



Trinity Episcopal Church

Offering Companionship along the Way

St. Francis Sunday

October 6, 2024

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune *Laudes Domini*

Processional Hymn 427 verses 1, 2, 5 When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

Priest Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

Gloria "Glory to God / Gloria a Dios" (*see insert*)

Gevert 2024-09

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray together our collect.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 Job 39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?"

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

**2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

Gradual Hymn 429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" (*see insert*)

Gevert 2018-10

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night

your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Heidi Truax

An African Christian Creed

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in a grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. Amen.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, for people, animals, fish, birds and every living thing, that we may have the wisdom and will to protect and defend the defenseless, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added,*) let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those things for which we are thankful (*we leave time to lift up thanksgivings*) and for those on our parish cycle of prayer, for Catherine Paton, Mary Priestman, Thomas Ragan and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added,*) and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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.

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 405 All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

THE 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 / Santo” (*see insert*)

Gevert 2021

**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.**

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)*

Gevert 2023

Here at Trinity we welcome all to take communion with us. 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. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask Pastor Heidi for a blessing.

Communion Hymn 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elisabeth

Postcommunion Prayer – Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Blessing

And now to our Great God who is able to accomplish in us far more than we can ask or even imagine, to him be glory for ever and ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 400, verses 1-3, 7 All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Dismissal

Pastor Go in peace to love, and be loved, by the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All those who would like to have their pets blessed, please come forward at this time. Others may depart for the coffee hour in Walker Hall.

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of William B. Warren.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Mary Anne Carley
Lector: John Lloyd
Epistoler: Hotchkiss Student
Intercessor: Alan Swide
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Flowers: Michelle Sisk
Counter: Martha Nesbitt
Greeter/Usher: Roy Bickley/Alan Swide
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- Today** St. Francis Sunday!
After Church: building of planter boxes [here](#) for *Habitat for Humanity*.
Habitat team members will join us at coffee hour and for the project.
6:00 PM St. Francis Day blessing of animals at Salisbury School
- Sat., Oct. 12** 3:00 PM Shannon Drumm and Josh Bliss Wedding
- Sun., Oct. 20** 12:00 Noon Vestry Meeting
- Oct. 25-26** Annual Diocesan Convention. Please pray for Pastor Heidi, Marilyn Anderson and for the delegates of our parish, Jim Conzo and Bev Becker
- Sun., Oct. 27** Festive day of celebration with Bishop Ahrens
8:00 AM Baptism of Mila Mae Remlin
9:00 AM Bishop Ahrens meets with Vestry
10:00 AM Bishop meets with Confirmands
10:30 AM Confirmations, Receptions into Church, 150th anniversary prayers
12:00 PM Catered celebration lunch
Single topic all parish meeting during lunch
- Sat. Nov. 2** 10:00 AM Parish outdoor clean-up day

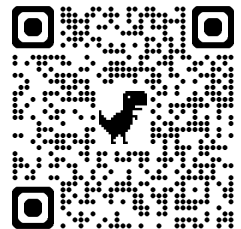
Weekly Schedule

Mondays	6:00 - 8:00 PM Crescendo rehearsal
Tuesdays	9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall
Wednesdays	6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall (in person and online every week)
Thursdays	1:00 PM Bible Explorers on Zoom
Saturdays	9:00 AM to Noon: Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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