# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:30 a.m.

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Trinity virtually today! If this is your first time to worship with Trinity, we are especially glad you joined us. We hope you will join in again! Please know, whatever your tradition, that there is a place for you here. We want you to make yourself at home, and participate in the service as you feel comfortable.

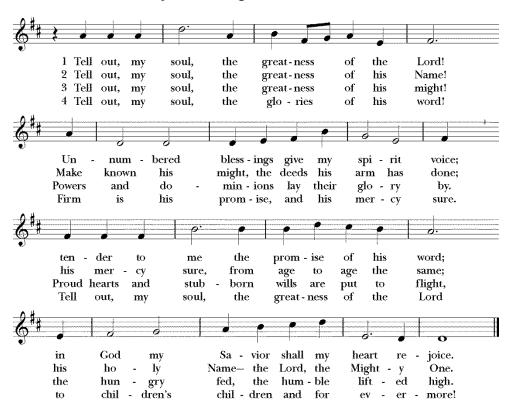
In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in bold print. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the \*).

## Welcome

# Opening Hymn 438

# Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

## Woodlands



# \*Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

# \*The Collect of the Day

God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

First Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9

A Reading from Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

# Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations."
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Second Reading Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

\*The Holy Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ**.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jenny Montgomery

## The Nicene Creed

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.

#### **Transition Collect**

O God, whose Spirit moved the waters of Creation, move us now with a renewed resolve to greet the future with courage and optimism as a committed community of faith and action. We pray for wisdom, guidance, and direction as we seek to discover your will in finding a Rector who will support us in your mission for Trinity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## \*Prayers of the People

We lift our prayers to God, who knows our necessities before we ask and rejoices in our asking, as we respond, "Hear us, gracious God."

Word of truth, open our hearts to receive your message as it is revealed through holy scripture, the witness of your Church, and in the minds and hearts of your faithful; let us pray. **Hear us, gracious God**.

That the Church may welcome youth and young adults into its life, inviting them into positions of responsibility and leadership, listening to their ideas, and joining with them in building for the future; let us pray. **Hear us, gracious God**.

Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions with compromise, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live with poverty, disparity, injustice, unemployment, and lack of educational opportunities; let us pray. **Hear us, gracious God**.

That the leaders of the nations may usher in the peace of God's reign; let us pray.

## Hear us, gracious God.

Wisdom on high, descend upon your faithful people, that our voices and actions may echo your hope for all humanity; let us pray. **Hear us, gracious God**.

Receive those who have died into the arms of your mercy, that they may sleep in everlasting peace; let us pray. **Hear us, gracious God**.

In the fellowship of the One who is full of graciousness and compassion, let us continue our prayers. (Special intentions, prayers and thanksgivings are offered from our homes while silence is kept.)

O 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**.

(Prayers of the People selected and adapted from Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship Year A 2019-2020, June-August.)

# Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

# Trinity Newtown - The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

On the first day of March 2017, I began my ministry with you as Priest in Charge. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful considerations, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as Priest in Charge of Trinity Church Newtown ends this day as I retire to Richmond, Virginia.

Laurie and Dennis, as wardens in this parish and on behalf of the people of Trinity Church, do you recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

Together, let us pray:

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly and spiritually with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with Jenny and Joe as they leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### \*The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

# Offertory

We come now to the part of worship where we offer our financial gifts to God. As a means of faithful stewardship, please continue to give generously on-line through Vanco, there's a link on our website, or by mailing a check to Trinity in support of the ongoing work of God in and through us, especially in this time of COVID-19.

Walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us and offering and sacrifice to God.

# Offertory Music

\*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Priest adds a proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Christ, through whom we are made acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Many and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

# The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

# **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Let us pray. God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen. Praver for spiritual communion by The Rev. Bennet Brockman.

As a symbol of our unity in community during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the bread and the wine will be returned to the earth.

# \*Blessing

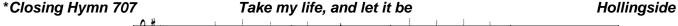
May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in God's ways. **Amen**.

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. Amen.

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

("Ending a Pastoral Relationship" prayers and blessing from The Book of Occasional Services 1994)





#### \*Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God**.

For those requesting our prayers: Arlene Coleman, The Rev. William West, Maureen Trotto, Bode Kloos, Judith Harris, Ann Moore, Janet LaBati, Mike Peters, Larry Coleman, Danielle Lima

For those celebrating a birthday this week: Teagan Waaler, Connie Decker, Kit Dougherty

For those celebrating an anniversary this week: Dorothy & Ron Schmidt,