

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

*Offering Companionship Along The Way*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020



**Prelude** “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland” BWV 659 (Leipziger Choräle)  
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) - Organ

*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.

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Second Book of Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; \*  
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.  
 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
 and my arm will make him strong.  
 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
 nor any wicked man bring him down.  
 23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
 and strike down those who hate him.  
 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
 and he shall be victorious through my Name.  
 25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
 from the Great Sea to the River.  
 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
 my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

**Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** "O come, o come Emmanuel" vs. 7 and 8

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

*Pastor*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Pastor*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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

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 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, Fran Colombo, Jim Conzo, and Michael and Sandy Cuoco, 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 book 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 book 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 Prayer List**

#### **SICK**

Eric  
Roberto  
Alice  
Millie  
Allie  
Sam  
Dana  
Brianna  
Cindy  
Marlene Stratman  
Christine Garfield  
Carlos  
Janet Deitch  
Elaine  
Martha  
Christopher  
Russ Yoder

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery

All caregivers

And all those suffering with COVID-19

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Estefana Martinez Segundo

Hermilo Vega Salgado

Julia Scott

Lilia Hoddinott

John Bryant

Caroline Vreeland

Wendy Gails

Gail Capozzi

Virginia Eaton Ferranti

Hamilton Eaton, Sr.

Randle Brooks

All who have died from COVID-19

#### **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.**

### **Offertory Anthem “Ave Maria”**

Jacob Arcadelt

#### *Latin text*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus [Christus].  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

#### *English translation*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus [Christ].  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## **Fraction Anthem**

Gevert 2016

## **Prayer for Spiritual Reception**

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist. We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul. Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## **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 us now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**Final Hymn** “The King shall come when morning dawns”

*St. Stephen*

## **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth with great expectation.

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

**Postlude** Improvisation on tune *St. Stephen* – Organ



## Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director and Video Editor:* Christine Gevert  
*Lector:* Judith Frost  
*Psalmist:* Janet Walker  
*Epistoler:* Al Dorf  
*Intercessor:* Shirley Jenks  
*Counter:* Martha Nesbitt  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

### ***Christmas Eve***

3:00 PM – Christmas Concert

Centered around the first Cantata of J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio BWV 248, for Chorus, Soloists and Orchestra, the concert also will include Colonial Villancicos and 20<sup>th</sup> century Latin American choral works. Musicians from three continents join Crescendo Chorus, soloists and instrumentalists

3:30 PM Spiritual Eucharist

Christmas Hymns with festive descants, and M. Praetorius' double choir motet "In Dulci Jubilo". Trinity Singers, Guests from Crescendo, Chris Belluschio, trumpet. The hymn "Joy to the World" will be a collaboration with the choir of the Salisbury Congregational Church

***Sunday, Dec. 27*** 10:30 AM Online Morning Prayer led by Roy Bickley  
11:30 Zoom Coffee "Hour"

***Sunday, Jan. 3*** 10:30 AM Online Lessons and Carols led by Danielle A. Gaherty  
11:30 Zoom Coffee "Hour"

***Sundays*** In Person services are not being held at this time.  
10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music  
Now on YouTube!  
11:30 Zoom Coffee "Hour"

***Thursdays*** Bible Study will resume on January 7  
12:30 PM Bible Study – The Gospel of Luke

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