

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022

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**Prelude** Improvisation on tune *Chelsea Square* 

Opening Hymn 521 Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Chelsea Square

#### 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.** 

# Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S 279

Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 79:1-9

William Crotch (1775-1847)

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; \* they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \* and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \* and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \* an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? \* will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \* and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob \* and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; \* for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \* deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

# A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

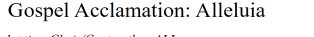
-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

# **Gradual Hymn 655** O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland



1st time Choir/Cantor, then ALL



Christine Gevert

September 2018 for Trinity Lime Rock

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16:1-13

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Heidi Truax

#### A time of Silent Reflection

#### 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.

# **Prayers of the People**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For Ian and Laura our Bishops, for Jeffrey Mello, our bishop-elect, for all the lay and ordained ministers and all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, Michael and Sandy Cuoco, Jeremy Dakin and Virginia and John Dildine, and for their families, and for all who live and work in our communities, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, all who suffer and those who have asked for our prayers (we read from the list and leave time for people to add names;) for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (we read from the list and leave time for people to add names,) and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of our lives especially all we lift up in prayer at this time (we leave time to lift up our thanksgivings.) Give us grateful hearts, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

#### 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 Anthem "My soul truly waiteth still upon God"

by Sir William Sterndale Bennett (1816–1875)

My soul truly waiteth still upon God: for of him cometh my salvation.

He verily is my strength and my salvation: he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

In God is my health, and my glory: the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

O put your trust in him alway, ye people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

[Ps 61:1-2, 7-8]

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

*Old* 100th

#### 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 very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy: Hymnal S 129

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly

benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *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.

**Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 170** Mode 1 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Distribution of Holy Communion at floor level

We offer wine and grape juice, blessed

**Communion Hymn 301** Bread of the world, in mercy broken

Rendez à Dieu

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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# **Blessing**

Final Hymn 608 Eternal Father, strong to save

Melita

#### The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Organ Improvisation on tune *Melita* 

The Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Helen Symons on her birthday.

# **Serving Today**

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director: Christine Gevert

Minister of Communion: Theresa Kenny

Counter

Lector: David Booth Beers Epistoler: Tom Schindler

Intercessor: Diane Walters

Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco Flowers: Marian Browning Counter: John Lloyd

Greeter/Usher: Pari Forood and Mike Cuoco

Verger: Geoff Brown

# **Announcements**

**Today** 12:00 Noon—Vestry Meeting

Tues, Sep. 20 5:00 PM Meeting of 150th Committee on Zoom. Please speak to Geoff,

the committee chairman, if you have ideas you'd like to have us consider

Sunday, Sep. 25 1:30 PM —CROP Walk. To sign up to be a walker or to donate, go to

crophungerwalk.org/fallsvillagect Meet at HVRHS for the walk!

Sep 29 and Oct 6 1:00 PM on Zoom—Special class led by Pastor Heidi and Toni Siegal

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the High Holy Days of Judaism.

Sunday, Oct. 2 St. Francis Sunday—Bring pets to either the 8 or 10:30 service to be blessed

Sat., Oct. 15 11:00 AM Ordination and Consecration of Jeffrey Mello, bishop-elect

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding—Hartford Convention Center

Sat., Oct. 22 6:00—10:00 PM Save the Date—Community Party at "The Casino"

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Mondays 7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal

**Tuesdays** 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall

Wednesdays Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge

6:00 PM on first Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall

**Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom

Saturdays 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office

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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