



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Season
November 17, 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
Madisyann Segarra, Reader

Prelude

Processional Hymn “Signs of endings all around us” **Green Hymnal WLP #721**

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 Stewardship Season *in unison*

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One. Amen.

Song of Praise *Gloria* **Green Hymnal WLP #900**

Collect of the Day

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Silence

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Sequence Hymn "If you believe and I believe"

Green Hymnal WLP #806

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ According to Mark 13:1-8

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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

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.**

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.

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 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 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 “Love Grows Here”

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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 D

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus

Green Hymnal WLP #853

*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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior As our Savior Christ has taught us, has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus* vs. 1

Green Hymnal WLP #876

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music: "Taste and See"

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

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn "We are one in the spirit"

Insert

Dismissal

Postlude "Variation 3 on Kumbayah"

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Announcements

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.

The Mission Plate for November and December will continue to go to Episcopal Relief and Development to support relief efforts for the devastating impact of hurricanes Helene and Milton on the southeastern states of Tennessee, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. 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 November: Donations will go to The Bridge Fridge in Southbridge

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.

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

Operation Christmas Child, a service project of Girl Scout Troop 11507 (see flyer for more details). Donations are due by Tuesday, November 19.

The office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28 but will be open on Wednesday, November 27th 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Have a happy & blessed Thanksgiving!

Mark your calendars:

- **The Bishop's Visitation to Holy Trinity will be May 18, 2025**
- **Community Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday November 26th @ 7 pm**

The Federated Church will host the service this year.