

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

*Offering Companionship Along The Way*

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# NOVEMBER 29, 2020

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on *Veni Emmanuel*

Gevert

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

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

### **The Kyrie**

*Pastor* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy**

*Pastor* Lord, have mercy.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

### **The Prophecy of Isaiah**

64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

- 1 **H**ear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

**1:3-9**

**G**race to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**13:24-37**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*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**

**Restore us, O God of hosts; \***

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops Ian, and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for Marian and David Beers, Roy and Lin Bickley, Eleanore and Matt Boyse, and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today...(we leave time for thanksgivings to be added).

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

**Restore us, O God of hosts; \***

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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 Prayer List**

#### **SICK**

Eric  
Roberto  
Alice  
Millie  
Allie  
Sam  
Dana  
Brianna  
Marlene Stratman  
Christine Garfield

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery  
All caregivers  
And all those suffering with COVID-19

**REST IN PEACE**

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the UK  
Lilia Hoddinott  
John Bryant  
Caroline Vreeland  
Wendy Gails  
All who have died from COVID-19

Cindy

**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** “Come thou long expected Jesus”

*Hyfrydol*

**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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

**Holy, holy, holy**

Gevert 2016

**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.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **Fraction Anthem**

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### **Prayer for Spiritual Reception**

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

By the Rev. Ben Brockman

### **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, whom we expect and await; God who is ever with us;  
Draw you to his love, draw you to his light, draw you to himself.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.  
**Amen.**

### **Final Hymn** “Wake, awake”

*Wachet auf*

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude** Organ improvisation on *Wachet auf*

Gevert

## **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director and Video Editor:* Christine Gevert  
*“Stewardship Minute”:* Scott Frost  
*Lector:* Barry Anderson  
*Psalmist:* Linda Lloyd  
*Epistoler:* Roy Bickley  
*Intercessor:* Danielle A. Gaherty  
*Altar Greens:* Tom Schindler  
*Counter:* John Lloyd  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## **Announcements**

- Sundays* In Person services are not being held at this time.  
10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music  
Now on YouTube!
- Thursdays* 12:30 PM Bible Study – The Gospel of Luke
- Nov. 30 – Dec. 2* Pastor Heidi on retreat. Please call Sr. Warden Linda Lloyd if there are  
pastoral emergencies.
- Sun., Dec. 6* The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop Diocesan will join us for online  
worship, coffee hour and vestry meeting.  
*Please plan to attend!*

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