

Trinity Church

*Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*
October 8, 2023



We are glad you are here today.

If you are looking for a place to say your prayers, seek God, and discover companions for the journey, you are invited to be at home here. If you are new, please complete a pew card and place it in the collection plate. Anyone sitting near you will be happy to tell you about life at Trinity.

Prelude

Processional Hymn: #598 *Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth*

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. **Amen.**

Gloria

All: 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above 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.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have

suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #448

O Love, How Deep (v. 1-3)

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Tanya Watt

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 truly human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.

The Prayers of the People (*Form III, BCP 387*)

Celebrant: Let us now offer our prayers to God who sustains us.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Nicholas our Bishop;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph our president, Daniel our governor, and Kenneth, our mayor.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Tim, Bruce G., Bob, Terri, Scott K., Barbara, Marge, and those we now name aloud (*pause*), and all on our parish prayer list;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Bless all whose lives are closely intertwined with ours, and grant that we may love one another as you love us. We pray in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Ella Cambio (10/9); (*pause*); those celebrating anniversaries: Ian & Blair Sanderson (10/8); (*pause*), and for those blessings we now name aloud, (*pause*), we pray;

May we share in the joy of your presence.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially those who we now name aloud, (*pause*), we pray;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: #495

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus (v. 1-3)

Doxology

8:00 am said

Celebrant: All things come of thee
O Lord.

**People: And of thine own have
we given thee. Amen.**

10:00 am sung

**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow, Praise God all
creatures here below, Praise God
above ye heavenly host, Praise
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361*)

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 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the Feast.

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.

Communion

All the baptized are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.

You are warmly invited to come forward to receive communion or to receive a blessing.

Intinction (the dipping the wafer into the wine), is currently done by our chalice bearer, who will dip the wafer into the cup and hand it back to you.

Those who are unable to come forward for communion are served first, and then the congregation is invited to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn: #324

Let All Mortal Flesh

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: 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.

Final Blessing

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #690

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Today the altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Georgeanne Lima, by the Lima family.*

Childcare provided for the 10:00 am service.

*Please join us for coffee & conversation
in the Bay room following each service.*

Participants

Altar Guild: Angela Butler, Kelley Elderkin, Dawn O'Hara

8:00 AM

Chalice: Cathi Beattie

Lector: Marcia Lima

Acolyte: Becca Seamans

Ushers: Donna Blue-Tobin
Colleen Burg

10:00 AM

Chalice: Cathi Beattie

Lector: Ann Walter

Acolytes: Louise Pfanstiehl

Usher: Kelley Elderkin

Video:

Those whom we are remembering in prayer:

Becca, Cindy, Daniel, Billy, Bruce B, Eric, Gabi, Corey, Henry, Carol, Sandy, Jenny, Manny, Tim, Bruce G., Bob, Terri, Scott K., Barbara, Marge.

Names are kept on our prayer list for eight weeks. Should you wish to add someone to the prayer list, or should you wish for someone for whom you've requested prayer to be on longer than eight weeks, please email the office at office@trinitycranston.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 10/8

Living Stones, Education room, 9:00 am
Sunday School, parish hall, 9:45 am

Monday, 10/9

Christian Meditation in church: 6:00 pm
AA, parish hall, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, 10/10

Men's Group, the Beattie's, 9:00 am
Knitters, Bay room, 9:30 – Noon
PVA, Parish hall, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, 10/11

Pawtuxet Rangers, parish hall, 6:00 pm

Thursday, 10/12

Music Together, parish lawn, 10:00 am
AA, Big Book, Bay room, 7:00 pm
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Friday, 10/13

Music Together, parish lawn, 9:00 am

Altar flowers
Golden Gate Studios – Jay Lane

Trinity Treasures Auction

Auction planning and prep is underway. Items are being numbered and photographed. There is still time for your donation. Forms are on the back table and online. Kick-off is October 21st.

Men's Group

Meetings have moved to the Beattie's home. All men welcome. Contact Bruce for more information at 401-781-4892 or bbeattie4747@yahoo.com

Grocery Cards

Help support Trinity every time you shop at Stop & Shop, Dave's or Shaws. \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards available. Five percent of each sale supports Trinity.

About Trinity Church

The church building was built in 1910, the work of noted architect Norman Isham. Most of our members live nearby but we are also a destination parish for those farther away. We participate in village activities, holding community worship services during Gaspee Days and Christmas in Pawtuxet, hosting breakfast on Gaspee Parade Day and dinners and outreach events for our community throughout the year. Trinity Church is committed to helping its neighbors through outreach. We collect food for distribution to people in need through local schools, food pantries, and agencies. Our Men's group prepares and distributes hundreds of food bags to the homeless every year. Our buildings are used by many community organizations for their meetings and events. Call the office for details.

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