



Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

June 16, 2024

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]

Pastor Dan Purtell, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, *Minister of Music*

John Grant, *Eucharistic Minister*

Lynn Garland, *Reader*

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" Hayes

arr by Wagner

Processional Hymn "The Church's one foundation"

H525 Blue Hymnal

Salutation Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Song of Praise

S280 (Blue hymnal)

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 20

Exaudiat te Dominus

**1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;**
**2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;**
**3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;**
**4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.**
**5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.**
**6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**
**7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.**
**8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.**
**9 O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.**

Silence

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he

died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Silence

Sequence Hymn

“Jesus, name above all names”

Insert VF #81

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ According to Mark 4:26-34

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Response: Praise to you Lord Christ**

The Sermon

Pastor Dan Purtell

Sermon Hymn

“Will you let me be your servant?”

Insert

The Nicene Creed

Pg. 358 Prayer book (BCP)

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; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; 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, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

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

Let us say together:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at General Convention for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Parish

O wondrous light of the world, we welcome you with joy this and every morning. Your love and compassion know no limits. Through the mystery of your grace, your light, like a good shepherd, guides our way, even in our darkest hours. Give us the strength and courage to share your light, love, and compassion with those we meet on our journey. And may your light shine so brightly in our lives that it is visible to anyone who sees us. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for the Partnership between Holy Trinity and Bethlehem Lutheran:

Our God, we ask for your blessing to guide us in building and rejoicing in our partnership. Strengthen the bonds of faith and fellowship between our people and give us the grace to fulfill your purpose. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Pg. 360 Prayer book (BCP)

The Peace

"God Moments"

Announcements

Offertory Instrumental Tune: "Grid" Pavlechko 1995

WLP#753

Presentation Hymn

Hymnal #380 v. 3

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Liturgy of the Table

Eucharistic Prayer D

Sanctus: 'Santo, santo, santo'

Pg. 372 Prayer book (BCP)
WLP#785 (Green)

Let us say together the prayer that Christ taught us:

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 *"The bread which we break"*

WLP#867 (Green)

Communion Instrumental: "Spirit Song"

Setting by Carter

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: *in unison*

Living God, eternal Holy Spirit, you have restored us in your image through Jesus Christ our Savior, and you have united us in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Sustain us in our lives of service as a holy and consecrated body, through Christ, our life and joy. Amen

Blessing

Recessional Hymn "God is working His purpose out"

H#534 Blue Hymnal

Dismissal

Postlude "Azmon"

Glasser

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Announcements

The Chosen: Season 2, Episodes 3 & 4 Wednesday, June 26th 5:30-8:30 pm @ Holy Trinity. We will begin with a light supper, please bring a dish to share. Viewing and discussion will follow.

S'Mores & More at Bethlehem Lutheran Church will take place on June 29th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome for Fellowship, Friends and Fire... and of course S'Mores!

Food Pantry for June: Donations will go to Wales Community Pantry.

Happy Father's Day!