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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We hope that you will feel the presence of God in this holy space. We believe that you will also find God in the community of people who worship here. Trinity is rich in the traditions of the Episcopal Church, and it is our prayer that you will feel warmly welcomed. May this place be to you a source of strength and spiritual renewal. May you also find it a place where all people are accepted. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you!

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary: The Peace may be exchanged (Rubrics)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye might gates

Truro

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

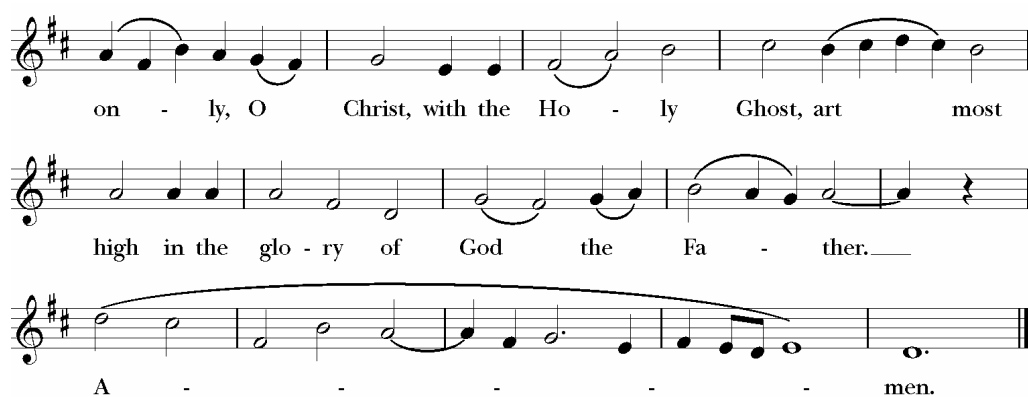
Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S202

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
 good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
 right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
 8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

**2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

**4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"**

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

**6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Church at Thessalonica.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God. |

Sequence

Hymn 454 Jesus came, adored by angels

Lowry

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
 bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

Words: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.
 Music: Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
 People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. W. Lee Domenick

"Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her." I do not know about you, but this has been one of those weeks. I think you could cut the tension with a knife. I find myself running the gambit of emotions. From the bastions of joy to the depths of sadness. From the heights of hope to the walls of doubt. Simply put, this week for me has been hell. I know it seems a bit overdramatic and extreme, but I am being vulnerable and letting you know where I am, and maybe, just maybe, you are here with me.

Many of us have probably had this experience; we were leaving to get home and are in a hurry, but notice that the gas tank is running low. We do a quick calculation and figure we have enough to get home, so head for the highway, only to round the corner, go up the ramp, to get stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic that is moving slower than we can walk! Anxiously, we watch the gas gauge. Maybe we have a car with a warning light when the gas in the tank gets too low. We fidget, probably chastise ourselves, and even perhaps share a few choice words with God that need not be repeated here, for not thinking ahead, taking the time, and getting the gas. We tend to have a short vision of preparedness when we are in a hurry or convinced that the drive or wait will not be long, and we can make it. And then a week, like this week, comes stomping up to us. This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to look with long vision and become aware that every detail of what we were doing now is part of life's journey toward meeting our Bridegroom.

In the gospel parable, there is no doubt that the Bridegroom will come. What is unexpected is his long delay, which reveals the wisdom of those virgins who were prepared. The seeming harsh nature of the five wise virgins' response to the foolish virgins' request to share their oil does not point to wrong relationships among the ten virgins, but it points to the right relationship the five wise virgins had with the Bridegroom.

The long delay of the Bridegroom's coming reveals both the wisdom and long vision of the five virgins prepared and the loss of those who were short-sighted and unprepared – the "door was locked," and they were not admitted to the wedding feast.

For us, the delay is not a time for sleeping but a crucial time that requires the wisdom to know both that Christ will do his part in seeking us and that we must do our part in seeking God with hope and urgency. This is a two-way relationship – seeking and being sought – keeps us prepared and unafraid of what is to come.

These last Sundays of the year of Matthew focus on the Parousia, a big word for the Lord's return at the end of times; considering the "end" of time and the inevitability of our mortality, our first thoughts may be of work never to be completed and dreams never to be realized. Instead of terrifying us or intimidating us or driving us to despair, the inevitable return of Christ "the bridegroom" should make us realize the preciousness of the time we have been given and inspire us to make the most of this time, filling our "lamps" with the "oil" of compassion, justice, forgiveness, and gratefulness, as we await Christ's coming.

I know this entire election cycle has been challenging for me, for many, if not all, of us. The back and forth, the media blitz, the comments from friends, family, and those we know nothing about, can be daunting and tough to hear, to read, and live in and with. No matter which side of the political spectrum you are on, which side you chose, I want to ask us to seek. *"Wisdom that is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her."* There is so much more that connects us than divides us. I do not deny the world as it is, but I am saying that we can choose the radiant and unfading wisdom. We can choose to be prepared and continue this journey together.

Let me see if I can put this a little differently. Time is like a circus that keeps packing up and moving on. Time is a gift that God gives us through which we might come to discover Christ and the things that are of God. Our days' of busyness can derail us from embracing the essential things of life itself – like the love of family and friends. The wisdom of God compels us to seek Christ, the Bridegroom, in every moment we have been given in this life until the wedding feast of the life to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop, and Poulson, our own Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, for Donald our President, Kevin our Governor, and G.T. our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor

[Barbara Sue; Odell; Nancy; Paulette; Alicia; Jeremy; Marjorie; Danny; Teresa; PK;

Shirley; Philippe; Marie; Tonnette; Taylor; Jim and Mary; Elaine and Danny;

Cameron; Bill; Alia; Kennetha; Finley; Norma; Susan, Diane, David and Katie;

Dixie; Kimberli; James; Nancy; All Medical and Cleaning Staffs; and all those

affected by the wildfires in the US and by the Gulf Coast hurricanes; _____] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially_____,] beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____]and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem: If we believe that Jesus died

John Goss (1800-1880)

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, e'en so them also which sleep in Jesus, will
God bring with him. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
 Music: melody from *Hymnau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary: Improvisation

Clergy: The Reverend Dr. W. Lee Domenick, *Rector*; The Reverend Cheryl Harder, *Associate Rector*; The Reverend Chris Cole, *Curate*; The Reverend Deborah Underwood, *Deacon*; The Reverend Bert Bibens, *Deacon*; The Reverend Linda Paul, *Deacon*; The Reverend Noel Doherty, *Assisting Clergy*

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