



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune *In Babilone*

Processional Hymn 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

In Babilone

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: "Glory to God"

Gevert 2017-06

Glory to God - *Gloria in excelsis* (Canticle 20)

7 1 Glo - ry to_ God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al -

13 might y God. and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give_ you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry.

20 3 Lord. Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, _Lamb of God, 4 you take a - way the

26 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us, 5 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

32 re-ceive our prayer. 6 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, _ you a-lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly_ Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God the_ Fa - ther. A - men.

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen..

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 149

Gevert-1

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

Plainsong arr. Christine Gevert

Pastor Heidi The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

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, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially praying for hope and healing
for the survivors of the September 11 attacks in 2001, and for those we have listed in our book of
prayers (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be of-
fered.*) On our parish cycle of prayer we pray for M.E. Freeman, Scott and Judith Frost and Dan-
ielle A Gaherty and their families. We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially this morning all who died in the attacks on
this country on September 11, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*We read from
the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon
them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Hymn 691 My faith looks up to thee *Olivet*

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

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Holy, holy, holy (*see insert sheet for music*) Gevert 2017-06

**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 are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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 "Blessed are those" (*see insert sheet for music*)

Gevert 1017-06

Communion Hymn 307 vss. 1, 4, 5 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Bryn Calfaria

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 intinct 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

God of all people, look with favor upon this nation, our United States, as we remember the tragic terrorist attacks of 9/11. Be our source of strength and comfort as our wounds are slowly healed. God of wisdom and compassion, You create eventual blessings out of every kind of evil. Strengthen us in our community of faith, that as we go forth into the world this morning, we remember who it is who keeps the Church together in love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Goodness of the Creator, the Grace of the Savior, the Guidance of the Holy Spirit be upon you and within you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

The Dismissal

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

Postlude Organ improvisation on tune *Westminster Abbey*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Anne Tuttle Roller.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Pari Forood
Lector: Barry Anderson
Epistoler: Bill Jenks
Intercessor: Marian Beers
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Flowers: Heather Chapman
Counter: Gordon Gustafson
Greeter/Usher: M.E. Freeman/Bev Becker
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- 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
- Sunday, Sept. 17** 12 Noon—Vestry Meeting
- Sat. Sept. 23** 5:00 PM Crescendo Concert
- Sunday, Sept. 24** 1:00 PM CROP Walk - meet at Salisbury Congregational to walk on Rail Trail
- Sat., Sept. 30** 11:00 AM Funeral service for Jane Tuttle with interment and reception at Trinity
- 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 will be taken 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 in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom **Gospel of Matthew**
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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