

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

**The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

**October 4, 2020**

*9:30 a.m. Service*

*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*  
*Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist*  
*Tamsin Lucey, Reader*

**VIGIL LIGHT**

*The vigil light on the altar today is given to the Glory of God and for healing and comfort for Joy Bolte, given by Chris Bolte and family.*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**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** *(said by all)*

**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)*

**Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 Jeremiah  
Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,  
and his upper rooms by injustice;  
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,  
and does not give them their wages;  
who says, "I will build myself a spacious house  
with large upper rooms",  
and who cuts out windows for it,  
panelling it with cedar,  
and painting it with vermilion.  
Are you a king  
because you compete in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink  
and do justice and righteousness?  
Then it was well with him.  
He judged the cause of the poor and needy;  
then it was well.  
Is not this to know me?  
says the Lord. *Jeremiah 22:13-16*  
Reader The Word of the Lord    **People**    **Thanks be to God**

**Silence**

**Psalm 148:7-14** *Said by all in unison*

**Praise the Lord from the earth, \***  
**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**  
**Fire and hail, snow and fog, \***  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**  
**Mountains and all hills, \***  
**fruit trees and all cedars;**  
**Wild beasts and all cattle, \***  
**creeping things and winged birds;**  
**Kings of the earth and all peoples, \***  
**princes and all rulers of the world;**  
**Young men and maidens, \***  
**old and young together.**  
**Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \***  
**for his Name only is exalted,**  
**his splendor is over earth and heaven.**  
**He has raised up strength for his people**  
**and praise for all his loyal servants, \***  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**  
**Hallelujah!**

**Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25-30**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*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.**

**Blessing of the Animals****The Peace** *(no handshaking or hugging please – solemn bow or wave only)***The Liturgy of the Table****Offertory****The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**      **Prayer Book, p. 361****Sanctus** *(said by all)*

**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** *(said by all)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Communion****Communion Music:** *"Shepherd Me, O God" Settings by Charles Callahan***Prayer** *(said by all)*

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