

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



The Liturgy of the Word

June 13, 2021: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! The clergy and people of Holy Trinity are glad that you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to participate fully in the service, and we offer this bulletin to help you do so. If the Episcopal liturgy is new to you, we hope that you will follow along with the suggested congregational actions (in italics), ask for help if you need it, and participate to the extent you feel comfortable. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to one of the clergy following the service or join us for any of our online worship services or activities during the week. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here.

PRELUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Bradley Ellingboe

OPENING HYMN: SURELY THE PRESENCE

C Cmaj7 C7 Dm7
Sure- ly the pres- ence of the Lord is in this place; I can
Dm G7 C G7
feel His migh- ty pow- er and His grace. I can
C Cmaj7 C7 Dm7
hear the brush of an- gels' wings, I see glo- ry on each face.
Dm G7 Dm G7 C
Sure- ly the pres- ence of the Lord is in this place.

VERSES:

C Am Dm
In the midst of His chil- dren the Lord said He would
There's a ho- ly hush a- round us as God's glo- ry fills this
G7 C Am Dm
be- it does- n't take ve- ry ma- ny; it can be just two or
place. I've touched the hem of His gar- ment; I can al- most see His

three. And I feel the same sweet spirit that I've felt oft times before.
face, And my heart is overflowing with the full-ness of His joy. I know without a doubt that I've been with the Lord.
that I've been with the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Throughout the service, the People make the responses in bold print. If you wish, you may make the sign of the cross over yourself where + appears.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant +Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Most merciful God,
People **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.**

Officiant 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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92:1-4,11-14



- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the **LORD**, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most **High**;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the **morning** *
and of your faithfulness in the night **season**;

- 3 On the psaltery, and on the **lyre**, *
and to the melody of the **harp**.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O **LORD**; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your **hands**.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a **palm tree**, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of **Lebanon**.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the **LORD** *
shall flourish in the courts of our **God**;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old **age**; *
they shall be green and **succulent**;
- 14 That they may show how upright the **LORD is**, *
my Rock, in whom there is no **fault**.

THE EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

HYMN: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST

HYMNAL 589



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed up - on the ground,
2 Let not our self - ish - ness and hate this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant des - troy,



now let the dew of heaven de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - ery heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 4:26-34

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

²⁶Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

THE SERMON

FR. NOAH STANSBURY

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intersessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

A period of silence is held.

Intersessor For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intersessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intersessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intersessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intersessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intersessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
for Andrew, bishop of Upper South Carolina;
and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Intersessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence is held and the People may add their own petitions.

Intersessor Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Intersessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is held and the People may add their own thanksgivings.

Intersessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intersessor +We pray for all who have died,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is held and the People may name those who have died.

Intersessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

The Officiant adds a concluding collect.

HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYMNAL 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant

Let us pray in the words our Savior taught us.

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Officiant blesses the People.

POSTLUDE

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Andrew, our bishop; for the people and clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, especially in Cange and Bois Joli; for the Bishop Nominating Committee and the next Bishop of Upper South Carolina; and for the clergy, staff, and vestry of our parish.

Pray for Joseph, our President; Henry, our governor; and all entrusted with authority and those who influence public opinion.

Pray for all people in any kind of need or trouble, for Dot and Bill, Violet, Jude, Roy and Charlotte, Frieda Wald, Luther, Kathy, Vicki, and Darla, Carolyn Foster, Jasy, Marcelle and Desiree, Beverly Martineau, Ann and Fred Hoffman, Al Armstrong, Barbi Price, Leon Luszcc, Mickey Harder, Kate Hindin, Pat Compton, Ziggy and family, Allan, Barb and Tom Witmer, Anita Arms, Connie Spencer's son-in-law, Janet and her family, and all who have COVID and their families,

Pray in thanksgiving for all who are recovering and have recovered from COVID-19, for the COVID vaccine and those who have taken it, for the birthday of Melissa Culler, and the anniversaries of Mel and Andy O'Day, Julie and Harry Morse, and Betty and Jim Snowden.

Pray for all victims of natural disasters, for those who have lost jobs, for healing for our nation, for people who work for justice and peace, for health care workers, for hospice care workers, for all essential workers across all industries, for all students, faculty, and staff of schools and universities, for our young parish families, struggling with parents, work, and children in school, and courage to work against racial injustice, antisemitism, and gun violence..

Pray for the souls Frank Gossett, Billy Talbert, Larry Eugene Cline, Jean, Terry Cummings, and all who have died from the coronavirus this week.

Please send us your prayers of thanksgiving as well as prayer requests. All names will be listed for three weeks unless a longer time is requested. To add a name to the list, send an email to Serena DuBose at daffydubose@gmail.com. Please consider if you need to speak to someone before adding a name to the list to prevent misunderstandings.