

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite III

10 am, October 18, 2020

Live video by Zoom from Trinity Church, Swarthmore, Sanctuary, in
the spirit of the Iona community, Scotland

ZOOM LINK

Zoom call-in information is available on the Trinity website: www.trinity-swarthmore.org.



Music for Gathering

"Come thou fount"

Nate Hill

Welcome and Opening Acclamation

Presider Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

People **to the rising of this life itself.**

Presider Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

People **the hand of God between us and each hand,**

Presider The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

People **the love of Christ between us and each love.**

Presider O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day,

People **bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

Song of Praise

"This is the day that the Lord has made"

LEVAS 219

1) This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

2) This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again, when he rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when he rose again

Call to Confession

Presider We gather in God's name;

People **We remember the promise of Christ's presence.**

Presider My friends, not in dread or fear but because God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need carry no longer.

Prayer of Confession and Restoration

Presider Eternal God, maker of skies, lowly Christ, born onto earth, Spirit-wind overflowing waters: you make yourself known to us through earth, and sky and sea. O Hidden Mystery, you draw us near to you, and we give you thanks.

All **But we have ignored you in trampling creation, rejected you in not receiving one another in your Spirit, failed you by not serving those in need. Let us now speak to you honestly. Hear and heal our hearts.**

[A brief silence follows.]

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty,

All **Holy and Immortal, Have mercy on us.**

Presider Hear the words of Jesus for all who seek God with honesty and openness: *"Your sins are forgiven."* *"Go in peace."* *"Come and follow me."*

People **Lead us, O God, to honor you by living as people freed in spirit, forgiven and forgiving, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries, "Glory!" "Amen!"**

From the Scriptures

Reader Let us prepare to receive the living Word of God through the Scriptures.

People **We open ourselves to God in heart and mind.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be

gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

After some moments of silence for reflection, the reader says

Reader Thanks be to God,
People **Who speaks that we might hear.**

Psalm 96:1-9

Cantate Domino

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| 1) Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. | 6) Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! |
| 2) Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. | 7) Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power. |
| 3) Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples. | 8) Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts. |
| 4) For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods. | 9) Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him. |
| 5) As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens. | Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
<i>People</i> as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. |

Gradual Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

LEVAS 115

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

Proclamation of the Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,
of water and earth, of male and female.
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman,
servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of
the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection
and eternal life. AMEN.**

Prayers and Thanksgivings

The Prayer Leader offers prayers and thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation, guiding responses and making time for personal prayers and thanks. During the prayers, the congregation is invited to respond at the conclusion of each petition by saying,

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. Lord, in your mercy...

- + 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...
- + 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...
- + 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...
- + Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation...
- + We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Presider continues

We lift to you all our prayers and thanks; spoken aloud or known to you alone, carried by the words you have taught us:

All **Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.**

Offering the Peace of Christ

Presider May the peace of Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us greet one another with the sign of God's peace.

The congregation greets one another with a sign of peace, maintaining social distancing in the sanctuary and from homes, as they are able.

Offertory Selection

"Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling"

Nate and Natalee Hill

The Lord's Table: Holy Communion

Central to the sacrament of Holy Eucharist is the notion of sharing from bread and wine consecrated to God and blessed by the Holy Spirit in the communal, Eucharistic feast. But not all who desire can gather. We enter into the sacrament of Holy Communion, aware that we cannot all gather and with people participating from home as possible. In doing so, we take comfort in knowing that God, "by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

Invitation

Presider The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and marginalized of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come, let us gather as we are able. It is Christ who invites us to meet him.

A Trinity Church prayer

People **Jesus, we cannot all gather in community round your altar as we desire.
Yet, you are with God; you are of God.
Give us grace so to be in communion with you and one another,
that we may know your presence in and among us. Amen.**

The table is then prepared while people sing.

Offertory Hymn

"One bread, one body"

John Michael Talbot

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

- 1) **Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)**
- 2) **Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)**
- 3) **Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. (Refrain)**



The Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts,

People **we lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

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

The Presider continues

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. With the

angels of light who envelop us, with Archangel Michael and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

All join in singing the Sanctus (sung to tune: Land of Rest)

(WLP 858)

**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, hosanna in the highest.**

The Story of the Last Supper

The Presider continues

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, given to you. In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

Prayer of Consecration

Presider Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine.

People **May we become bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.**

Presider Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Many grains were gathered together to make the bread we have received, many grapes were mixed to make the wine. So we who are many, and come from many places, are one in Christ.

Presider As we have received,

People **may we give.**

Presider As we have heard,

People **may we proclaim.**

Presider As we have been freed,

People **may we seek to free others.**

Presider And the blessing which we have received from Creator, Son, and Spirit go with us.

People **AMEN.**

A blessing may be offered, followed by any announcements.

Closing Hymn

"This little light of mine"

LEVAS 221

1) **This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine (repeat X2)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

2) **Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine (repeat X2)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

3) **All through the night,
I'm goin'-a let it shine (repeat X2)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Presider Let us live in the world rejoicing in the Spirit of the living Christ.

All **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Zoom participants are invited to greet one another by Zoom immediately following the service and then join in conversation in one of the Break-Out Rooms, as provided.

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