

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 15, 2020 9:30 A.M.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*All hymns (songs) offered during the service are solo performances.
Lyrics listed in the service leaflet are for your prayerful contemplation.*

Today's soloist is Cissy Whitehurst

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN *Hymns are solo performances. Lyrics listed for your prayerful contemplation.*

Hymnal 539, verses 1 & 3 – 'O Zion, haste' - *Tidings*

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light;

that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should fail to know his love and might.

Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious; give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;

pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.

Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

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

People ***And blessed be God's 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.

People ***Amen.***

GLORIA

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. 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

People ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 *Domine, refugium*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *

"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.

- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When 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! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But 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. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Anthem before the Gospel – 'Many are the Light Beams' – The Choir of Holy Trinity
 Anders Frostenson & Olle Widstrand, 794 in the *'Wonder, Love and Praise' Hymnal*

Many are the light beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.
 Many are the light beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.

Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus.
 Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus.
 Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one; servant spirit of Jesus.
 Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one: we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then 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.' His 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.' And 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.' His 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.' Then 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But 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? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Vivian Shelby

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-FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Keep safe those serving in the Military and First Responders: Cole, James, Rob, RE, Michael, Peyton and Jessica and all staff at local hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Clyde, Gary, Chance, Daniel, Deandra, Elizabeth, Joe, Grace, Shelby, Chris, Cary, Dixie, Alena, Zo and those on our parish prayer list, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Manning Correia, Jack Rogers, Steven Dutton, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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..

People ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & CELEBRATIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(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:

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People ***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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Please remain in place until called to come forward.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People ***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 *Hymns are solo performances. Lyrics listed for prayerful contemplation.*

– Hymnal 579 - 'Almighty Father, strong to save' – *Melita*

Almighty Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low; wher-ever Lord, thy people go,
protect them by thy guarding hand from every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by thy watchful care from every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power, our peo-ple shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso-e'er they go;
thus ever-more shall rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Holy Trinity seeks to love and serve,

People **welcoming all!**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Today , **11 o'clock** via zoom. **History of the Episcopal Church.** The Episcopal Church; who are we? How did we get to where we are today? Did we really get started to satisfy the lusts of Henry VIII? How is Joseph of Arimathea connected to our story? We'll answer these and many other questions in a series of sessions over the next few months. Feel free to attend any or all sessions. You may contact Nick Roe with any questions at 281-660-7513 or a.nick.roe@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 890 7410 4851 Passcode: 077611

- ◆ You are now able to **request a reservations for in-person services up to 3 weeks in advance** (21 days). The reservation request priorities will remain the same: Reservations taken in order as received, giving preference to those who have not yet had an opportunity to worship.
- ◆ **Quiet Day, Saturday, December 12, 10a-1p.** On-line via Zoom. Join Reverend Vivian for a morning of quiet contemplation and prayer



LAY MINISTRY TEAM

Reader: Linda Willimas

Today's soloist is Cissy Whitehurst

VOD: Linda Williams

Altar flowers given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their 54th anniversary,
by Zo Curtis.

Altar Flower Dedications

If you would like to dedicate the altar flowers in remembrance, celebration or thanksgiving of someone, please put your dedication on the altar flower chart located in the narthex.

Suggested donation for flowers each Sunday is \$30.

Please make checks out to Holy Trinity or use on-line giving via Tithely.

Please note: Flower Dedication on your donation.

If you have any flower special requests please contact Helen Stein 832-540-0694.



**Please keep the following brothers and sisters in your prayers
throughout the coming week:**

Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Clyde, Gary, Chance, Daniel, Deandra, Elizabeth, Joe, Grace, Shelby, Chris,
Cary, Dixie, Alena, Zo, Liz, Beverly, LaNelle, Kim, Denise, Andrew, Elle, Curt, Greg, Vicki,
Randal, Chris, Zayden, Melinda, Brandon, John, Rachael, Mike, Judy, Bridgett, Donald, Charles,
Betty, Gary S. Lela, Sheila, Laurie, Mike, Janis, Cade, Randy, Franka, Carol, Wayne and Ellie, Chris,
Alex, Anne, Donna, Kathy, Terry, Vicki K. and Ruthie.

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