

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*October 10, 2021*

*8:00 am*



*The Holy Eucharist, Rite One*

**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

**Welcome!** Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

*As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

~ Mark 10:17

*Our worship in this service follows Rite I of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP), beginning on page 323. This service will be broadcast on our [YouTube channel](#). We are working on solving our sound issues...stay tuned!*

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Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 323

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God, forever and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

*Scriptural excerpts are from the NRSV translation, with the psalm as in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.*

The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

First Reading

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Job.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;

his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,

that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,

and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,

and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there;

or backward, I cannot perceive him;

on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;

I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;

the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,

and thick darkness would cover my face!"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The Congregation recites the half-verse printed in bold.*

- 1) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
**and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?**
- 2) O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
**by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3) Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4) Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
**they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5) They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
**they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**
- 6) But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
**scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7) All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
**they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**
- 8) "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
**let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- 9) Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
**and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**
- 10) I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
**you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- 11) Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
**and there is none to help.**
- 12) Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
**strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- 13) They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
**like a ravening and a roaring lion.**
- 14) I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
**my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- 15) My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
**and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 4: 12-16

*Lector* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Gospeller*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

*Gospeller*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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**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

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*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.

*Prayer leader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **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. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

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...

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...

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. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

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. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*BCP p. 331*

*The Deacon or Presider says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,**

**and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Presider concludes with an absolution.*

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Announcements follow, after which offerings are brought to the table for consecration.*

### **Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion**

*All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the host, blessed and broken, in the community of Trinity Church. If you wish to receive, please come up the center aisle, maintaining six feet of physical space between you and non-family members. Please stretch out your arms at full length to receive, holding both hands palm up, then return down a side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If possible, please let an usher know in advance. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead may come to the rail and fold their arms across their chest.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 333

*The People rise or remain seated in reverence, as the Spirit enables. The Presider, faces them and says*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Presider continues, including a Preface suitable to the day or liturgical season and concluding*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*All* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*Presider* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People are invited to kneel. The Presider then continues with Jesus' Words of Institution at the Last Supper and an invocation of the Holy Spirit asking God to bless both the elements of Holy Communion and those present. The Presider concludes the Eucharistic Prayer as follows.*

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

*All*            **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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and says*

                  Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*        **Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
*Presider*     Let us pray.

Prayer of Humble Access

*BCP p. 337*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Presider*        The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*The priest, or bishop if present, may bless the congregation. Then follows*

Dismissal

*BCP p. 340*

*Clergy*        Let us go forth into the name of Christ.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to gather in the Circle Drive for a brief time of fellowship.  
Those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to remove their masks outside.*

*Assisting this morning:*

Preacher  
Presider  
Reader  
Intercessor  
Altar Guild

The Rev. Sabrina LaBelle  
The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thompson  
Bob Toland  
Bob Toland  
Betsy Breakell, Suzanne West, Angela Cimino, Nancy Adams

*Please join in Session One  
of  
“Spiritual Discernment in Community: A Short Course”*

*beginning today, Oct. 10  
11:15am – 12:15 pm in the sanctuary*

*Led by the rector, (Fr.) Ted  
On-site in the sanctuary, concurrent with the children’s education hour  
On Zoom ([linked here](#) and on the [Trinity website](#))*

Rector  
Associate Rector

The Rev. Edward E. (“Ted”) Thompson, Ph.D.  
The Rev. Sabrina LaBelle

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