



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Nun danket alle Gott*

**Processional Hymn 397** Now thank we all our God

*Nun danket alle Gott*

*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 277** Gloria in excelsis

David Hurd, b. 1950

**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.

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**A Reading from the Book of Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim;

and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 123**

*Gevert-1*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## **A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians, Chapter 5**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup> But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup> for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup> for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. <sup>25</sup> Beloved, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy

kiss. <sup>27</sup> I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn** God, whose giving knows no ending

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| 1.     God, whose giving knows no ending,<br>From your rich and endless store:<br>Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,<br>Costly cross, grave's shattered door,<br>Gifted by you, we turn to you,<br>Offring up ourselves in praise;<br>Thankful song shall rise forever,<br>Gracious donor of our days.       | 2.     Skills and time are ours for pressing<br>Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:<br>All at peace in health and freedom,<br>Races joined, the Church made one.<br>Now direct our daily labor,<br>Lest we strive for self alone;<br>Born with talents, make us servants<br>Fit to answer at your throne. |
| 3.     Treasure, too, you have entrusted,<br>Gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;<br>Ours to use for home and kindred,<br>And to spread the Gospel Word.<br>Open wide our hands in sharing,<br>As we heed Christ's ageless call,<br>Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,<br>Serving you by loving all. |   |

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### Alleluia in C

Charles P. Giffen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*Deacon Félix*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 25:14-30

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Deacon Félix*            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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for all those in the midst of war in Ukraine and Russia, and in Israel and Gaza. May we respect one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for all your blessings. We pray in gratitude for the celebrations of our lives (*we lift up in prayer all those things for which we are thankful*).

Lord in your goodness: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Carol Taylor, Michael and Maureen Tesoro, Alison and Gary Tripp and for their families. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **The 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.**

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

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

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 554** 'Tis the gift to be simple

*Simple Gifts*

**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: Hymnal S 125**

From *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

**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: Hymnal S 172** Blessed are those Ambrosian chant;  
adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

*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 wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice.*

**Communion Hymn** “Alta Trinita Beata” Anonymous, 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian

Italian text  
Alta Trinità beata,  
da noi sempre adorata,  
Trinità gloriosa  
unità meravigliosa,  
Tu sei manna saporosa  
e tutta desiderosa.

English Translation  
High and blessed Trinity,  
By us always adored.  
Glorious Trinity,  
Marvelous unity,  
You are savory manna  
and all that we can desire

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

**Triune God, in thankfulness we praise you. For through this Eucharist you have renewed us in your own Image, in which there is no room for division, or dualism or false self. There is only Christ: who is everything and who is in everything. Continue to renew us in the Love of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of God’s might; let the word of the Holy One dwell in you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 420** When in our music God is glorified

*Engelberg*

### **The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *Engelberg*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Thanksgiving...we have so much to be thankful for.*

### Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Deacon:* The Rev. Félix Rivera  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Minister of Communion:* Mary Anne Carley  
*Lector:* Alan Swide  
*Epistoler:* Bill Jenks

*Intercessor:* Jim Conzo  
*Altar Guild:* Theresa Kenny  
*Flowers:* Marilyn Anderson  
*Counter:* Barry Anderson  
*Greeter/Usher:* Mike Cuoco/Alan Swide  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

### Announcements

- Today** 12:00 Noon Vestry meeting  
4:00 PM Misa en español followed by dinner
- Tues., Nov. 21** 5:30 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Salisbury Congregational Church  
Christine Gevert, organist
- Wed., Nov. 22** 2:00 PM at Pilgrim House - Peeling Party to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner
- Thurs., Nov. 23** 12—2PM Thanksgiving Dinner at the Pilgrim House
- Nov. 27 - 29** Pastor Heidi will be away on retreat
- Sat., Dec. 2** 5:00 PM Christmas Tree Lighting
- Sunday, Dec. 3** First Sunday of Advent

### 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 - **no class this week**
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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