



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)

Sunday, October 18, 2020

10:00 a.m. by Zoom conference

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Hampton, New Hampshire

and

Christ Episcopal Church

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

*In keeping with our practice of following the customs of the host church of any joint liturgy,
we will be following the liturgical norms of Christ Church for today's service.*

OPENING HYMN

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

Hymnal 404

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is primarily chordal, with some melodic movement in the treble staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

- 1 **We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord;
your holy Name for ever be adored;
each day we live our psalm to you we raise;
you, God and King, are worthy of all praise,
great and unsearchable in all your ways.**

- 2 **Age shall to age pass on the endless song,
telling the wonders which to you belong,
your mighty acts with joy and fear relate;
praise we your glory while on you we wait,
glad in the knowledge of your love so great.**

- 3 **You, Lord, are gracious, merciful to all,
close to your children when on you they call;
and slow to anger, merciful and kind,
in your compassion we your blessings find,
We love you with our heart and strength and mind.**

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Celebrant says the opening acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant and People

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.

GLORY TO GOD

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people
 God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Lesson

Read by Betty Lane

Exodus 33:12-23

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your

sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

At the conclusion, the Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

The Epistle

Read by Belinda Wilkes

Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the Word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

At the conclusion, the Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

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- 1 **For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

- 2 **In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

- 3 **For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God!**

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The Holy Gospel

Read by the Rev. Audrey Murdock

Matthew 22:15-22

At the announcement, the People respond:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

At the conclusion, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David G. Robinson, Jr., Vicar

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship

*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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

*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 Scrip
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hana of ine 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.*

The Prayers of the People

Led by Liza McGuckin

A Special Form for Use in this Stewardship Season

Intercessor

We begin our prayers today by giving thanks for our Shared Ministry, remembering especially the Gather Food Pantry in Portsmouth; Cindy Taylor and family; and Sandi Nickerson.

That we may turn to God for guidance and direction as we strive to serve one another and the Church with the gifts God has entrusted to our care.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may learn to more deeply trust God to provide us with all that we need.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may learn to see the difference between the simple things we need and the many things we want.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That, through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may recognize the many blessings the poor and needy bring to us even as we seek to share our blessings with them.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may come to more fully realize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share these gifts with all who are in need.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may learn to see ourselves as God's beloved children who have been called to work in God's kingdom and spread God's love throughout the world.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may find more time to pray, to give thanks for all of God's blessings and ask for guidance in best using the gifts entrusted to our care.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That as we look upon the world, we may see the unseen, love the unlovable, and bind up the brokenhearted wherever we find them.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

As we offer our prayers today, we ask God's healing grace for those who are sick, injured or disabled, remembering especially those on our hearts today:

Christ Church: Anthony, Erin, Gary, Lynda, Pat, Peter, Robert & Jennifer, Roy

Trinity Church: Audrey, Ayyad, Barbara, Bob, Caileigh, Cassidy, Christine, David,
Elyse & George, Ginnie-Lee, Luran, Mike, Noah, Robert, Rosemarie, Sally, Sandy (*Ct.*),
Thelma, Wes & Anne

In silence, you are invited to offer your own intercessions and thanksgivings.

Celebrant

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all that we are and all that we have is gift from you. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school – to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you our God have reached out to us. We ask these things in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that way we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Priest offers the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Recognizing that we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion in this service, we offer the following prayer recognizing Christ's presence in our midst. When bid in the prayer to do so, you are invited to hold out your hands as you would to receive the sacred Host.

Celebrant and People

O Lord Jesus Christ,

we believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of your Body and Blood.

We love you above all things, and desire to receive you into our souls.

**Since we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts.**

As we hold out our hands in longing for Communion with you,

**help us to embrace you knowing that you are already here
and unite us wholly to you.**

Never permit us to be separated from you.

We pray this in your holy Name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people

Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
bless you for evermore.

Response ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Hymnal 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring the high - est

ces - sive jour - neys run, his king - dom stretch from
 2 love to crown his head. His name like sweet per -
 3 leap with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 4 hon - or to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - or to our King, an - gels des - cend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People with these words

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Virtual Coffee Hour

Please stay online after the liturgy ends for some time of conversation and connection with one another.

