



Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 14, 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*

Tamsin Lucey, *Eucharistic Minister*

The Vigil Light burns to the Glory of God For Nalah, given by Lorraine & Jason Brumskine.

Prelude "Great is thy faithfulness"

Runyan, setting by D Wagner

Processional Hymn "There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place"

WLP #752 (Green)

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

And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Song of Praise "Shout to the Lord" (sing twice)

Insert

Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Psalm 85:8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, ***
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, ***
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, ***
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Silence

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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 6:14-29

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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.**

Lord you are the great physician, today we pray for all who are suffering in mind, body, and spirit, especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts before you now.

(Pause for names)

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

Let us say together:

God, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Indigenous Lands Acknowledgement

Holy God, we acknowledge the traditional, ancestral and unceded land of the Nipmuc people upon which we are worshipping, praying and visiting today. We give thanks for those who have come before us, honoring all of North America's Native people who have been living and working on these lands from time immemorial. We recognize that colonialism and the oppression of Native people is a current and ongoing process, and we commit to building awareness of our present participation in these injustices. In our words and actions, may we demonstrate our gratitude for the care and sharing of this land. Amen

Prayer for the Parish

Merciful and loving God, you call us to share the good news of God in Christ. May we lean into the goodness you have given us so that by your grace and mercy we live our lives to honor you. You are with us always, but sometimes we need a reminder. At Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to be with us and to comfort and guide us along the way you have set before us. As we hear the rushing wind and see the tongues of fire may we remember your presence within 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

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

“God Moments”

Announcements

Offertory Instrumental “Seek ye first”

Lafferty, Pachelbel, setting by D Wagner

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 A

Pg. 361 Prayer book (BCP)

Sanctus: ‘Santo, santo, santo’

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: “Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling”

Setting by D Wood

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 “Loving spirit”

WLP #742 (Green)

Dismissal

Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary”

Goodwin

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Announcements

Prayer Shawls Today Pastor Dan will bless the Prayer Shawls.

Mission Plate for July goes to Cradles to Crayons. For more information go to:

<https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/>

From our Music Director Please copy and paste the link for the song Shout to the Lord into your browser to listen before Sunday. We are singing the refrain on Sunday mornings during the month of July.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FfJ9w1idAc>

Food Pantry for July: Donations will go to the Bridge Fridge.

St Luke's Guesthouse needs volunteers to answer phones. Please call Tricia at 774-230-3589 if available to give a few hours of time.