



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Offering Companionship along the Way
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Photo of Bishop Jim Curry taken in Washington, DC last week as he demonstrated forging tools from guns.

Prelude Organ Improvisation

Gevert

Processional Hymn 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

The Word of God

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

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

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Lord, have mercy

People **Christ have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

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.

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel 1:4-20

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,

gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 132:1-13

1 LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;

**2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;

**4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;**

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

**6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.**

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

**8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.**

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

**10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

**12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.**

13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

A Reading from The Revelation to John 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 414 vss. 1, 2, 5, 6 God, my King, thy might confessing

Stuttgart

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**

18:33-38

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Priest 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. 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; 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 celebrations 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 John Oler, Randy Orzano and Gretchen Hachmeister, and for Tom Ragan 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 list 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 (*we read from the list 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.

The 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.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 554 *sung twice* 'Tis the gift to be simple

Simple Gifts

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them 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 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.

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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.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Communion (*on the floor level of the nave, bread only*)

Communion Hymn 592 Teach me, my God and King

Carlisle

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

The joy of the resurrection be yours,
The power of the risen Lord protect you,
The peace of the Lord of Life give you wholeness,
And the blessing of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for Thou, O King divine

Engelberg

Priest Go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Organ improvisation

Gevert

*The Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
In memory of Evelyn Bickley
who went to our Father on September 24.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Lector: Alan Swide
Epistoler: Susanna Schindler
Intercessor: John Oler
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Flowers: Judith Sherman
Counter: Martha Nesbitt
Greeter/Usher: Mike Cuoco
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Today Ingathering of pledge cards for 2022. If you have not received one in the mail or have misplaced it, please find cards in the front vestibule of the church.

12:00 PM Vestry meeting on zoom and in person

4:00 PM Misa en Espanol

Wed. Nov. 24 2:00 PM Help to cut and peel vegetables at Pilgrim House for TG dinner

Thurs. Nov. 25 12:00 to 2:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner at Pilgrim House

Sunday, Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent, Christine returns

Nov. 29—Dec. 1 Pastor Heidi will be away on her annual retreat

Sunday, Dec. 12 12:00 PM Vestry meeting (on the 2nd Sunday instead of the usual 3rd)

Sr. Warden, Linda Lloyd will be travelling this month with her husband and family members. If you have any church concerns or problems while she's away please either contact the Jr. Warden, M. E. Freeman, or Pastor Heidi.

At our Sunday services: We ask that all people now wear masks, whether vaccinated or not. This is in line with the latest CDC recommendations. Please observe social distancing as well.

Please remember that we are filming this service and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.

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