

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

*Offering Companionship Along The Way*

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

# DECEMBER 27, 2020

**Prelude** Two organ settings of the Christmas Chorale “Gelobet seist du Jesu Christ”  
(Praise be to You, Jesus Christ) BWV 604 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
and BuxWV 189 by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*Leader* Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Leader and People:*

**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.**

*Leader:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Leader:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Leader and people:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**The Venite**

- 1. Come 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.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

### **Psalm 147:13-21**

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

### **The Prophecy of Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* Let us say together the first Song of Isaiah.

**The First Song of Isaiah** (*Canticle 9*)

Isaiah 12:2-6

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***  
**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**  
**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***  
**and he will be my Savior.**  
**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***  
**from the springs of salvation.**  
**And on that day you shall say, \***  
**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**  
**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***  
**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**  
**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***  
**and this is known in all the world.**  
**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***  
**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader*        Let us say together the Song to the Lamb.

**A Song to the Lamb** (*Canticle 18*)

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.**

*Reader*        A reading from the Gospel of John

1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Roy Bickley**

*Leader*        Let us say together the Apostles' Creed.

**The Apostle's Creed**

**Gevert-2009**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Leader*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Leader*        Let us 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.**

*Leader*        Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People*        **And grant us your salvation.**

*Leader*        Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People*        **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Leader*        Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People*        **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Leader*        Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People*        **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Leader*        Let your way be known upon earth;

**People**      **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Leader*      Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**People**      **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Leader*      Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**People**      **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Leader*      Let us pray together the collect of the day.  
**Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops Ian, and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*.) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for Jeremy Dakin, Ginny and John Dildine, Alexis and Al Dorf, and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today...(*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added*).

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

### **The Prayer List**

**SICK**

Eric  
Roberto  
Alice  
Millie  
Allie  
Sam  
Dana  
Brianna  
Cindy  
Marlene Stratman  
Christine Garfield  
Carlos  
Elaine  
Janet Deitch  
All cancer patients as they continue their  
recovery  
Russ Yoder  
Martha

Christopher  
Alice Gustafson  
All caregivers  
And all those suffering with COVID-19

**REST IN PEACE**

Estefana Martinez Segundo  
Hermilo Vega Salgado  
Julia Scott  
Lilia Hoddinott  
John Bryant  
Caroline Vreeland  
Wendy Gails  
Gail Capozzi  
Virginia Eaton Ferranti  
Hamilton Eaton, Sr.  
Randle Brooks  
All who have died from COVID-19

*Leader:* We say together the General Thanksgiving:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Final Hymn** “The snow lay on the ground”

*Venite adoremus*

*Leader:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**Postlude** Organ Improvisation on tune *Venite adoremus*

## Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Worship Leader Today:* Roy Bickley  
*Music Director and Video Editor:* Christine Gevert  
*Lector:* Arete Warren  
*Psalmist:* Judith Sherman  
*Epistoler:* Danielle A Gaherty  
*Gospel reader:* Geoff Brown  
*Intercessor:* John Oler  
*Counter:* Barry Anderson  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

*In Person services are not being held at this time.*

*During Pastor Heidi's vacation please contact Sr. Warden, Linda Lloyd if there are pastoral needs*

*Sunday, Jan. 3*                      10:30 AM Lessons and Carols on YouTube led by Danielle A. Gaherty  
   11:30 AM Coffee Hour on Zoom

*Tuesday, Jan. 5*                      Pastor Heidi returns from vacation

*Sunday, Jan 10*                      10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music – Epiphany I  
   11:30 Zoom Coffee “Hour”

*Thursdays*                      Beginning Jan. 7 - 12:30 PM Bible Study – The Gospel of Luke

**Annual reports are due on January 15 in advance of our Annual Meeting. Thanks!**

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