

Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]

Jean Frost, *Officiant*

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, *Organist*

Lynn Garland, *Reader*

Prelude "On Eagle's Wings" *Joncas, setting by Carter*

Opening Hymn "Heal me, hand of Jesus" WLP #773 (Green)

Opening Sentence

Officiant: God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. [John 4:24]

Confession **BCP, 79**

The Invitatory & Psalter **BCP, 80**

Lord, open our lips, **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Officiant: The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

Venite [Psalm 95:1-7] *in unison* **BCP, 82**

Psalm 89:20-37 *Tunc locutus es* **BCP, 715-16**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians [2:11-22]

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together

spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare* **BCP, 87**

The Second Lesson: The Gospel of Mark [6:30-34, 53-56]

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat* **BCP, 91**

Musical Meditation "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" **H #708 (Blue)**

The Apostles' Creed

BCP, 96

Offertory Anthem "Air" *Handel, from Water Music*

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 97

The Suffrages B

BCP, 98

Collect of the Day *in unison*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Sundays

BCP, 98

Collect for Peace

BCP, 99

Collect for Guidance

BCP, 100

Prayer for Indigenous Lands Acknowledgement *in unison*

Holy God, we acknowledge the traditional, ancestral and unceded land of the Nipmuc people upon which we are worshiping, praying and visiting today. We give thanks for those who have come before us, honoring all of North America's Native people who have been living and working on these lands

from time immemorial. We recognize that colonialism and the oppression of Native people is a current and ongoing process, and we commit to building awareness of our present participation in these injustices. In our words and actions, may we demonstrate our gratitude for the care and sharing of this land. Amen

Prayer for the Parish

Merciful and loving God, you call us to share the good news of God in Christ. May we lean into the goodness you have given us so that by your grace and mercy we live our lives to honor you. You are with us always, but sometimes we need a reminder. At Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to be with us and to comfort and guide us along the way you have set before us. As we hear the rushing wind and see the tongues of fire may we remember your presence within us. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for our Partnership with Bethlehem Lutheran

Our God, we ask for your blessing to guide us in building and rejoicing in our partnership. Strengthen the bonds of faith and fellowship between our people and give us the grace to fulfill your purpose. Amen.

Announcements & "God Moments"

The General Thanksgiving BCP,
101

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP,
102

Recessional Hymn "The Church's one foundation" **H #525 (Blue)**

Concluding Sentence & Dismissal BCP, 102

Postlude "Fugue" *from Voluntary in A Minor, Boyce*

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Announcements

Reminder The office will be closed for vacation next week. Please send in any news or articles for August Tidings by Tuesday, July 30th.

Mission Plate for July goes to Cradles to Crayons. For more information go to:

<https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/>

From our Music Director Please copy and paste the link for the song Shout to the Lord into your browser to listen before Sunday. We are singing the refrain on Sunday mornings during the month of July.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FfJ9w1idAc>

Food Pantry for August: Donations will go to Wales Community Pantry.

St Luke's Guesthouse needs volunteers to answer phones. Please call Tricia at 774-230-3589 if available to give a few hours of time.