

Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

Offering Companionship Along The Way

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

Prelude (Crescendo Vocal Ensemble): “Lætare, Jerusalem” à 5, by Andrea Gabrieli (c.1532-1585)

Latin text

Lætare, Jerusalem: et conventum facite, omnes qui diligitis eam:
gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis:
ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae.
Lætatus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

English translation

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together, all you who love her:
rejoice with joy, you who have been in sorrow:
that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation.
I rejoiced because they said to me, We will go up to the house of the Lord.

Words: Isaiah 66, vss 10-11, and Psalm 121, vs 1; Music: Andrea Gabrieli (c.1532-1585). Copyright; CPDL.org

Pastor Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Lord, have mercy – Señor, ten piedad

Gevert 2021-2

Lord, have mercy. Señor, ten piedad.

Christ, have mercy. Cristo, ten piedad.

Lord, have mercy. Señor, ten piedad.

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Everliving God, in every generation you cause fresh winds to renew, refresh, and refine your people and in your Word summon us to live courageously as Easter people in an often Good Friday world. Defend us in our own day to make no peace with oppression; that boldly following the example of your servant Barbara Clementine Harris, chosen bishop in your

church, we may strive not for ease or fame but gladly toil and walk with you all along our pilgrim journey; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Book of Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Letter to the Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,

following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “What wondrous love is this”

Wondrous Love

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3:14-21

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

esus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all those in religious orders, for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks at all times for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (*we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful.*) Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Ruth Mulcahy, Martha and Michael Nesbitt, and Taylor Neil, and for their families;
That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*). We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer List

SICK

Marlene
Harry
Martha
Richard V.
Carlos
Donna
Millie
Allie
Sam
Jeremy
Betsy H.
Roberto
Alice Tweed
All cancer patients as they continue their recovery
All caregivers
And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

Bill Dickenson
Chantal Hedges
Linda Bastedo
Giovanni Favretti
Liberty Rees
All who have died from COVID-19

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.**

The Offertory Anthem “God so loved the world”

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.

Text - John 3:16-17

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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 new life in Jesus 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 “Santo”

Gevert 2021-2

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Santo, santo, santo es el Señor,
God of power and might, Dios del universo.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna en el cielo.**

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

Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna en el cielo.

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 Bread is Broken

Lamb of God – Cordero de Dios

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**Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
Have mercy upon us. Ten piedad de nosotros.
Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
Have mercy upon us. Ten piedad de nosotros.
Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
Grant us peace. Danos paz.**

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

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

UCC Book of Worship

The Blessing

God is with you, a light to your path, a companion on the road, a friend for your journey, a sure support and presence at all times. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn “My faith looks up to thee”

Olivet

Dismissal

Priest Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Organ Improvisation on *Olivet*

Gevert

*The daffodils this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Stephen Sturges
by his daughter Bev Becker.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert
Lector: Geoff Brown
Psalmist: Georgia Frost
Epistoler: Linda Lloyd
Intercessor: Barry Anderson
Counter: Barry Anderson
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Sundays 10:30 AM Spiritual Eucharist on YouTube
 11:30 AM Coffee “Hour” on Zoom

Thursdays 12:30 PM Bible Study – Book of Micah

Sat., Mar. 20 10:00 AM Brass polishing at Trinity in preparation for Easter

Sunday, Mar. 21 12:00 Noon – Vestry meeting on Zoom

Sat., Mar. 27 9 AM to 1 PM – Quiet Day at Camp Washington. Pastor Heidi
 will be one of the presenters.

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