

Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols

Trumbull, CT

Sunday, September 25, 2022

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer – Rite II

Opening Hymn: O Worship The King (Hymnal #388)

Opening Sentences

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” *Psalm 122:1*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

John 4:23

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: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **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. Alleluia**

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People **Come let us adore him.**

(Standing as able – sing with choir)

The Psalm *Psalm 91 Qui habitat*

He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High,*
abides under the shadow of / the Almighty.

He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my / stronghold,*
my God in / whom I put my trust.”

He shall deliver you from the snare of the / hunter*
and from the / deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his / wings;*
his faithfulness shall be a / shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror / by night,*
nor of the ar/row that flies by day;

Of the plague that stalks in the / darkness,*
nor of the sickness that lays / waste at mid-day.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de/liver him;*
I will protect him, be/cause he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will / answer him;*
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring / him to honor.

With long life will I satis/fy him,*
and show him / my salvation

(Be seated for the reading)

The First Lesson *Amos 6:1a,4-7*

Sharon Buzzeo

A reading from Amos

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

(Standing as able, sing with choir)

Canticle: Glory to God (Hymnal #S277) *Gloria in excelsis*

(Be seated for the reading)

The Second Lesson *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

Sam Sutter

A reading from 1 Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *REFRAIN*

Cantor intones, congregation repeats

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Be seated for the reading)

The Third Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

Robert Pitzschler

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Benedictus es, Domine *(sung by choir)*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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.
All **All things come of thee Oh Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand
The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield

Refrain:

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

Refrain:

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

Refrain:

And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand.

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.**

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to God saying "*God, hear our prayer.*"

For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Presiding Bishop James Curry, for our Bishops Diocesan, Ian and Laura, for Bishop-Elect Jeffery Mello, for all bishops, priests and deacons, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For this community of Trumbull, for every city and community, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to God. **God, hear our prayer.**

In union with all the saints we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God **God, hear our prayer.**

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

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.**

A Collect for Peace

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.**

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.**

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: Fight The Good Fight (Hymnal #552)

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Adele Russel in Thanksgiving for
both of her mothers, in honor of Sandy McLeod
and loving memory of Adele Donahue.*



Officiant	<i>The Rev. Diane Peterson</i>
Intercessor	<i>Sam Sutter</i>
Lectors	<i>Sharon Buzzeo, Sam Sutter, Robert Pitzschler</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, 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, Margaret.

☛ CARING CONNECTIONS

Birthdays - Joe Buzzeo (the 22nd), Patricia Fox (the 28th), Ivan Concepcion (the 28th).

☛ PARISH LIFE

Rev. Kate's Contact Information and Office Hours

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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.

SOCKTOBER The month of October we will be joining the Greater Bridgeport Ministry Network once again in collecting socks for distribution to local shelters and those who are homeless. New socks for children and adults. Contact Rev. Diane if you need more information.

St. NICHOLAS FAIR

We are preparing for our annual St. Nicholas Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday, December 3, and are looking for the following donations:

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: Any size or shape can be used to wrap our cookie trays on. We will even use fancy cookie jars, teacups and saucers or domed cake plates -- anything to make our edibles stand out!

Soups: Make your favorite! Bring it to church and we'll put it in the freezer.

Donated Items: We are offering a raffle table and would especially appreciate donations of Christmas items. If you have gently used items such as household, decorative, art, etc. bring them to church at your convenience marked Christmas Fair.

Baskets: This year we are accepting "completed and wrapped" baskets. Themed baskets such as movie night, game night, chocolate extravaganza and pet baskets have been a hit in the past.