

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23, 2023

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *St. George's Windsor*

**Processional Hymn 290** Come, ye thankful people, come

*St. George's Windsor*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Pastor* 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.**

**The Gloria: Hymnal S 280**

Robert J. Powell

**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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 Book of Genesis 28:10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23**

*Gevert-1*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
    you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
    but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
    and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
    it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
    where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
    if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
    and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
    and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
    and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
    darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
    try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
    and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 592** Teach me, my God and King

*Carlisle*

**Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"** (*see insert sheet for music*)

*Pastor Heidi*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Priest*                The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Moment of silence for 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops, for all 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 the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, Beverly Becker, David and Marian Beers and Roy Bickley, 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 ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, 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 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.**

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** “Oh for a closer walk with God”            by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

## 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 you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*see insert sheet for music*)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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** “Christ our Passover / Cristo, nuestra Pascua” (*see insert sheet for music*)

**Communion Anthem** “Jesu, joy of man's desiring” from Cantata BWV 147

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,  
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark, what peaceful music rings,  
Where the flock, in thee confiding,  
Drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,  
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own  
In the love of joys unknown.

*Here at Trinity we welcome you to take communion with us if you seek a relationship with Jesus.. You may drink from the chalice, or you may instinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer grape juice as well as wine.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Holy, gracious, God, Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.** *Joanna Harader*

**Blessing**

May God the Father bless you, God the son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul and set your heart on fire! **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 690** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cum Rhondda*

**The Dismissal**

*Pastor Heidi* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *Cum Rhondda*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Angel baby, by Beverly Becker.*

### **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Minister of Communion:* Mike Cuoco  
*Lector:* Diane Walters  
*Epistoler:* Mary Anne Carley

*Intercessor:* Barry Anderson  
*Altar Guild:* Bev Becker  
*Flowers:* Theresa Kenny  
*Counter:* Gordon Gustafson  
*Greeter/Usher:* Pari Forood  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

### **Announcements**

*For the rest of July, Sunday School will be held at 9:00 AM. There will be no Sunday School in August.*

- Sunday, July 30** 4:00 PM Next Misa en español
- Aug. 7—Aug. 29** Pastor Heidi will be on vacation. Please contact Sr. Warden, Linda Lloyd for pastoral emergencies.
- Sunday, Aug. 13** The Rev. Woody Woodruffe, Supply priest at 8 and 10:30 AM
- Sunday, Aug. 20** No 8 AM service, David Beers leads Morning Prayer at 10:30 AM
- Sunday, Aug. 27** The Rev. Marilyn Anderson, Supply priest at 8, 10:30 AM, and 4 PM Misa
- Friday, Sept. 15** 5—7 PM—Save the date! Opening reception for the Trinity Juried Art Show

### **Weekly Schedule**

- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge  
6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom **Now studying the Book of Proverbs**
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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