

Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

Offering Companionship Along The Way

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY LAST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Prelude “Fancy in C, fa, ut

Orlando Gibbons

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

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

Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *

serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Prophecy of Ezekiel

34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will

rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

- 1 **C**ome, let us sing to the LORD; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated

him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “Rejoice the Lord is King!”

St. Catherine

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

25:14-30

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God and the new understanding of the role of the Church in this unknown territory of living with coronavirus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Donald, for our Judiciary and Congress, for the leaders of all nations, and for those who are working to keep us safe in this extended period of the pandemic.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially *(we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added,)* let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those things for which we are thankful *(we leave time to lift up thanksgivings)* and for those on our parish cycle of prayer; Pat and Steve Barton, Stuyvie Bearn and Bev Becker and Ken, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection *(we read from the book and leave time for names to be added,)* and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

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.**

The Prayer List

SICK

Eric
Roberto
Alice
Millie
Allie
Sam
Dana

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

REST IN PEACE

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the UK
Lilia Hoddinott
John Bryant
All who have died from COVID-19

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 Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

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 for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to life in Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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!**

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

Eternal Giver of love and life, the King of our hearts, you have nourished us today with spiritual food and drink. Now send us into the world to preach your Good News, to do your justice and to walk humbly in your way. Amen.

Adapted (AWD) from Book of Occasional Services.

The Blessing

To him who is able to keep you from falling, to Christ our King and our Savior, be praise and glory, majesty and power for ever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Final Hymn “Now thank we all our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Prelude in D Minor (Well-Tempered Klavier II), BWV875

J. S. Bach

*The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of
William and Marjorie Bradley by Diane Walters.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert
Guest Organist: Mariken Palmboom
Lector and Psalmist: John Lloyd
Epistoler and Intercessor: Linda Lloyd
Flowers: Judith Sherman
Counter: John Oler
Altar Guild: Bev Becker
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

*Thank you, Mariken, for being with us for these three Sundays that Christine is on vacation.
We're grateful you are here!*

- Sundays* 9:00 AM In Person Spiritual Eucharist service in Church.
 10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music
 Now on YouTube!
- Thursdays* 12:30 PM Bible Study – The Gospel of Luke
- Thurs., Nov. 26* 12 Noon Thanksgiving Community Dinner in Canaan – Take Out
 If you can give a hand, or make a donation please speak to Bev or Heidi
- Sun., Nov. 29* First Sunday of Advent
 9:00 and 10:30 AM service per above. Christine back from vacation
 6:00 PM Misa en Español (in person)
- Nov. 30 – Dec. 2* Pastor Heidi on retreat. Please call Sr. Warden Linda Lloyd if there are
 pastoral emergencies.
- Sun., Dec. 6* The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop Diocesan will join us for online
 worship, coffee hour and vestry meeting.

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