

## The Prophecy of Ezekiel

11:14-20

*Despite the faithlessness of Israel, God keeps God's promises.*

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, "They have gone far from the LORD; to us this land is given for a possession." Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have gone. Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

## Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

*Psalm 92 is noted as a "Psalm for the Sabbath Day" and was probably part of the Temple liturgy on the Sabbath.*

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

## Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

5:6-10, 14-17

*What do we think Paul means by "walk by faith?"*

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would ra-

ther be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

## Gradual Hymn WLP 819

African American spiritual,  
arr. Carl Harris (b. 1935)

## Gospel Acclamation

Gevert, 2017



## Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Mark People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

4:26-34

*Parables are comparisons, meant to cast two things alongside one another to provide analogy, contrast, or reflection. Here Jesus compares a seed, a common analogy in an agricultural society, to the Reign of God. Each grows according to God's intention.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not ."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.  
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

## A Time of Silent Reflection

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for all your blessings. We pray in gratitude for the celebrations of our lives, especially the marriage yesterday of Marian Browning and David Beers, *(we lift up in prayer all those things for which we are thankful.)*

Lord in your goodness: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Taylor Neil, and for Keith Nolan, and for their families. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit *(we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.)* Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *(we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.)* We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

## The Confession

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## The Absolution

## The Peace and the Announcements

## The Thank Offering

Heavenly Father, bless, we beseech thee, all children, and give to their parents and all who care for them the spirit of wisdom and love. Grant that the homes in which they live may be filled with righteousness, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn WLP 765 *Berglund*

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3 *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C* **pg. 369**

Holy, Holy, Holy: WLP 785 Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933)

*Please stand or kneel, as you prefer*

The Lord's Prayer **pg. 364**

Fraction Anthem: WLP 865 Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955)  
from *Mass of St. Columba*

Communion Hymn WLP 807 *Dillow*

Communion Hymn WLP 763 *Raquel*

### Postcommunion Prayer

**Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### The Blessing

Recessional Hymn WLP 775 *Sine nomine*

Postlude *Gevert*

*Let us greet friends in Walker Hall after the service so that others may enjoy the postlude.*

As in this morning's Gospel passage, when we as good stewards sow our gifts of time, skills and money in the soil of our parish, God will grow those gifts into the mission and ministry of God's kingdom.

### The Trinity Vestry

Carol M. Taylor, Senior Warden  
Pari Forood, Junior Warden Bev Becker, Treasurer  
Allen Berrien, Clerk Martha Nesbitt, Assistant Treasurer  
Al Dorf, Gordon Gustafson, Rachel Lamb,  
Susanna Schindler, Alice Tweed

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage yesterday of Marian Browning and David Beers.*

### Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax  
Music Director: Christine Gevert  
Ministers of Communion: Carol M. Taylor, young people  
Ushers: Jim Conzo, young people  
Lector: young people  
Epistler: young people  
Intercessor: young people  
Counters: Cheryl Duntz, Judy Brown  
Hospitality: all of us!  
Altar Guild: TBD  
Verger: Geoff Brown

### Announcements

*Please know that we welcome everyone to come forward to receive Holy Communion, or to receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers as well as wheat, and we have a chalice of blessed grape juice as well as wine. We welcome you to God's table.*

Today 10:30 AM Youth Sunday– Mindfulness Meditation  
Noon: Vestry Meeting

Tues., June 19 7:00 PM Trinity Book Group: *Stand Your Ground*

Sat., June 23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM NW Regional Convo at White Memorial Park, Litchfield. Bring your own picnic lunch! See Pastor Heidi for carpooling.

Tues. June 26 10:00 AM Trail Magic for AT Hikers at Bulls Bridge

Wed., June 27 1:00 PM Prayers and Songs with Pastor Heidi at Sharon Hospital

Thurs, July 5 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist at Noble Horizons

Friday, July 6 2:00 PM Afternoon prayers at Geer Nursing

Sundays 8:45 AM Bible Study  
Wednesdays 8:00 PM AA

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### The Word of God

*Let us keep silence as the prelude begins.*

### Prelude

Gevert

### Processional Hymn WLP 782

Abbot's Leigh

*(WLP is the green hymnal in your pew)*

*Pastor* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Pastor* 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.

### The Gloria: Hymnal WLP 829, sung three times

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**