

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lime Rock, Connecticut

Offering Companionship Along The Way

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020



Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh with staff as a snake.

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock, CT.
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Prelude "Simile est regnum caelorum" à 4

by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)
Crescendo Vocal Ensemble

Latin text

1 Simile est [enim] regnum caelorum homini patri familias, qui exiit primo mane conducere operarios in vineam suam.

2 Conventione autem facta cum operariis ex denario diurno, misit eos in vineam suam.

3 Et egressus circa horam tertiam vidit alios stantes in foro otiosos,

4 Et illis dixit: Ite et vos in vineam meam; et, quod iustum fuerit, dabo vobis.

Text: Matthew 20: 1-4

English Translation

1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you.

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Trisagion

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Holy God.

Holy and mighty.

Holy immortal One.

Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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 Book of Exodus

7:1-13

The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his land. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and I will multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. When Pharaoh does not listen to you, I will lay my hand upon Egypt and bring my people the Israelites, company by company, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out from among them." Moses and Aaron did so;

they did just as the LORD commanded them. Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh. The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a wonder,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a snake.'" So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the LORD had commanded; Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. Each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes; but Aaron's staff swallowed up theirs. Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.

Paul's Letter to the Philippians

1:21-30

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

20:1-16

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Heidi Truax

A moment of Silence

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, especially for those suffering in the South from Hurricane Sally and those suffering in the West from wildfires, and for the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be offered.*)
On our parish cycle of prayer we pray for Ted Somerville, Richard Stone and Ursula Wehrli, for
Emily Blair and Robert Stribling, and for their families. We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially
remember today Harry Shaner in whose loving memory the altar flowers have been given. (*We read
from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon
them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

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

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem “Oh God, My King” by John Amner (1579-1641)

O God, my King: I will magnify thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering and of great goodness.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name
for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Holy, holy, holy •

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.**

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

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem “Blessed are those”

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Prayer for Spiritual Reception

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist. We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul. Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal, we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer

Patient God, thank you for accompanying us in our waiting, and for feeding us on our journey. We have received the spiritual bread and cup. As we await the full reality of your realm, may this sacrament sustain us and give us courage to be your faithful people bearing witness to your great love. Amen.

Presbyterian Church

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Final Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Cum Rhondda

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Gevert

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Harry Shaner by Fran Colombo.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert

Lector: Arete Warren

Psalmist: Mary Anne Carley

Epistoler: Danielle A. Gaherty

Intercessor: Judith Sherman

Flowers: Joanne Grafe

Counter: John Oler

Altar Guild: Janet Walker

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Today	11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 4:00 PM Northwest Region Convocation with Fr. John Carter, speaker
All this week	Crop Hunger Walk – Virtual Walk
Sunday, Sep. 27	1:00 PM Crop Walk Zoom meeting
Sundays	9:00 AM In Person Spiritual Eucharist service outside Weather permitting 10:30 AM On line Spiritual Eucharist with Choir continues each week
Thursdays	12:30 PM Bible Study - The Book of First Samuel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SICK

Allen

Sabine

Andrew

Betsy

Roberto

Jerry and Molly Hardy

Alice

Millie

Allie

Sam

Patricia Keilty

Alexina

Kathryn

Mary Smith

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery and all caregivers

And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

Ruth Bader Ginsberg

William M. Moody, Jr.

Arthur York Allen

Grattin DeCourcy Wheeler

Ian McCunn

Dan Stracka

Marion Eaton

Dorothy Merigh (Mer-ige)

And all who have died from COVID-19

The Trinity Vestry

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden
Allen Berrien, Junior Warden John Oler, Treasurer
Beverly Becker, Clerk
Barry Anderson, Michael Cuoco, M. E. Freeman,
Scott Frost, Danielle A. Gaherty, Martha Nesbitt

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