

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

September 24, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Service of Antecommunion Rite II



**The Seventeenth 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 Rock of Ages #685

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady, Music: Thomas Hastings

1 Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood  
from thy wounded side that flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Should my tears for ever flow,  
should my zeal no languor know,  
all for sin could not atone:  
thou must save, and thou alone;  
in my hand no price I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I rise to worlds unknown  
and behold thee on thy throne,

Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

## 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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## The Psalm

Psalm 145:1-8

**Reader** I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**People:** Every day will I bless you  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

**Reader:** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to his greatness.

**People:** One generation shall praise your works to  
another and shall declare your power.

**Reader:** I will ponder the glorious splendor of your  
majesty and all your marvelous works.

**People:** They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

**Reader:** They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**People:** The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

## **The Second Reading**

## **Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has



graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*All stand for the Alleluia verse*



## The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again

about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

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

**The Homily**

**Stan Moraski**

A period of silence is kept

## Choir Anthem: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sally DeFord

### 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 Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston and youth and all youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

**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    Shepherds of Souls, Refresh and Bless #343

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Richard Proulx

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone,  
but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on  
to our abiding-place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,  
and do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,  
thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

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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.

### **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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #690

Words: William Williams, Music: Lowell Mason

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer.  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

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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*

Presider: Stan Moraski  
Homilist: Stan Moraski  
Reader: Ann Bierut  
Usher: Deb Asaro  
Music: Francesco Blackmore and  
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Altar Guild: Phyllis Lowell and Dawn Lowell  
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