

Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Third Sunday of Pentecost

Morning Prayer

June 13, 2021

9:30 a.m. choral service

Tamsin Lucey, Officiant

Lana Pieczynski, Guest Organist

Tamsin Lucey, Reader

VIGIL LIGHT

The vigil light is given to the Glory of God and for comfort and healing for Betty & Ray, given by Judy Reich.

Prelude: *Harp Music -Susan Howland*

Liturgy of the Word of God

Opening Hymn #589

Words: John Cawood; Music: Jane Manton Marshall

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground, now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound. Let not our selfishness and hate this holy seed remove, but give it root in every heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Opening Sentences

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Invitation & Confession of Sin

Prayer of Forgiveness

Invitatory & Psalter

BCP p. 80

Venite

BCP p. 82

Psalm 20

BCP p. 608

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *

the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *

and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *

and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *

and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory

and triumph in the Name of our God; *

may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *

he will answer him out of his holy heaven,

with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *

but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, *

but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king *

and answer us when we call.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Canticle 16 (unison)

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Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Canticle 21 (unison)

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Apostles' Creed (all stand)

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The Lord's Prayer (stand of kneel)

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Sufferages "A"

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Collect of the Day (Proper 6)

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Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for St. Michael and All Angels

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Prayers of the People Form III

BCP p. 387

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

The Announcements & Offertory

Offertory Music: *Clarinet -Joe DiSalvatore*

The General Thanksgiving

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The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Closing Hymn LEVAS #165 Higher Ground

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr.; Music: Charles H. Gabriel

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day; still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." Lord, lift me up, and let me stand by faith, on heaven's table-land; A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay; though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim is higher ground. A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

v. Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

r. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Grace

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.

All: Amen.

Postlude: *Harp and Clarinet Music -Susan Howland and Joe DiSalvatore*

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We welcome all who enter the doors of this church. Just as God's self-revelation is made complete in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, so do your prayers and presence make our worship service more complete. We pray that you may be strengthened and nourished as our community is enriched and uplifted by your presence among us. If you come as a visitor, we pray you will leave as a friend. Please sign our guest book.

QUIETLY ENTER THIS HOLY PLACE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR YOU

• Remember to practice thankfulness and add a coin to your *United Thank Offering* box.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Compline and Fellowship** via Zoom will **NOT** take place this week as Fr. Richard will be on vacation. The Diocese offers Compline all summer! **MONDAY @ 8 PM EST:** The Very Rev. Jim Munroe; **TUESDAY @ 8 PM EST:** The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher; **WEDNESDAY @ 8 PM EST:** The Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith. Join Zoom Compline <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88987994498?pwd=NnY4ZHh0NGQ0SkTmTm1lbjAyMEhWQT09> Meeting ID: 889 8799 4498; Passcode: Bishop; Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York);
- The **Mission Plate** funds for the month of June will continue to go to "Trees, Water and People." Trees, Water, and People's mission is to improve lives by helping indigenous communities to protect, conserve and manage their natural resources. Our church funding supports all these programs which develop sustainable, self-sufficient communities for these indigenous people. **\$146.55 collected to date!**
- **Special request from the Daughters of The King:** Please donate to the Liberia Project. We are still collecting the following items: Spiral notebooks, binders, folders, writing paper, pens and pencils, markers, erasers, etc. There is also a great need for toiletries, including: shampoo, conditioner, bath (bar) soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion (cocoa butter cream), deodorant, etc. This will be an ongoing mission. We are also seeking contributions toward the costs of shipping these materials to Liberia. You may donate by check or through Tithely. Please donate what you can and pray for them.
- **Flowers on the Altar:** We would like to adorn our altar with flowers again! The flower sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please use a flower envelope to leave your payment. **\$28 cut; \$38 arrangement**
- **Mailchimp Newsletter:** now that we are meeting in person, our Mailchimp weekly newsletter will move to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The weekly announcements will be included in the bulletin.