



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 9:30 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity today! 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 Connect 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. Activity bags are 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.

Organ Prelude

Welcome

****Entrance Hymn 290 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's, Windsor***

****Opening Acclamation***

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen!

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.**

****Gloria in excelsis Deo S277***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

A reading from Judges.

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

³So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

⁴Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gradual Hymn 615

Thy Kingdom Come

St. Flavian

***The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 25:14-30

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁴Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went

and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

Sermon

The Rev. Kevin Olds

****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**

Brothers and sisters, in love let us encourage one another and build each other up. Let us pray saying, "Have mercy upon us, O Christ, *have mercy.*"

God, you have destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ: strengthen your Church to confidently share your gospel throughout the world.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Christ,

Have mercy.

God, have mercy on all who are shown contempt and scorn: Hear the cries of the needy and lift up the downtrodden and lowly.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Christ,

Have mercy.

God, you rule the day and the night: Bless and sustain the works of your hands. Restore your creation.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Christ,

Have mercy.

God, you are enthroned in the heavens: may we trust not our own schemes but lift up our eyes to you. Lead and guide our city and its leaders in all justice and truth.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Christ,

Have mercy.

God, you are a merciful God: hear the prayers of those who cry out to you for help. Be present with the suffering in their waking and their sleeping. We pray today for those known to us and beloved, especially Arlene, Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Elaine, Beverly, Linda, Judy, Cheryl, Leon, Shirley, Dan, Brian, Hilda, Jim, Bea, Viola, Donald, Susan, Cindy.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

Have mercy upon us, O Christ,

Have mercy.

God, your Son Jesus died for us that we might dwell in your light forever: give to the dying and the dead the hope of salvation.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Christ,

Have mercy.

Today we also pray for the parishes of St. James', Winsted; and All Saints', Wolcott. We also pray for the Program & Budget Committee, and the Faith & Order Commission.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

Have mercy.

Holy 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.**

****The Peace***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Offertory Music

At the River

Aaron Copland

***Presentation of the Gifts**

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money and food bank donations to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented.

***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 our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S 130

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.

Please kneel as you are able. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Fraction Anthem S155

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

Communion Music

Communion Hymn 653

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Renton

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

(LEV: A trained lay person who provides the sacrament to those who are hospitalized, homebound, and in nursing homes. LEV's are trained to lead a brief prayer service before sharing the blessed bread and wine of Holy Communion.)

In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with Alveta, Marie, Joyce and Helen. Let us pray. **You carry the prayer of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer

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

****Recessional Hymn 482***

Lord of All Hopefulness

Slane

As the cross passes your pew, please turn to face the back of the church as we are sent out into the world to love and serve.

**Dismissal*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

TOILETRY DRIVE

FOR THE CENTER FOR
EMPOWERMENT &
EDUCATION'S
EMERGENCY SHELTER

Victims of domestic violence often leave with just the clothes they're wearing. We can help the Center provide their basic necessities.

Items Needed

- Toothbrushes (adult and child)
- Toothpaste (adult and child)
- Dental Floss
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Deodorant
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Body Wash
- Disposable Razors
- Hair Products
- Q-Tips
- Shampoo & Conditioner (adult and child)
- Diapers (larger sizes)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Lotion & Shampoo
- Travel Kits
- Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper)
- Laundry Detergent

Toiletries can be travel or regular size.

DROP-OFF LOCATION Through December 10

Trinity Episcopal Church: 36 Main St., Newtown



Since 1975, The Center for Empowerment and Education (formerly called the Women's Center of Greater Danbury) has been a safe haven as the sole provider of services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Northern Fairfield and Southern Litchfield Counties. Each year, the Center serves over 30,000 individuals with confidential services that are available 24/7, 365 days a year, and are provided at no-cost.

The Center's services include an emergency residential facility, support services, counseling and advocacy, crisis intervention, community education, primary prevention, and training.

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Today at Trinity

Presider:	The Rev. Kevin Olds
Crucifer:	Patrick DeBrock
Lectors:	Jessica O'Meara, David Ericson, Patrick Corrigan
Intercessor:	Rebecca Merrick
Minister of Communion:	Laura Main, Patrick DeBrock
LEV:	Glenda Strother
Ushers:	Gordon Dunn, Bob Hiruo
Trinity Driving:	Theodora Jameson
Coffee Hour:	Marcia DeBrock
Tech Guild:	Chuck Wyatt, Floyd Higgins
Altar Guild:	Cheryl Clark, Laura Mathey, Paula Toi
Pianist:	Jennifer Sisco
Organist:	Eric Knapp
Nursery Assistant:	Abby Lye

STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Presiding Bishop:	The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
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Vestry:	Cindy Anderau, Nancy Cole, Patrick Corrigan, Patrick DeBrock, Christina Lye, Lisa Mages, Jessica O'Meara
Delegates to the ECCT Convention	Bennett & Kara Leake

For those celebrating a birthday this week: Glenn Nanavaty



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