Please raise your hand (directly in front of your face so it is in camera range) and wait for the host to call on you. This will prevent confusing cross-talk.



~ ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE ~

Pianist: Brendan Battey
Zoom Co-Host: Betty Lane
First Reading: Betty Lane
Second Reading: Belinda Wilkes
Gospel: The Rev. Audrey Murdock
Intercessions: Liza McGuckin



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~



Our stewardship campaign continues this week – Our 2020 Stewardship program is now underway, with the theme, *Connected in Christ: Same Love...New Ways*. You are invited to join in an online “Cottage Meeting” tomorrow evening to learn more about our hopes for the coming year – and voice your questions. At the end, there will be a brief discussion of needs related to our transition to new clergy leadership in 2021. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/95908618074>, and the Meeting ID is 959 0861 8074 at (929) 205-6099.

Saturday Evening Services remain SUSPENDED due to rising infection levels in New Hampshire and new guidance from the Diocese suspending all indoor services until further notice.

Next Sunday, we will welcome George Koch as our Celebrant and Preacher. George is no stranger to our congregations, as he and his wife Elyse worship with us, and George is Trinity Church’s treasurer. A retired Lutheran pastor, he was on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s national staff in Chicago prior to his retirement, and, more recently, was Transition Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Newington.

The following Sunday, All Saints’ Day, we will join with our brothers and sisters throughout the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire in marking that festive day with a live service beamed from All Saints’ Church, Peterborough, where the Bishop will be the Celebrant and Preacher. A link to that 10:00 a.m. service will be going out the previous Thursday in our regular invitation email as well as the E-News.

Noonday Prayer now being offered at 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays – Our mid-week Noonday Prayer service is now meeting at a new time: **1:00 p.m. each Tuesday**. The Zoom link, which will be the same weekly through the end of October, is: <https://zoom.us/j/95907635727>. Phone access is at (929) 205-6099, meeting ID 959 0763 5727.

“This is NOT Sunday School” and “The Way of Love” continue – Our **“This is NOT Sunday School”** lesson for today, *I Am Who I Am (Moses)*, is now posted at [this link](#). Each week’s session features video teaching by a professional from the Christian formation network, *Forma*, as well as downloadable lessons and readings kids, their parents, and possible mentors can share and discuss. *The Very Best Day: The Way of Love for Children* is another resource for children ages 3-10 and their families. Download the [lesson plan](#) that includes discussion questions and activities for churches and families. A selection of [coloring pages](#) from the book are also available.

Gifts for ChIPs will not occur this year - This year, the New Hampshire Prison System has asked us not to provide gifts in our Children of Incarcerated Parents drive, as they wish to assure the safety both of the volunteers who would normally sort them and the families receiving them. We had hoped to provide monetary gifts instead, but the prison system will not allow that either. So, sadly, *ChIPs will not occur this year*.

United Thank Offering - The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. This year, 100% of what is collected will support Episcopal/Anglican ministries directly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. Please make your gift payable to your church, with the memo, “UTO.” “Don't just count your blessings; make your blessings count.”



A “virtual” Holly Berry Fair is coming!

Trinity Church is sad to announce that this year our **Holly Berry Fair** is going to be a “No Fair” Fair. We annually raise around \$4,500 for the purpose of supporting the Hobbs House as our outreach mission, much of this funding by way of our yard sales and the Holly Berry Fair. If you are able and willing to donate to our Hobbs House Operations Fund we would appreciate any and all donations. Be looking for “virtual” opportunities to support our “Fair” the weekend of Nov. 20-22. Some of our traditional vendors will be taking online orders. Be looking for a special website to place your orders and support our “Fair.”

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CHRIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Church is to share the light of Christ in the world.
As progressive Christians we welcome all people into our sanctuary, regardless of race,
economic circumstances, gender, sexual orientation, or religious background.
We gather to worship, sing, celebrate, acknowledge common needs,
be fed at God's table, and care, love and nurture one another.
From here we go forth into the world to be active servants of the spirit of Jesus,
ministering to those in need and taking God's grace and peace into the wider community.



TRINITY CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Episcopal Church is a welcoming community of faith engaged in outreach
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