Trinity Church

Last Sunday after Pentecost / Christ the King

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9:30 a.m.

Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

Following Jesus. Building Community. Love through Service.

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9:30a.m. Last Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Eucharist

We invite you to quiet conversation when the prelude begins. Please silence your mobile devices.

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	*Fugue in F major (BWV 540.2)*	J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn #473	***Lift high the cross***	***Crucifer***

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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 in Excelsis *S 280* *(service music, indicated by "S" is found in the front section of the hymnal)*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lessons of the Day

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader: A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

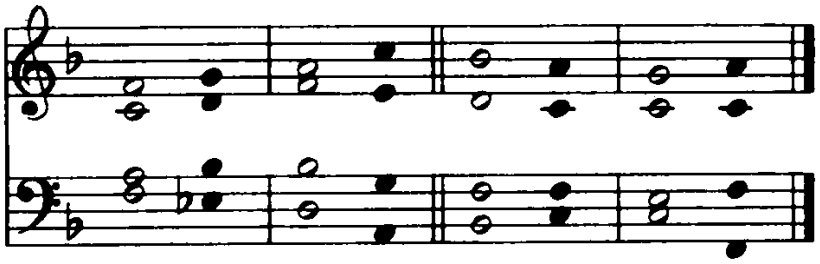
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 95:1-7

All: *(The congregation is invited to join the choir in chanting the Psalm.)*



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1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 The Lord holds the caverns of the earth, *
and sustains the heights of the hills.
5 The sea belongs to God, who made it, *
whose hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 *(second half of the chant)* **For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. ***
Oh, that today you would hearken to the voice of the Lord!

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has

made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #609 ***Where cross the crowded ways of life*** ***Gardiner***

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

Deacon: Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Stewardship Reflection and Activity The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Celebrant: Together, let us affirm our faith.

People: **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.

Intercession Prayers	*Prayers during a Stewardship Campaign*

Intercessor: Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.
Gracious God, you have set a big table for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We especially pray for The Most Reverend Sarah Mullaly, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Thomas and Rob, our companion Bishops of Maine and New Hampshire as well as Ed, Bishop-Elect for New Hampshire; for Sarah, our priest; for Liz, our Deacon; and for all our lay leaders; in our cycle of prayers, we pray for The Church of England; St. James Church, Woodstock; the Rev. Amy Spagna. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. For those in our congregation celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, we pray for: Alan Grace, for whom the altar flowers have been given in celebration of his 90th birthday, Madalyn Kirbach, George Jacoby, and Carolyn Meub. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of creation, you have made a world with good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need especially Catherine, Heidi, Judy, Jackie, Stephanie, Bill, David, Linda, Ted. Surround them with your healing and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is room for all your children at your big table. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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

People: **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

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Thank you for your generous stewardship of Trinity Church. Through your gifts, you join the Good Shepherd in tending this community—nurturing faith, strengthening fellowship, and caring for others in Christ's name. Unlabeled cash offerings support our discretionary outreach ministries.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	*Sing to the Lord of harvest*	Healey Willan

The Great Thanksgiving ***S 120***

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.**

Celebrant: 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:

Sanctus ***S 125***

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A *(People stand or kneel as able.)*

Celebrant: 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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**.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction ***S 152***

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Invitation

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for holy people.

You are welcome at God's table! If mobility is a concern, ask an usher for Communion at your seat. Receive wine by drinking from the common cup or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the Communion Bowl. A grape juice bowl (lighter colored liquid) is offered and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to signal that to the priest.

Communion Hymn #383	***Fairest Lord Jesus***	***St. Elizabeth***

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers *(when visitors are scheduled)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Stewardship Poem (by Gil Nell) and Blessing

Celebrant: Ashes into earth
Roots into blossoms.
Open hearts into open arms
Open souls into abundant love.
May the Blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #397	***Now thank we all our God***	***Nun danket***

Dismissal

Deacon: Dismissal.

People: **Thanks Be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

The postlude is an integral part of our worship. We invite you to remain in worship through the postlude.

Postlude	*Triumphal March: Now thank we all our God*	Sigfrid Karg-Elert