

**Holy Trinity Church**  
**446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550**  
*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
*9:30 a.m. choral service*  
*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*  
*Lynn Garland, Reader*

**Processional hymn #436**

**Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit  
**People** **And blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

**Gloria: S-280 Glory to you, Lord**

*Setting: John Rutter*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly 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)*

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.  
My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.  
My beloved speaks and says to me:  
"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."

Reader The Word of the Lord      People Thanks be to God

## Silence

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10    *said by all, in unison*

BCP p. 647

**My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.  
You are the fairest of men;  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you forever.  
Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.  
All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.  
Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## Alleluia Verse



## Holy Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

**Sermon**    *Fr. Richard Signore*

**Prayers of the People III**

**Prayer Book, p. 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

**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**

**Prayer Book, 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, in the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The Peace**

# The Liturgy of the Table

## Offertory Music

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Bulletin Insert

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

## Fraction Anthem: S-155

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

## Communion Music

### The Post Communion Prayer *(Said by all worshipping in person)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior 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

### Recessional Hymn - #707

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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=NnY4ZHh0NGQ0SktmTm1lbjAyMEhWQT09Meeting ID: 889 8799 4498](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88987994498?pwd=NnY4ZHh0NGQ0SktmTm1lbjAyMEhWQT09Meeting+ID%3D889+8799+4498); Passcode: Bishop; Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York);
- The **Mission Plate** funds for the month of August will go to St. Luke's Guesthouse, located in Southbridge, to help provide short-term sheltering.
- 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