

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

OCTOBER 2, 2022



**Prelude** Improvisation on tune *Bunessan*

**Opening Hymn 8** Morning has broken

*Bunessan*

### 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.

**Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 Book of Job 39:1–18**

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

**Psalm 121**

Gevert-1

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**Gradual Hymn 385** Many and great, O God, are thy works *Dakota Indian Chant (Lacquiparle)*

### Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Christine Gevert  
September 2018 for Trinity Lime Rock

*1st time Choir/Cantor; then ALL*



*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11:25-30  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Heidi Truax

### An African Christian Creed

**We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.**

**We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in a grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.**

**We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again.**

### **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 for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, Joe, for our Governors, Charlie, Kathy and Ned, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the people of Florida who are suffering from Hurricane Ian, and for the sick and the suffering especially (*we read from the list 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; Judith, Scott, Georgia, Connie and Charlotte Frost, Danielle Gaherty, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the animals of the earth, and all creation. May God continue to protect and love all whom the Lord has made.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Francis and all the 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 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 405** All things bright and beautiful *Royal Oak*

**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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy: Hymnal S 129** Robert Powell (b. 1932)

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

**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 325** Let us break bread together on our knees                      *Let us break*

**Postcommunion Prayer – Attributed to St. Francis**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.***

## **Blessing**

And now to our Great God who is able to accomplish in us far more than we can ask or even imagine, to him be glory for ever and ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

**Final Hymn 400** All creatures of our God and King

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

## **The Dismissal**

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Please come forward at this time to have pets blessed.**

*The Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of all the animals we have loved in life.*

## **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax

*Music Director:* Christine Gevert

*Minister of Communion:* Mary Anne Carley

*Lector:* Diane Walters

*Intercessor:* Theresa Kenny

*Altar Guild:* Bev Becker

*Flowers:* Heather Chapman

*Counter:* Barry Anderson

*Greeter/Usher:* Jim Conzo

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

- Thursday, Oct 6** 1:00 PM on Zoom—Special class led by Pastor Heidi & Toni Siegal on Yom Kippur
- Sat., Oct. 15** 11:00 AM Ordination and Consecration of Jeffrey Mello, bishop-elect  
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding—Hartford Convention Center
- Sunday, Oct. 16** Noon—Vestry meeting
- Sat., Oct. 22** 6:00—10:00 PM —Community Party at “The Casino” see bulletin board for details
- Sat., Oct. 29** 4:00 PM Crescendo Concert Music Across Borders  
Baroque and Contemporary Eastern European Choral Works
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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

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and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.*

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