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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2020

9:30 am

The Reverend Kevin M. Cross, Rector



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please note: Masks must be worn at all times. Stay socially distant.

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Prelude

God Be in My Head

Beautiful Savior

Madrigale

Sonatina in C

K. Kuchman

A. Simonetti

W. A. Mozart

George Wadelton, Recorder

Opening Hymn

O Bless The Lord, My Soul



1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro-claim!
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer-cies bear in mind!
3. He clothes us with his love; Up - holds us with his truth;
4. Then bless his ho - ly name, Whose grace hath made us whole,



1. And all that is with - in me join To bless his ho - ly name!
2. For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3. He heals all our in - fir - mi - ties And ran-soms us from death.
4. Whose lov-ing kind-ness crowns our days! O bless the Lord, my soul!

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The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather

on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; **make known his deeds among the peoples.*

² Sing to him, sing praises to him, **and speak of all his marvelous works.*

³ Glory in his holy Name; **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*

⁴ Search for the LORD and his strength; **continually seek his face.*

⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, **his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*

⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, **O children of Jacob his chosen.*

- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; **in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.*
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, **because they were afraid of them.*
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering **and a fire to give light in the night season.*
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, **and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.*
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, **so the river ran in the dry places.*
- 42 For God remembered his holy word **and Abraham his servant.*
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, **his chosen with shouts of joy.*
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, **and they took the fruit of others' toil,*
- 45 That they might keep his statutes **and observe his laws. Hallelujah!*

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord

9:30 am

People: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is Near to All Who Call Him

Owen Alstott



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Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord

People : Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia No. VI



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Sermon

The Reverend Kevin Cross, Rector

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People for Post Pentecost Sundays

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

That the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. *Lord hear our prayer.*

9:30 am

That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

That the Lord and Giver of Life, may renew the face of the earth and make it a place where the poor are fed, the strangers are welcomed. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Lord of life, ***Hear us in your love.*** Remember in your love all those who suffer from illness, loneliness and a lack of hope and joy. Today we pray especially for:

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| <i>Joel</i> | <i>Gary and Lisa Strang</i> | <i>Lindsay</i> |
| <i>Berry Passano</i> | <i>Diane Wilson</i> | <i>Mary Ann Hensinger</i> |
| <i>John Weitzel</i> | <i>Gordon Graves</i> | <i>Les</i> |
| <i>Betty Jo Mackert</i> | <i>Bill Pugh</i> | <i>Randolph S. Sheen</i> |
| <i>Barbara & Jack Inserra</i> | <i>Anne Martien</i> | <i>Elaine Johnson Wold</i> |
| <i>Shirley Deeley</i> | <i>Nancy Wooten</i> | <i>Jeffery Rappaport</i> |
| <i>Father Kevin Cross</i> | <i>George</i> | <i>Louise Weeks Thorndike</i> |
| <i>John Hanson</i> | <i>Enzo De Masi</i> | |
| <i>Ingrid Blanton</i> | <i>Linda Bellimio</i> | |

Are there others? You are invited to name them aloud or silently in your heart...***Lord hear our prayer.***

That each baptized Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ, ***Lord hear our prayer.***

That our God, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, may bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of God's presence. Remember in your love those who have died. We also remember those in our armed forces who have died in service to their country.

Are there others? You are invited to name them aloud or silently in your heart...***Lord hear our prayer.***

Dear God, it has been six months since we learned of this pandemic. Please give comfort to those are lonely and scared. Help us to remember that you said "I am with you always," and that we are never alone. Guide and keep safe the children,

teachers, and parents/grandparents who have become teachers. You taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us strength to continue to wear our masks, stay distanced, and wash our hands So that we protect one another. *Lord hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, in this time of the pandemic, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Lord Hear Our Prayer.*

Merciful God, we ask you to protect all those suffering from the wildfires on the west coast. Help those who have lost their homes, to find a place to live. Help those who have lost a loved one, to find peace in You. Help those injured, to heal. Help all firefighters, to continue their courageous act of service. Help those searching for a lost family member or friend, to find him/her unharmed. As we pray together seeking your intervention, we ask for rain to pour down on these wildfires and extinguish their destructive power. Our hearts are filled with compassion for all those who are afflicted by this dreadful natural disaster. *Lord Hear Our Prayer.*

All: *God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.*

We will now observe a moment for private prayer...

