

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

October 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Service of Antecommunion Rite II



**The Eighteenth 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.

For those joining us at home, the service bulletin may be found at [www.trinitycollinsville.org/bulletins](http://www.trinitycollinsville.org/bulletins).

The Book of Common Prayer is at  
[www.BCPonline.org](http://www.BCPonline.org)

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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 (in unison)

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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

## Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions

that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### The Psalm

### Psalm 25:1-8

**Reader:** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be  
humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over  
me.

**People:** Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their  
schemes.

**Reader:** Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me  
your paths.

**People:** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for  
you are the God of my salvation; in  
you have I trusted all the day long.

**Reader:** Remember, O LORD, your compassion and  
love, for they are from everlasting.

**People:** Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**Reader:** Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**People:** He guides the humble in doing right, and teaches his way to the lowly.

## **The Second Reading**

## **Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus



said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

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

## The Homily

Karanne Farling

A period of silence is kept

## Choir Anthem: Amazing Grace

Words: John Neton. Music: New Britain

## 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.

## Choral Call to Prayer

Words and Music by Francesco Blackmore

## 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 Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull and for all companions and service animals, all livestock and wild animals, great and small.

**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.  
(The offering is collected and brought forward.)

**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.**

### The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God

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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*

Presider: Karanne Farling  
Homilist: Karanne Farling  
Reader: Michelle Mensel  
Usher: Joan Andrews  
Music: Francesco Blackmore and  
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Altar Guild: Jan Atkins and Sharon Corthouts  
Camera: Heather Garvin



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