

TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Holy Eucharist at ten o'clock

At Trinity, we strive to use expansive language in our liturgy to reflect our beliefs that God transcends and includes all genders and that all gender expressions reflect the beauty of God's creation. Sometimes, however, our liturgy and scripture readings use gendered language for God and humanity as part of the common spiritual heritage of Anglicanism and the Christian Church. In congregational responses, we invite you to use whatever pronouns and titles help you to see the divine in both God and humanity. As the scripture lessons are read, we invite you to consider that the writings contained in the Bible are contextual--reflecting particular times, places, and cultures--but that they can be understood in universal and expansive ways. God is love!

Hymn numbers refer to either the Hymnal 1982 or Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS), copies of which are in the pew racks.

Prelude *Prelude to "They Walk Alone"*

Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976)

Hymn Insert "All are welcome"

All who can please stand
Two Oaks, Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Opening Acclamation

All who can please stand

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

The Collect for Purity

Said in unison

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.

Canticle 13. A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our par - ents; you are

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wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you. 2. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance

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of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.

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3. Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple. on the

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throne of your ma - jes-ty, glo-ry to you. 4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be -

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tween the Cher - u - bim: we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for

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ev-er. 5. Glo-ry to you be - hold-ing the depths; in the

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high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you. 6. Glo-ry to you Ho-ly Trin - i -

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ty, Three in One; We will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Job (23:1-9, 16-17)

Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

At the end of the lesson, the reader says, The Word of the Lord
All Reply, Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-15

Said in unison

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.
3 Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4 Our forebears put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6 But as for me, I am a worm and less than human, scorned by all and despised by the people.
7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8 "You trusted in God for deliverance; let God rescue you, if God delights in you."
9 Yet you, O God, are the one who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
12 Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13 They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.
15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Hebrews (4:12-16)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Hymn 577 "Here in Christ we gather"

*All who can please stand
Ubi caritas (Murray)*

The Holy Gospel Mark (10:17-31)

All who can please stand

At the Announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: `You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-- houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions-- and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."


The Reader says, The Gospel of the Lord.

All Reply, Praise to you, Lord Christ


Hymn "Christ be our light" (v. 1)

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Refrain




Christ, be our light! Shine on our hearts, Shine through the dark - ness.




Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day_____

Verse



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see._____

Refrain

Sermon

Please be seated
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Bradley

The Nicene Creed

All who can please stand

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 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 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],
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

(written by Kimi Floyd Reisch, ONA Program Minister, UCC Open and Affirming Coalition)

The Leader and People pray responsively

We come today, representing all the majesty of creation.

Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved, all made in the image of the Creator of all things.

We come today, called to this time and this place by an infinite God.

Who hears our cries and responds with love and mercy.

We come today: Transgender, Nonbinary, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Intersex, Gay, Queer, Ally

We come today, knowing you will listen and answer our needs.

We come today to deliver our joined prayers of hope.

We come today, a people mourning still our losses, still recovering from the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic and the pandemic of institutionalized racism, heterosexism, and sexism that has plagued our world for too many centuries.

We come today, knowing you care for us.

We come today, knowing that even when others reject us, your arms are open to offer comfort.

We come. Declaring the Sanctity of Life and the Dignity of All.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. You may offer your prayer either silently or aloud.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

All who can, please kneel
(From the More Light Presbyterians Retreat & Mission Weekend in New Orleans, 2006, shared by the
Institute for Welcoming Resources of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sin before God and one another ...

All who can, please kneel

God, who made me in Your image, teach me to love myself as You love me.
God, who made me in Your image, allow me to show that image to the world.
God who made me in Your image, help me to see Your image in all those I meet.
God, who made me in Your image, teach me to conserve and protect all Your creation.
God, who made me in Your image, bless, protect, and keep me and all Your children safe.

Celebrant: The One who breathed life into our lungs continues to be present with us. God, who has made us reflective of God's own image, has forgiven us all and made us new creations. Therefore, since our sins are forgiven, let us go forth with love and peace, honoring and upholding the dignity of all we meet, knowing we see reflections of God's image all around.

