

*Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols
Trumbull, CT*



Sunday, September 24, 2023

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer – Rite II*

WELCOME!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, your joining us is a blessing. Please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better.

❖ 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.

✚ 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 on 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.

We hope that you will be able to attend even if it is only for a few minutes and help to celebrate the joy and blessing of a new baby to our church family.

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 let Bob Pitzschler know.

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 – Patricia Fox (the 28th), Ivan Concepcion (the 28th).

✚ 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. 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!***

Entrance Hymn: Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies (Hymnal # 7)

Opening Sentences

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin *(sit or kneel as you are comfortable)*

Officiant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence is kept.

People:

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.

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

(All stand as able)

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

People: **Come let us adore him.**

All: **Alleluia**

(Remain standing as able)

Jubilate (LEVAS #278)

(Be seated)

The First Lesson *Jonah 3:10-4:11*

Sam Sutter

A reading from the book of Jonah;

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that

you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader: The word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**
(*Remain seated*)

Psalm 145 (*Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses*)

I will exalt you, O / God my King,*
and bless your Name for ev/er and ever.

Every day will I / bless you*
and praise your Name for ev/er and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised;*
there is no end / to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to an/other*
and shall de/clare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your / majesty*
and all your / marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your / wondrous acts,*
and I will tell / of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great / goodness;*
they shall sing / of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of com/passion,*
slow to anger and / of great kindness.

The Second Lesson *Philippians 1:21-30*

Simon Howes

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians;

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 21 *(Te Deum Laudamus, sung to Nettleton)* *(Stand and sing with choir)*

God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God who name you sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your Church adored:
All creation shows your glory, Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing "Holy, holy, holy," Lord of hosts and God alone!

True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,
While your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the Kind of glory, Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path you trod:
By your cross in sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants For whose freedom you have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory, Guard us from all sin today;
King enthroned above all praises, Save your people, God we pray.

(Be seated)

The Third Lesson *Matthew 20:1-16*

Bob Pitzschler

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader: The word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 *(Sung by Choir – please remain seated)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Homily

Reverend Diane Peterson

The Apostles' Creed *(said together, all standing as able)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be with you. *All:* And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory

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

Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness (Hymnal #482) *(Stand as you are able)*

The Doxology (Hymnal #43, verse 4) *(to be sung)*

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

Prayers and Intercessions *(sit or kneel as you are comfortable)*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. Amen.

Suffrage A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The 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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your son our Lord: **Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving *(All)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us Bless the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Officiant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn: God My King, Thy Might Confessing (Hymnal #414)

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth into the word, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

People ***Thanks be to God!***

Officiant: The Rev. Diane Peterson

Organist: Herb Lazration

Crucifer: Sam Sutter

Lectors: Sam Sutter, Simon Howes, Bob Pitzschler

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MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM BY WORD AND DEED, THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, REACHING OUT TO ALL IN HIS NAME. OUR DESIRE IS THAT OTHERS MAY COME TO FAITH IN HIM, DRAWN BY THE EXAMPLE OF OUR LIVES.

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!*

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm.

Rev. Kate's Office Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 1 – 3pm

Please note, the office is closed on Friday.