



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Season

UTO Ingathering

October 20, 2024

10:00 am Faith Formation: The Way of Love: LEARN

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]

The Rev. Judith Lee, Celebrant & Preacher

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Minister of Music

Tamsin Lucey, Eucharistic Minister

Laura Gervais, Reader

Prelude

Sing a new song

Schutte setting by D Wagner

Processional Hymn

All are welcome

Insert

Salutation

All that we are is a gift from God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

All that we have is a gift from God;

The world, and those who live in it.

Collect for United Thank Offering

in unison

Gracious God, we come before you in the knowledge that although we are varied in our gifts, we are united as laborers of your harvest. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings and challenges that inspire the work of the United Thank Offering. May the offerings given to UTO as an expression of gratitude go on to address the needs of our ever-changing world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, whose life is a blueprint we strive to follow. Amen.

Song of Praise

Gloria

WLP #900

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah [53:4-12]

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm 91:9-16 *Qui habitat*

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *and the Most High your habitation,
10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.**

Silence

Stewardship Reflection

Sequence Hymn *Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet*

Nancy Waugh

Insert

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ According to Mark [10:35-45]

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

The Sermon

Sermon Hymn *Wonderful Words of Life*

The Rev. Judith Lee

Insert

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

**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

As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople.

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of goodwill and a commitment to peace. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and we pray for leaders who serve with wisdom and compassion.

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair, especially for those facing the devastation caused by the hurricanes. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now either silently or aloud... *Pause*

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with silently or aloud... *Pause*

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with grace. *Pause*

May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

Concluding Collect

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and with the world You made. Amen.

Prayer for Indigenous Lands Acknowledgement

Holy God, we acknowledge the traditional, ancestral and unceded land of the Nipmuc people upon which we are worshiping, praying and visiting today. We give thanks for those who have come before us, honoring all 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 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

Creator God, whose gifts of grace and mercy fill our lives. May your unconditional, freely given love for us serve as an example for our behavior toward all your beloved creatures. May we use the gifts we have been given to help heal our world by walking in love with our neighbors as you have walked with us. Amen

Prayer for the Partnership between Holy Trinity and Bethlehem Lutheran:

O 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 & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.

The Peace

“God Moments”

Announcements

Offertory Anthem *I was there to hear your burning cry*

Presentation Hymn

Blue 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 Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, 367

Sanctus

Green Hymnal WLP #853

Fraction

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Green Hymnal WLP #876

Communion Music:

Abide with me

JS Bach

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: *in unison*

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. Give us the grace to transform our lives so that we reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Blue Hymnal #473

Dismissal

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful we adore thee*

Bach, setting by D Hustad

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Announcements

Holy Trinity invited to participate in a National Attender Survey

The General Convention Office of The Episcopal Church has invited us to participate in a survey that will explore the Pandemic Impact on Congregations. This church-wide survey is open to all parishioners age 18 and older. Holy Trinity has signed up and has been provided a "unique to our parish" link. Please see it in an all-parish email or email or call Susan Howland for the link howlands@charter.net 508-612-3198. Deadline for submission is **November 6th**.

Today: UTO Ingathering: Our offering will be presented at Diocesan Convention. These funds are used to support programs throughout the country, from education to community partnerships, from development of innovative new programs to sustaining or enhancing ongoing programs. UTO has long been a ministry priority for Holy Trinity. Please consider contributing to this year's offering.

Today: 12-2pm – The Gold Pumpkin Fundraiser: Girl Scout Troop ##11507 will sponsor a fundraiser for pediatric cancer research at the pumpkin patch in front of the Federated Church this afternoon. The Little Hero Foundation will donate \$1 for every pumpkin purchased.

Wednesday October 23rd – *The Chosen*, 5:30-7pm Season 2, Episode 8. We will gather at Bethlehem Lutheran for a light potluck supper, viewing and discussion. We will take a break and gather again in January to begin Season 3.

Next Sunday will be Mother Judith's last Sunday. We will have a special coffee hour. Please see Lynn if you would like to help.

All Saints Sunday – November 3rd: Please return the form with the list of people you would like to be remembered in the prayers that day. **This will also be Pastor Dan's first Sunday returning from his sabbatical.** Watch for more information about a special welcome for him.

The Mission Plate for October through December will go to Episcopal Relief and Development to support relief efforts for hurricanes Helene and Milton. The Mission and Outreach Committee has decided to change funding for the month of October from the Episcopal Church in Navajoland to The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for the survivors of Hurricane Helene. The impact of Hurricane Helene on Sept. 26 is simply untenable. Hurricane Helene created life-threatening conditions through the Southeastern states of Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Over two hundred people have been killed; many more are missing. Homes and other structures were destroyed by tornadoes, mudslides and severe flooding. There has been significant damage to infrastructure in roads, bridges, cell phone towers, etc. There are also significant communication issues due to a lack of cell services and power outages. Downed trees and other road blockages are preventing critical supplies, including medical ones, from reaching communities in need. Health concerns include scarcity of potable water. The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund has been providing gift cards and distributing water, food, clothing, and fuel to families affected by the hurricane, during and since the first critical week after impact. "Our emergency responses are great examples of doing what we can to help people where they currently are.", said Katie Mears, Senior Technical Specialist, Disaster Risk and Resilience, Episcopal Relief and Development. "As the stages of this disaster progress, people's needs will change, and we are prepared to accommodate them." Due to the devastation of this storm, our committee has decided to continue to collect funds for this mission until the end of December. Please give what you can and keep the people affected by this devastating hurricane in your prayers. Susan Grant, Mission and Outreach Committee

Food Pantry for October: Donations will go to The Wales Community Food Pantry.

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

The Winter Coat Closet will be open on Saturday mornings from 9:30 -11:30 AM., beginning October 26th through December 14th. Donations of winter coats and other winter items are welcome. Please spread the word to anyone you may know in need of a warm coat.

Food Share, Inc. welcomes volunteers during their operating hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10-11:15 am.

Mark your calendars:

The Bishop's Visitation to Holy Trinity will be May 18, 2025

Mark your calendars: Community Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday November 26th @ 7 pm

The Federated Church will host the service this year.