People **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

The Peace

Please remain in place and greet those around you with a contactless wave or bow.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated

Congregational Celebrations and Thanksgivings

The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of cre - a - tion
joins us in praise; lift-ing our voic - es, lift-ing our hearts
to the glo-ry of God for - ev - er!

The Offering

Organ Anthem *Da Pacem (Tabulaturen etlicher Lobgesang)*

Arnolt Schlick (1455 – 1521)

The Great Thanksgiving

All who can please stand

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The Celebrant proceeds Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Celebrant and People **Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Celebrant and People **In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
Our Father (or Mother/Parent), **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.**

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

At the Communion



The sacrament of Holy Communion is a profound and central part of our worship. In it we receive God's promise to set aside all that separates us; we strengthen our union with Christ and one another; and we experience a foretaste of the time when all creation will share the feast God has prepared for us. All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ are invited to join us at the Lord's Table.

Follow the usher's direction to communion. Receive the bread in open palm (the Celebrant will not touch your hand at this time). If you would like a contactless blessing in lieu of communion, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the clergy for one if desired. Please let the usher know if you need the Celebrant to come to your pew to administer communion.



During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them for themselves or someone else are invited to come to one of our prayer stations for individual prayer. Prayer stations are located at the back of the church (near the entrance doors) where a member of the Trinity Prayer Team will be sitting in a chair, ready to say a prayer with you. See insert for more information about this ministry.

Anthem *For all the children*

David Lohman

Sung by the choir

Words:

1. God, we gather as your people
to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of Your love.
Though the day may not yet be here,
we trust it soon will be
when your children will be free.

REFRAIN

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome,
in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

2. Oh, we sing for all the children,
that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason
to doubt that they are blessed.
May they, in your love, find rest. *Refrain*

3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives
cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished
that Your love is for the few;
may their faith in You renew. *Refrain*

4. God, we're working for the future
when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature,
may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand. *Refrain*

[Blessing of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Bless you for your ministry and bless those to whom you bring these holy gifts, that they may be united with this community in the holy sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

People **Though we are many, we are all one body because we share in the one bread.]**

Post Communion Prayer

All who can please stand

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Blessing

Celebrant

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest

Dismissal *People's Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Erschienen ist der herrlich' Tag*

Ethel Smyth (1858 – 1944)

Dear Trinity Friends and Parishioners,

The vestry has adopted a binding Covenant to model our interactions, discussions and behaviors with one another, as well as with our staff and our entire parish. We call the document *Covenant for a Loving Community*. It is a framework of best behaviors for us to model and to refer to always, particularly in times of debate and disagreement. While the vestry has adopted this Covenant on its own, it is our hope that it will be embraced by our entire parish over time, so that its principles become woven deeply into our hearts, minds, and our love for one another and all of God's creation.

The Covenant is as follows:

Covenant for a Loving Community

Trinity Episcopal Church ~ Asbury Park, New Jersey

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being? --*

The Baptismal Covenant of the Episcopal Church, Book of Common Prayer, Page 292

Guidelines for Loving Relationships and Values to Guide Our Interactions:

- We seek to build each other up and to avoid unkind behaviors.
- We respect and honor the office of rector, staff, vestry members, and all lay leaders and volunteers.
- We seek to communicate clearly, completely, and directly, maintaining love and respect.
- We offer our opinions with charity and humility.
- We make positive investments in each other's lives.
- We seek to discover what is best for our church as a whole, not what may be best for any one person or for some segment of the church's membership.
- We accept disagreement, conflict, and evaluation as normal and natural.
- We believe the best of each other and give each other the benefit of the doubt.
- We are committed to being inconvenienced for the sake of those we serve.
- We commit to abide by this covenant in all circumstances, including those that are difficult, to sustain the relational grace to which we are called by Christ as members of his body.

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