

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

July 30, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Service of Antecomunion Rite II



**The Ninth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

*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.

Please know that your prayers and your presence are a beloved gift to this faith community. We pray that you sense the love of Christ, the stirring of the Holy Spirit, and God's presence here this morning.

Although the Covid restrictions have been lifted, we continue to set aside the right side of the church for those who prefer to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn      **O Worship The King**      #388

Words, Robert Grant, Music: William Croft

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

## Welcome

### Opening Acclamation

**Presider:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.

### 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

### 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to

your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## The Psalm

119:129-136

**Reader:** Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

**People:** When your word goes forth it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.

**Reader:** I open my mouth and pant;  
I long for your commandments.

**People:** Turn to me in mercy,  
as you always do to those who love your Name.

**Reader:** Steady my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**People:** Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.

**Reader:** Let your countenance shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

**People:** My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law.

## The Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the

heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor



anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**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**

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**Presider:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

A period of silence is kept

**The Nicene Creed** (in unison)

*Please stand as 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.

## The Prayers of the People

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**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).

In your mercy,

**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 Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton and Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford; the Cathedral Chapter; honorary canons of our Cathedral.

**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: Thy Kingdom Come #615

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmers, Music: Richard Redhead

1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad;  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**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.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Presider:** And now as our Savior Christ 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,  
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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #450

Words: Edward Perronet, Music: Michael E. Young

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

## **The Dismissal**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

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**The Altar Flowers and  
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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