



**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
9:30AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the "Hi There" Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. The nursery is intended for children younger than kindergarten. An activity cart is located at the back for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in **bold print**. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the *). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

Prelude

Prière a Notre Dame

Leon Boellmann

Welcome

***Entrance Hymn 405**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

***Opening Acclamation**

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Collect for Purity

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 S280**

****Collect of the Day***

God with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

****Collect for the Season of Creation***

The kinship and unity of all creation in Christ

God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship; your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made.

Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,

who topples the dividing walls by the power of your Holy Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'?

¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, *

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual Hymn 705**

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

***Holy Gospel**

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt

****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.

****Prayers of the People***

Speak to our hearts that yearn for you. Teach us to dwell and delight in your presence.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Speak to your church and our leaders. Energize us with new life and endless possibilities. Teach us to be partners with you in holiness and power.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for our president, our Congress, and our courts. May harmony in diversity begin with us. Speak peace to the leaders of the nations, that conflicts may cease and mutual respect across boundaries and languages may prevail.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Bring the peoples of the world together so that all will be fed and warm, and none will be threatened, that the language of hope is spoken freely in all corners of the globe.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for all who cry out in pain and those who suffer in silence for those who await healing and for those who have lost hope. For those who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them, bring your healing power to those who need it most: Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Lucille, Caroline, Eric, Brent, Paula, Karen, Judy.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for those who have ended their earthly journey and now are surrounded by angels and archangels and their unending songs of praise.

Bring us also to that heavenly shore and the fullness of your eternal grace.

Today, we pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston Youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge, and The Church of Pakistan (United).

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

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.**

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.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Invitation to Stewardship

Bennett Leake

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please consider giving generously to Trinity to help support our ministries. You can place an offering in the basket, use the QR code, or visit our website.

www.trinitynewtownct.org



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

Offertory Music

The Secret of Christ

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known. I will guide them, I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God: and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Help us, Lord, to

persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our master and our friends. Amen.

Doxology 380

***The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The people stand or kneel.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

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In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.

Communion

If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.

Communion Music

Communion Hymn

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief,
3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face;
4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me,

while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.
kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion; help my un - be - lief.
heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by thy grace.
whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

Refrain

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.

Post Communion Prayer

Please kneel as you are able.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

***Blessing**

Closing Hymn 494

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Vs 1-3)

***Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude 'Cathedral' Prelude in E Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.

Newtown Lions Club

The Third Annual Newtown Lions Club Stuff-A-Truck Food Drive in cooperation with Big Y World Class Market and the US Army 411th Civil Affairs Battalion will be held on Saturday September 28th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Queen Street Shopping Plaza in Newtown .

The event benefits Faith Food Pantry (Newtown) , Hospitality Hall (Newtown), Daily Bread Food Pantry (Danbury) and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission in Bridgeport.

Just come by Big Y on Saturday September 28th and purchase a pre-packaged bag of food or shop for any number of suggested grocery items and then come Stuff-A-Truck courtesy of the US Army 411th Civil Affairs Battalion, Big Y and the Newtown Lions Club.

Today at Trinity

Andrea Castner Wyatt - Preacher & Presider
Sunday, Sep 29, 9:30 AM: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Sanctuary)
Tristan Filiato - Acolyte - Crucifer
Patrick DeBrock - Lector
Laura Main - Lector
Teddy Jameson - Intercessor
Laura Main - Chalice Ministry
Teddy Jameson - Chalice Ministry
Frank Brill - Bell Ringing
Jessica O'Meara - Usher
Jeanne Benedict - Usher
Ron Dukenski - Trinity Driving
Nancy Cole - Trinity Cafe
Floyd Higgins - Tech Guild
Phil Cruz - Tech Guild
Lindsey Civitelli - Nursery Assistant
Anthony & Heather Pellagrino - The Little Pantry
Jennifer Sisco - Pianist
Elijah Morris - Organ Scholar
Cheryl Clark, Laura Mathey - Altar Guild

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