

20th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23

Trinity Episcopal Church

October 10th, 2021

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God's mission is redeeming a fractured World.

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, came to seek and save the lost so that they might have life to the full.

The Holy Spirit created the church to continue God's mission.

Our mission is to partner with God in the Spirit to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

The Sacred Text in our lives this morning:

Job is feeling abandoned by God. He doesn't understand how things have gone just so wrong. His life is in a shambles and he cannot seem to find God of his understanding in the middle of the mess. He laments if I could only disappear into the darkness. *The text of Job gives voice to the life of experience of many people of faith at some time in their life. Remember a time in your own life when things felt unstable and your life in a shambles; looking back now can you see where God was present then?*

Psalms 22: The psalmist inspired by the Spirit leans into the abandonment accepting vulnerability and dependence upon God and allows the lament to be turned into a song of hope, fidelity and trust. Is there something you are lamenting this morning? Will you allow the Spirit to show you the path of hope?

Hebrews: The purpose of the incarnation of God as human in the person of Jesus was to share our life that we might share in Divine life. The sword of the Spirit readies us for transformation by turning us inside out. Are you willing?

Mark: The young man asks how to inherit eternal life, which of course means he believes in an afterlife. The disciples ask out being saved. What do you think about this?

Presider: This is the day that the Lord has made

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Entrance: This is the day, this is the day.

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.

All of us are, All of us are,
Of the living God, of the living God.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in God, and be glad in God.
We are the children of the living God.
We will rejoice and be glad in God.
All of us are, All of us are the
Of the living God.

Presider - Invitation to dialogue with your neighbor using the 3 big questions:

How are you? Is there anything I can help you with? How can I pray for you?

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

All: Glory to God forever and ever.

Hymn: To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Presider: God be with you

People: And also with you

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. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-15 *Deus, Deus meus* (Hymn tune Kingsfold 292)

Verse 1

My God, my God,
O why Have you forsaken me?
O why are you so far from Giving help
And from my groaning cry?
By day and night, my God, I call;
Your answer still delays.
And yet you are the Holy One
Who dwells in Israel's praise.

Verse 2

Our fathers put their trust in you;
From you their rescue came.
They begged you and you set them free;
They were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm
And not a man at all.
To men I am despised and base;
Their scornings on me fall.

Verse 3

All those who look at me will
laugh and cast reproach at me.
Their mouths they open wide;
They wag their heads in mockery:
"The Lord was his reliance once;
Now see what God will send.
Yes, let God rise and set him free,
This man that was his friend."

Verse 4

You took me from my mothers womb
To safety at the breast.

Since birth when I was cast on you,
In you, my God, I rest.
When I proclaim my praise of you,
Then all the church will hear,
And I will pay my vows in full
Where men hold him in fear.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

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.

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SEQUENCE: 711 SEEK YE FIRST

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

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.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF MEDITATION

Gymnopédie No. 1--Erik Satie

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 -

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; that your people together with all ordained may in word and sacrament faithfully praise you, proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and promote the justice of your kingdom.

Send your Spirit upon this congregation with power and clarity that we may walk in your will for Trinity.

For all entrusted with the oversight of the common good in this nation and the world guide them in your ways. Give us all grace to seek you will.

For our need to steward creation with care and gratitude to you for the beautiful world you have made

For people around the world who suffer from want of the basic necessities of life. For our lack of charity and the lack of love and charity in the world, heal us.

For those who have entrusted themselves to our prayers: Roger and Edith, Holly, Shahara, Robert, Merritt, John Gentile, Nils, Cheryl Bernard, Rich, Martha, Jean, Pat, Beverley, Barbara Rini, Darlene, John Wilkens, Arthur, Jeff Baker, Charlotte Orrantia, Eleanor, Walter, Nancy, Louise, Barbara Wilson, Carol, Kara, Justin, Joyce, Mina, Lena, Rebecca, Jim, Alan, The Rev. Liz Tunney, Haven, Charles and Deacon Charles, Lorraine, Steve, Jackie

For those who have died whose faith is known to you alone.

SPONTANEOUS FROM THE PEOPLE
Presider concludes with a prayer:

The Priest begins: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The absolution:

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 Presider Bids the Peace

Offertory sentence

Offertory Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing 157 Revive us again

Rite II EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Presider: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

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.

Then the Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father...**

Presider: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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

Those at home are invited to feed on him with faith in a spiritual communion

Communion Hymn: 764 Taste and See

Post communion

Hymn 752 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Presider Final Blessing: (Celtic blessing)

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

HYMN: 495 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

POSTLUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

BEGINNING SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 KATHY MENDALL WILL BE TEACHING INVITE WELCOME AND CONNECT TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION AFTER THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER.

- **BURNING BOOKS: THIS MONTH'S BOOK – *A CHILDREN'S BIBLE* BY LYDIA MILLET**
 - **OCTOBER 18TH @ 7:30 IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM**
 - **OCTOBER 30TH HOMELESS IN HEMPSTEAD OUTREACH**
 - **OCTOBER 31 INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY**
- **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: COVID COMPLIANT CELEBRATION (INDOORS)**
 - **NOVEMBER 28 WELCOMING**
 - **DEC 19 CONNECTING – SHARING OUR STORIES**

A NOTE FROM YOUR WARDENS AND VESTRY

Thanks to all who attended our October 3 congregational meeting, both in person and on Zoom, with special thanks to those who spoke up about their hopes and fears for Trinity. The Vestry set forth the most immediate problem facing us: steadily declining numbers in average Sunday attendance for more than a decade. This decline in numbers affects all aspects of Trinity life, including inability to call a vestry, lack of people to serve in the most basic of church functions, and overtaxing of some of our members. There is a severe clergy shortage as well as financial challenges in the national church, resulting in fewer churches able to call a full-time priest than there are priests. Needless to say, clergy can be very selective as to where they choose to serve. Our current profile does not project stability that would attract clergy. In order to reverse this trend, Trinity parishioners were asked to prayerfully consider the following questions: (a) what specific way can I serve Trinity; and (b) what commitment can I make to Sunday attendance? We ask each member of Trinity to answer these questions in writing and send them to the church office (office@trinityroslyn.org) or to a member of the Vestry no later than November 1. We will report back to you at our (Covid-Compliant) All Saints Parish Celebration on November 7.

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VESTRY: TOM CAMISSA, ANDREW CORDERO, ALETA CRAWFORD, ANN MIGNORANCE, HELEN OEHRLEIN,

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