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Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2020

9:30 am

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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

Various Selections

The Delmarva Trio

Opening Hymn

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.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

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.

Scripture

First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 100

- ¹ Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; **serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.*
- ² Know this: The LORD himself is God; **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*
- ³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*
- ⁴ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Crown of Thorns, Crown of Glory

Arr. Mark Schweizer

Choral Ensemble

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia No. VI



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Sermon

Rev. Lisa Webb

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

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, *“Lord hear our prayer.”*

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts and the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters in the whole body of Christ. We ask your wisdom, discernment, and grace for both lay and ordained leaders in the church. *Lord, 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. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for: *(read the names on the prayer list) ...*

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Gary and Lisa Strang</i>	<i>Jeffery Rappaport</i>
<i>Berry Passano</i>	<i>Diane Wilson</i>	<i>Joe</i>
<i>John Weitzel</i>	<i>Anne Martien</i>	<i>Lisa Webb</i>
<i>Betty Jo Mackert</i>	<i>Nancy Wooten</i>	<i>Rory Hamel</i>
<i>Barbara & Jack Inserra</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Chris Gilson</i>
<i>Shirley Deeley</i>	<i>Enzo De Masi</i>	<i>Pat Hervey</i>
<i>Father Kevin Cross</i>	<i>Linda Bellimio</i>	<i>Jeff Moaney</i>
<i>John Hanson</i>	<i>Lindsay</i>	<i>Gail Aveson</i>
<i>Ingrid Blanton</i>	<i>Les</i>	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart. *pause) ... Lord, hear our prayer*

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. We

remember especially the members of our military who died in service to our country and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart...*(pause)*
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.*

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 Jim Foster and Harriet Foster Long
In Loving Memory of Their Mother Beth Foster*

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

Bashana

Traditional Jewish

Delmarva Trio

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

J. Raney

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

Postlude

All You Need Is Love

Lennon-McCarthy

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

November 22, 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 Wangness

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, you may go to our web site: www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org and click on the green service button.

Santa Needs a Helping Hand

“ This bike is awesome!” “ Mommy I love my new coat. So fluffy and warm.” “ Come on pretty Dolly time for bed.”

These are the kinds of comments that come from the Salvation Army’s Christmas Angel project that provides gifts for local children of families that cannot afford to buy gifts for the children. In the past parishioners have gone shopping and taken care of a particular child. This year shopping is risky so we have promised the Salvation Army a financial contribution so they can buy in bulk and take care of the angels in need. If you want to contribute, please send your check for any amount and clearly designated as for the angel project to Church of the Holy Trinity, PO Box 387, Oxford, MD 21654. We hope to make a sizable donation early in December.



MISSING THE ECW CRISTMAS BAZAAR?

We are, too! And..... so will all the local organizations and people who count on our *Mission Funds* for support --- especially this year when the needs are greater than ever!

So, ECW has devised the “**Gift of Giving**” idea to help refill our Mission Fund and provide you with gifting ideas for Christmas.

Check out the ECW letter mailed to you and please support our creative and caring ways to remember family and loved ones

Have a Blessed Christmas!

For questions or information contact
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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 - November 23

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

Friday - November 27

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - November 24

8:30 am - Morning Prayer via Zoom

Saturday - November 28

Wednesday - November 25

Sunday - November 29

9:30 am - First Sunday of Advent Holy
Eucharist

Thursday - November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Vestry Members

Gordon Fronk, Senior Warden

Louise Thorndike, Secretary

Ellen Anderson, Registrar

David Wangsness, Co- Treasurer

Al Smith - Emeritus

Bill Ritchie, Junior Warden

Meg van den Berg

Nancy Roberts

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Suzanne Fischer

Van Holston

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders

9:30 am

Rev.

Dr. Lisa Webb

Reader

Barbara Cross

Acolyte

Barbara Cross

Usher

Connie Greenhawk

Medical Team

Thomas DeMarco, MD and Susan Delean-Botkin, CPNP

Diorama by Phoebe Cross for Christ the King

