

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

June 28, 2020

9:30 a.m. Choral Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

Prelude: *“On Eagle’s Wings” Setting by D. Wagner*

Choral Introit: *“What Does the Lord Require of Us?”*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional hymn #516

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit *People* **And Blessed be God’s Kingdom now and forever**

Collect for Purity

Gloria: WLP #900 Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heav’nly 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.

Collect *(said by all)*

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." *Genesis 22:1-14*

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

Silence

Psalm 13 *Said by all in unison*

**How long, O Lord?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord **People Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon *Fr. Richard Signore*

Prayers of the People IV, BCP, p. 388 RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.

Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

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 Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *"Sing A New Song" -Wagner*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: WLP #876

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Communion

Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn WLP#812

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Prelude in G minor"*