

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lime Rock, Connecticut

Offering Companionship Along The Way

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020



**Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock, CT.
Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us, and bring us to your holy hill
and to your dwelling. Ps. 43:3**

Prelude "Herr Christ, der einge Gottessohn", Cantata BWV 96/1

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Crescendo Vocal Ensemble, Tricia Van Oers, Flauto Piccolo

German text

Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn
Vaters in Ewigkeit,
Aus sein Herzen entsprossen,
Gleichwie geschrieben steht,
Er is der Morgensterne,
Sein Glänzen streckt er ferne
Vor andern Sternen klar;

English translation

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God
the Father from eternity,
sprung from his heart,
as it stands written:
He is the morning star,
who makes his radiance shine far
beyond all other stars;

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

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

The Gloria "Glory to God"

Gevert 2017

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.**

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with our whole heart; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Moses, go and assemble the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. They will listen to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; let us now go a three days' journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

I know, however, that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will perform in it; after that he will let you go. But Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad.

You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149

1 **H**allelujah!

 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Paul's Letter to the Romans

13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn "I love your kingdom, Lord"

St. Thomas

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

18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. We face many challenges this week, this month and this year. Be with us, Lord, in all that life and the world puts in front of us. 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, especially in the cities in our country that are experiencing strife at this time; 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 gifts of our lives (*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 Garrett Richardson, Biz Rogers, Chris and Nina Sanger, and for their families. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God 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 remembering Brian Richardson in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given this week (*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.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

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.

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 “God so loved the World”

by John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Holy, holy, holy

Gevert 2017

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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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"

Gevert 2017

Prayer for Spiritual Reception

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

By the Rev. Ben Brockman

Postcommunion Prayer

Triune God, in thankfulness we praise you. For through this Spiritual Eucharist you have renewed us in your own Image, in which there is no room for division, or dualism or false self. There is only Christ: who is everything and who is in everything. Continue to renew us in the Love of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Blessing

Beloved, take heart! For the One who began a good work in you will see it to completion. For all of us share in God's grace, and as witness of the Gospel of Christ And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hyfrydol

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Gevert

The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Brian Richardson by his wife, Garrett.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert

Lector: Janet Walker
Psalmist: Alexis Dorf
Epistoler: John Lloyd
Intercessor: Danielle A. Gaherty
Flowers: Jacqueline Kuhn
Counter: Bev Becker
Altar Guild: Janet Walker
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Today	11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Hour
Sundays	9:00 AM In Person Spiritual Eucharist service outside Weather permitting 10:30 AM On line Spiritual Eucharist with Choir continues each week
Sunday, Sep 13	Noon – Vestry Meeting on Zoom
Sunday, Sep 20	4:00 PM NW Region Convocation – Keynote Speaker: Fr. John Carter All are welcome. Sign up with Eventbrite to receive zoom link.
Thursdays	12:30 PM Bible Study - The Book of First Samuel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SICK

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

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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