

Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, CT

May 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Service of Antecommunion Rite II



The Sixth Sunday
of Easter

MISSION STATEMENT: "With God's love, we joyfully welcome and nourish all; with God's help, we serve our community and beyond."

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Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all who worship with us this morning at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT -- those of you here in our sanctuary and those who join us by live-streaming.

At this time, the wearing of masks and social distancing are optional in the building and for those seated on the left side of the church. Rows on the right side of the church are set aside for those who prefer to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please respect every individual's choice.

For those joining us at home, the service bulletin may be found at www.trinitycollinsville.org/bulletins.

The Book of Common Prayer is at
www.BCPonline.org

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Prelude

Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord #390

Words: Joachim Neander, Music: Craig Sellar Lang

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend
thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before
him!
Let the "Amen" Sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity (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.

Song of Praise

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

.Amen.

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the

art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 66: 7-18

Reader: Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

People: Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our
feet to slip.

Reader: For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

People: You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

Reader: You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.

People: I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble

Reader: I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

People: Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

Reader: I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

People: If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

Reader: But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

People: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?
But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are
blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be

intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Alleluia verse



Al-le-lu-ia; A-lle-lu-ia; Al-le-lu-ia.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Choir Anthem: All Creatures of Our God and King

Music: Jenny Bradshaw

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

Please stand if you are able

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.

Choral Call to Prayer

Words and Music by Francesco Blackmore

The Prayers of the People

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*Those joining from home are invited to place your prayer requests in the online
"chat box." They will be lifted up during the Intercessions.*

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may
truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: We pray especially for those on our intercession list _____, and for those named here (pause for the congregation to add their intercessions).

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Let us pray for our congregation and our Vestry as we seek a new priest for our faith community. Guide us and give us wisdom and patience, that we may discern your will for us, and that we will call a priest who will inspire us, care for us and bring us closer to you.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London and Clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world:
God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray

for those in all countries at risk and in fear. We pray for those who protect and defend our country. May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout the world. Amen.

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Offering

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave of himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: Be Thou My Vision #488

Words: Eleanor Hull, Music: David Evans

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Doxology

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Hymn 380 Verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Presider: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

Presider: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we
are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Grace

Presider: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: - Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing #344

Words: John Fawcett, Music: Silicon Mariners

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,

triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

3 So that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Allelulia,
Allelulia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Allelulia, Allelulia.**

Postlude

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The Sanctuary Lamp are Given to the Glory of God.**

Celebrating the Worship Service:

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home

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Homilist: Stan Moraski

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