

Sycamore tree in Jericho perhaps near where Zacchaeus saw Jesus.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022

Prelude

Opening Hymn 688 A mighty fortress is our God

Ein feste Burg

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: *Wonder, Love and Praise* #901 (green hymnal)

Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

A reading from the Prophecy of Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faith.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

- 142 Your justice is an everlasting justice * and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, * yet your commandments are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; * grant me understanding, that I may live.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 691 My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

Gospel Acclamation WLP # 829 Laudate Dominum

Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 18:9-14

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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 Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops, for all the lay and ordained ministers and for 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, Richard and Celia Kirby and John and Kathryn Kuhns, and for their families; 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 Hymn 409 The Spacious firmament on high

Creation

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy (see pew card)

Christine Gevert (2019)

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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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: WLP #865 Christ our Passover Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955)

Distribution of Holy Communion at floor level

We offer wine and grape juice, blessed

Communion Hymn 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song1

Postcommunion Prayer

We thank you Lord that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people. Amen.

Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Final Hymn 544 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

Duke Street

The Dismissal

Postlude

The Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion:
Lector: Pari Forood
Epistoler: Bill Jenks
Intercessor: Linda Lloyd
Flowers: Marian Browning
Counter: Gordon Gustafson
Altar Guild: Bev Becker
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Cuoco and Pari Forood

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

For the next 150 weeks our Verger, Webmaster and Historian, Geoff Brown, will be publishing short little stories of events in the history of Lime Rock and Trinity Church. This is to honor our 150th anniversary which will formally be launched on Sunday, July 9 with a visit from Bishop Laura Ahrens. Thank you, Geoff!! Watch for them in the weekly Trinity Update.

Many thanks to Samuel Lord Kalcheim for being our guest organist today. Welcome, Samuel!

Today 4:00 PM Misa en Español—Todos Santos

5:00 PM Cena para toda la parroquia (Dinner for the whole parish)

Nov. 4 & 5 Diocesan Convention in Hartford.

Sunday, Nov. 6 All Saints Sunday. Please add names to the flower memorial list posted in Guild Room

Sat. Nov. 12 10:00 AM Brass Polishing. Come help us! It's actually fun!

Sunday, Nov. 20 Feed a family of four for a day—Outreach collection of food for

Corner Food Pantry. Bev will give us list of suggested groceries.

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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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