



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune *Forest Green*

Processional Hymn 398 I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

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” (*see insert for music*)

Gevert 2017-06

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through 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 Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said,

“Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”

The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Gevert-1

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 578 O God of love, O King of peace

Eltham

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

Plainsong arr. Christine Gevert

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. 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, 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 peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations. We especially hold in our hearts the people of Israel; Jews, Muslims and Christians, who desire peace and not war, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, John and Linda Lloyd, Maurice Maddox, Martha and Michael Nesbitt 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.

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.

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 524 I love thy kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas (Williams)

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.**

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 (*see insert 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 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.

Fraction Anthem Blessed are those (*see insert for music*)

Gevert 1017-06

Communion Hymn 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmücke dich

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the One who made us, the One who loves us, and the One who travels with us, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

Henri-Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Closing Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

The Dismissal

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

Postlude Organ improvisation on tune *St. Denio*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of
Ken Weaver and Lauren Hanlon, by Ken's mom, Beverly.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director: Christine Gevert

Minister of Communion: Mary Anne Carley

Lector: M.E. Freeman

Epistoler: Alan Swide

Intercessor: Diane Walters

Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco

Flowers: From Ken and Lauren's wedding

Counter: Martha Nesbitt

Greeter/Usher: Alan Swide/Jim Conzo

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- Today** Noon—Vestry meeting
- Sunday, Oct. 22** 4:00 PM Misa en español con cena después del servicio
(with dinner after the service) **Come have some pizza with us!**
- Oct. 27-28** Annual Diocesan Convention. Please pray for Pastor Heidi, Pastor Marilyn, Deacon Felix, Bev Becker and Jim Conzo who will be in attendance.
- Sunday, Oct. 29** 4:00 PM Crescendo's 20th Anniversary Concert
- Sunday, Nov. 5** All Saints Sunday
- Sunday, Nov. 12** 3:00—5:00 PM Regional Convocation at White Memorial Park, Litchfield
- Sunday, Nov. 19** 12:00 Noon Vestry meeting
4:00 PM Misa en español

Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 6:30 PM Crescendo rehearsal in Walker Hall
- 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.

Music Credits, Permissions, Licenses

Hymn 398 is performed with permission of OneLicense A-730466. All rights reserved.

Hymns 339, 380, 524, 578 are in the Public Domain.

Glory to God, Holy and Fraction Anthem (2017-06), and Organ Improvisations by Christine Gevert: © 2023 by Christine Gevert. All rights reserved, used with permission.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
484 LIME ROCK RD. LAKEVILLE, CT 06039
860-435-2627 WWW.TRINITYLIMEROCK.ORG

THE REV. HEIDI TRUAX, RECTOR
THE REV. FELIX RIVERA, DEACON AND HISPANIC MISSIONER

Offering Companionship Along the Way