### **Holy Trinity Church**

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

# The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 6, 2020

9:30 a.m. Choral Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher Parish Musicians

### **VIGIL LIGHT**

The vigil light on the altar today is given to the Glory of God and:

- for healing for Traci Stuart, given by Judy Reich and Laura Gervais.
- for healing and comfort for Betty and Ray, given by Judy Reich.

#### **Prelude**

# The Liturgy of the Word

Processional hymn #686 Words: Robert Robinson

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790) Music: Nettleton

Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace!

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

#### Acclamation

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

**People** And Blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever. AMEN

#### **Collect for Purity**

Gloria: S-280 Glory to God Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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 Hight, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect** (said by all)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

### **First Reading**

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall

join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

**Silence** 

# Psalm 149 Said by all in unison BCP p. 807

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; \* sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \* let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his Name in the dance; \* let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \* and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \* let them be joyful on their beds. Let the praises of God be in their throat \* and a two-edged sword in their hand; To wreak vengeance on the nations \* and punishment on the peoples; To bind their kings in chains \* and their nobles with links of iron;

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Hallelujah!



To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \* this is glory for all his faithful people.

# **Holy Gospel Matthew 18:15-20**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

### People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the

member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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:** "My Shepherd will Supply my Need" Hymnal #664 free arrangement Susan Howland, Harp; Joe DiSalvatore, Clarinet

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A Prayer Book, p. 361

Sanctus #S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

**Fraction Anthem: S-155** Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 #711 Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33 Karen Lafferty; Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

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

**Postlude** 

Music reprinted under Onelicense.net #A722242