Celebrant:

Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has united our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. *Amen*

*The Altar Flowers are given by Suzanne Litty in Memory of Her Mother
Mary Hanks*

Confession

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.

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.*

Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Doxology (Please speak the Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

*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.
Hosana in the highest.*

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Blessing

Sending Forth

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Birthday Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand
Look with favor, we pray, on your
servant ___ as *he/she* begins
another year. Grant that *he/she* may
grow in wisdom and grace, and
strengthen *his/her* trust in your
goodness all the days of *his/her* life
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

***Happy Birthday to you,
Remember Jesus
loves you
He made you so special
Happy Birthday to you!***

Anniversary Blessing

Gracious God, Father of all we give
thanks for another year of lives
shared in human love and in your
love that never fails. Bless this
couple in all that is yet to come,
confirming and strengthening
them in the vows which they have
made to one another in your
name. Bless all who have shared
the delight of this married life and
been enriched by its mutual love.
As they rejoice on this
anniversary, Give them grace to
continue in support and prayer
and to find in this family a sign of
the family of all Christian people
united in fellowship and love.
Amen

*We would like to pray for you. We invite you to email
office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org with the date of
your birthday or anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2020

Pledges

We have all changed our daily routines in an effort to guard against the potential harm from the COVID- 19 virus. Frequently washing our hands, traveling less, and social distancing are all part of the new normal for daily life. Unfortunately, we continue to incur most of our monthly expenses at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Your effort to continue your generous pledging routines will help us meet our continuing financial obligations. Thank you for your consideration. Holy Trinity, POB 387, Oxford, MD 21654.

David Wangsness

Sunday Services

Sunday Services at 9:30 am will be held on our front lawn during sunny weather.

Please note: During inclement weather our service is broadcast only.

Service Broadcasts:

go to our web page www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org Down load a copy of the bulletin and click on the appropriate button in the bottom right corner.

Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 8:30 am using Zoom technology

A template for Morning Prayer can be downloaded at
<https://files.constantcontact.com/777ce2b0301/d5fdd394-ab87-4371-8e90-b5c741e5282c.pdf>

For meetings Morning Prayer, and other activities using Zoom, go may go to our web site: www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org and click on the green service button.

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays on lawn weathering permitting or broadcast at 9:30 am; Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 8:30 am via Zoom

This Week at Church of the Holy Trinity

Monday - September 21

6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study via
Zoom

Tuesday - September 22

8:30 am - Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday - September 23

9:00 am - Women on a Journey

Thursday - September 24

10:30 am - Office Angels

Friday - September 25

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday - September 26

Sunday - September 27

9:30 am - Healing Holy Eucharist lawn
and/or broadcast

**Bishop Santos Marray will visit us
today**

Vestry Members

Gordon Fronk, Senior Warden
David Wangsness, Co- Treasurer
Bill Ritchie, Junior Warden
Nancy Roberts
Kathy Becker

Louise Thorndike,
Secretary
Meg van den Berg
Ed Delaney
Suzanne Fischer

Ellen Anderson, Registrar
Al Smith - Emeritus
Tot O'Mara
Van Holston

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders

Deacon Postulant
Reader
Acolyte
Usher
Medical Team

9:30 am

Dr. Lisa Webb
Dr. Lisa Webb
Barbara Cross
Tom Reynolds and Connie Greenhawk
Thomas DeMarco, MD and Susan Delean-Botkin, CPNP