ PARISH LIFE

Rev. Kate's Contact Information and Office Hours

Email - rev.kemd@gmail.com; Cell - 507-990-0220
Office hours Tuesday and Wednesday 1pm-3pm in the church library.

VOLUNTEERS are still needed for several upcoming activities to ensure their success.

St. Francis Day Celebration on October 9th – we are looking to enhance this service with additional activities such as a pet food drive, animal adoption information, veterinarian Q&A, etc. **St. Nicholas Fair – December 3rd** – we plan to add many holiday craft vendors this year and help is needed to coordinate all the activities planned for the day. Sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin board or call the office (203-375-1503) and leave a message about which activity you are volunteering for.

TOTAL RAISED for the 175th Anniversary Capital Campaign as of September 14, 2022, is \$68,725

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Contributions and pledges in any amount may be made at any time – the campaign runs until June 4, 2023. There are several additional projects being considered that would increase our community visibility such as a labyrinth, community lunches, highway welcoming signs, concerts, etc.

ST. NICHOLAS FAIR We will have a meeting this Sunday after worship to touch base and see how things are proceeding with fair planning. Please feel free to join the group!