

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LIME ROCK, CT

*Offering Companionship Along The Way*

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2023

**Prelude** Organ Improvisation

**Opening Hymn 368** Holy Father, great Creator

*Regent Square*

*Leader* Behold, the dwelling of God is with the people. God will dwell with them, and they shall be his own, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Leader and People:***

**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.**

*Leader:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Leader:* Lord, open our lips.

***People:*** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***Leader and people:*** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**The Venite: Hymnal S 36**

MacFarren

1. Come let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

**5. The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Psalm 133**

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **A reading from the Book of Genesis 45:1-15**

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you

have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

*Leader:* Let us say together the first Song of Isaiah.

**The First Song of Isaiah** (*Spoken all together*)

Isaiah 12:2-6

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

*Leader* Let us say together the Song to the Lamb.

**A Song to the Lamb** (*Spoken all together*)

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.**

**A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 15:10-28**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

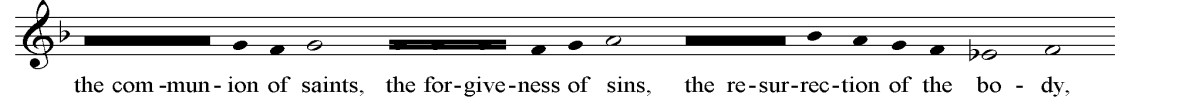
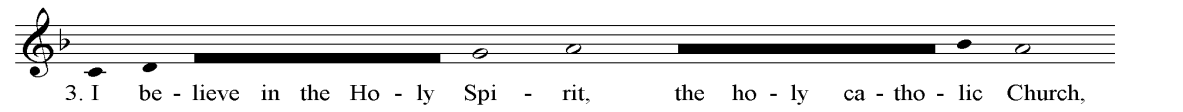
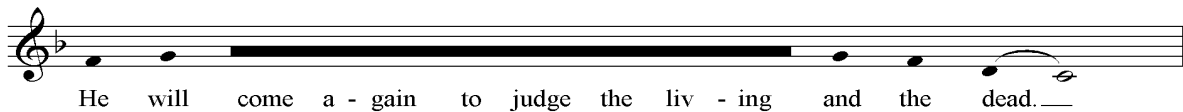
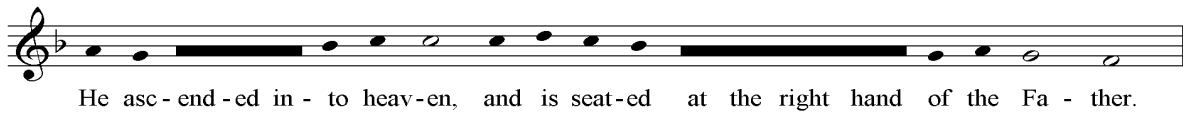
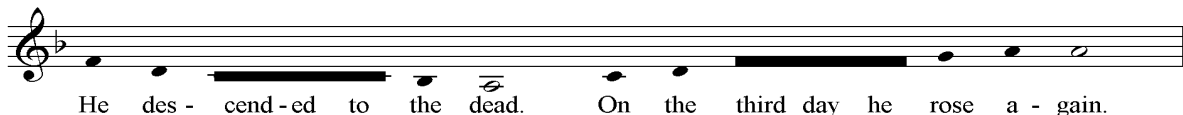
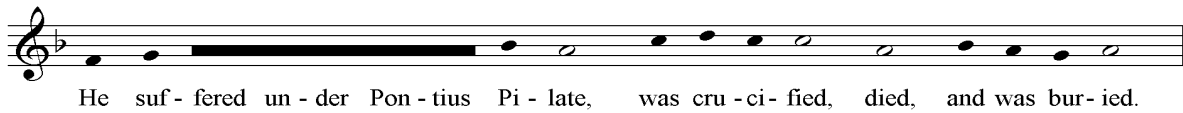
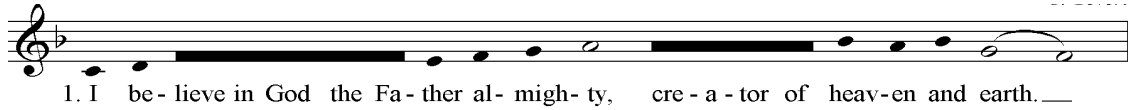
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Homily**

**David Booth Beers**

# The Apostle's Creed

Gevert



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*Leader* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn 635** If thou but trust in God to guide thee *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3** Praise God from whom all blessings flow *Old 100th*

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader* Let us 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.**

*Leader* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Leader* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Leader* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Leader* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Leader* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Leader* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Leader* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Leader* Let us pray together the collect of the day.

**Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world. May people who suffer, and are caught up in the midst of war, disease or poverty, find peace through you;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We give thanks at all times for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (*we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful*). Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Mike and Sandy Cuoco, Jeremy Dakin, for Richard Dawson, and for their families.

**That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.**

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*). We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*). Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader:* We say together the General Thanksgiving:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 413** New songs of celebration render

Rendez à Dieu

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Leader* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*Leader* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Postlude Organ Improvisation**

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Bradley by Diane Walters.*

## Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Worship Leader* David Booth Beers  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Lector:* Tom Schindler  
*Epistoler:* Marian Beers  
*Gospel reader:* Barry Anderson

*Flowers:* Michelle Sisk  
*Counter:* Bev Becker  
*Altar Guild:* Theresa Kenny  
*Greeter/Usher:* Bev Becker and Alan Swide  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

- Aug. 7—Aug. 29** Pastor Heidi will be on vacation. Please contact Sr. Warden, Linda Lloyd for pastoral emergencies.
- Sunday, Aug. 27** 8:00 and 10:30 AM The Rev. Marilyn Anderson, Supply priest  
4:00 PM Misa en español with Felix Rivera and Marilyn Anderson
- Friday, Sept. 15** 5—7 PM Opening reception for the Trinity Juried Art Show
- Sat., Sept. 16** 10:00 AM Trinity Heritage Walk—Part of our 150th Celebration
- Sat., Sept. 30** 11:00 AM Funeral service for Jane Tuttle with interment and reception
- Sunday, Oct. 1** St. Francis Sunday—Bring your pets (or pictures of them) to be blessed at either the 8:00 or 10:30 service. Collection of pet supplies and food for Little Guild of St. Francis

## 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, Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Study will resume on **Thursday Sept. 7.**
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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