

Outdoor Worship Wednesday July 15, 2020

Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.

Prelude

∞ Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *People Amen.*

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

The People sit.

Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16

A, Assyria, the rod of my anger - the club in their hands is my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him, to take spoil and seize plunder, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. But this is not what he intends, nor does he have this in mind; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few. 13For he says: 'By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have understanding; I have removed the boundaries of peoples, and have plundered their treasures; like a bull I have brought down those who sat on thrones. My hand has found, like a nest, the wealth of the peoples; and as one gathers eggs that have been forsaken, so I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved a wing, or opened its mouth, or chirped.'

Shall the axe vaunt itself over the one who wields it, or the saw magnify itself against the one who handles it? As if a rod should raise the one who lifts it up, or as if a staff should lift the one who is not wood! Therefore the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts, will send wasting sickness among his stout warriors, and under his glory a burning will be kindled, like the burning of fire.

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

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 94:5-15

They crush your people, O Lord, * and afflict your chosen nation.

They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

The Lord knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

For the Lord will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

∞ The Second Reading

Romans 11:25-36

o that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters,* I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'

'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God* for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now* receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

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

∞ The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25-27

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank* you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.* All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN M. PITZER

∞ The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of

God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor

as vourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every

human being?

People I will, with God's help.

- ∞ The Peace
- ∞ Announcements

∞ The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

∞ Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant continues

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son or Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come maybe spent in your favor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People* **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People* **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *People* **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings will follow.

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

We remember those who have died that they might have eternal rest especially those you would name.

We remember victims of violence in our city . . .

Devante Bryant Jeffrey Darensbourg Brian Hayes Kevin Thomas, Jr. Kawana Tibbett

On our parish prayer list we pray especially for . . .

Robert Arrowwood
Walker Beery
Pam Cassar
Robert Emmett
G.G. Griswold
Nancy Haslett
Teresa Kelleher
Helen McLellan
Medora Monogold
Maxwell Peters
Dianne Schlosser
and others you would name.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for all our expectant parents and those who long to conceive or adopt.

We pray for Trinity Loaves and Fishes and all of our mission partners. We pray for the healing of racial division. We pray for those who are suffering economic hardship or anxiety due to the coronavirus and for the care of medical professionals and essential workers and policy makers during this pandemic.

We pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Church, New Orleans in the Diocese of Louisiana, and the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

∞ The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

∞ Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The Celebrant continues

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *People* **Amen.** (Ephesians 3:20-21)

∞ The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude, Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

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