

Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

OFFERING COMPANIONSHIP ALONG THE WAY

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4, 2020



**Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock, CT.
“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”**

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Trisagion

Gevert 2016

**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.

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7-14

- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Paul's Letter to the Philippians

3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “All creatures of our God and King”

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Heidi Truax

A moment of Silence

An African Creed

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in a grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe.

The Prayers of the People

For your creatures that breathe, move, and have life.

We give you thanks, O God.

That we may love and honor the work of God's hand.

We give you thanks, O God.

We pray that each pet may be treasured with care.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all animals who suffer pain, hunger or neglect.

Hear us, Good Lord.

For animal shelters, rescue groups and those who adopt from them.

Hear us, Good Lord.

For the hunted, and lost, for all in captivity or ill-treated, and for those who must be put to death.

Have mercy, O God.

For our pets who have died, especially *(we read the list and leave time for names to be added.)*

Have mercy, O God.

For those who deal with animals we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands, and kindly words. Make us true friends to animals and worthy followers of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Have mercy, O God.

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Carol M. Taylor, for Maureen Tesoro and for Kevin Titus and Deanna Benevidez, and for their families.

May we serve and love them and one another as Christ loves us.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially *(we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.)*

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially William Bradford Warren, in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given this morning, and for all we now name *(we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.)*

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Laetatus sum, RV 607

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Latin text

1 Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi:
In domum Domini ibimus.
2 Stantes erant pedes nostri, in atriis tuis, Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem, quae aedificatur ut civitas:
cujus participatio ejus in idipsum.
4 Illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini:
testimonium Israëli, ad confitendum
nomini Domini.
5 Quia illic sederunt sedes in iudicio,
sedes super domum David.
6 Rogate quae ad pacem sunt Jerusalem,
et abundantia diligentibus te.
7 Fiat pax in virtute tua, et abundantia in turribus tuis.
8 Propter fratres meos et proximos meos, loquebar pacem de te.
9 Propter domum Domini Dei nostri, quaesivi bona tibi.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum, Amen.

English text

1 I rejoiced at the things that were said to me:
We shall go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.
4 For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
5 Because their seats have sat in judgment,
seats upon the house of David.
6 Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem:
and abundance for them that love thee.
7 Let peace be in thy strength: and abundance in thy towers.
8 For the sake of my brethren, and of my neighbors,
I spoke peace of thee.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I have sought good things for thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for evermore.. Amen.

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

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 and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

O Holy God, may we love and respect all your creation, all the earth and every grain of sand in it. May we love every leaf, every ray of your light. May we love the animals: you have given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled. Let us not trouble them; let us not harass them, let us not deprive them of their happiness, let us not work against your intentions. For we acknowledge that to withhold any measure of love from anything in the universe is to withhold that same measure from you. Amen.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

The Blessing

God bless the pets that we care for and love.

God bless the pets who are unwanted and unloved in shelters in our towns.

And God bless us by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Final Hymn “O Christ the Same”

Londonderry Air

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of William Bradford Warren
by Arete Warren.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert

Lector: Janet Walker

Psalmist: Alexis Dorf

Epistoler: Carol M. Taylor

Intercessor: Linda Lloyd

Flowers: Judith Sherman

Counter: Bev Becker

Altar Guild: Michael Cuoco

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Today	11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Hour
Sundays	9:00 AM In Person Spiritual Eucharist service in Parish Hall. 10:30 AM On line Spiritual Eucharist with Choir continues
Sunday, Oct 18	10:00 AM Worship with the ECCT on YouTube
Thursdays	12:30 PM Bible Study - The Book of First Samuel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SICK

Allen
Roberto
Alice
Millie
Allie
Sam

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery and all caregivers
And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

Barbara Tadiello
Betty Currier
Adam Labsheer
Gabby
And all who have died from COVID-19

Thanksgivings

Marriage of Sarah Blackwell and James Gillespie

Pets who have died

Alexander
Persephone
Tuffy I
Tuffy II
Fellow
Lombardi
Polly
Lucy
Byron
Sinbad
Megan
Penny
William
Tootie
Jupiter
Rocky
Max
Pretzel
Frazier
Diesel
Sophie
Pascale

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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