

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*

L the Lord your *God*
O with all your *heart*
V with all your *soul*
E with all your *mind*
E with all your *strength*

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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9 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We welcome you to Trinity Church and to this service. Offering our thanks and praise to our generous and loving Creator is a joyous occasion.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis, however, presents some challenges. Your health and well-being is our highest priority.

Love God by loving your neighbor! We ask that you:

- Sit in the seat you to which you are directed by the usher
- Wear a facemask at all times
- Sing in your heart, but not with you voice
- Remain facing forward as much as possible
- Refrain from touching others. Exchange peace and greetings with your eyes
- Keep 6 feet distance between you and others whenever possible
- Observe the flow of “traffic”—use the center aisle to enter and exit by the side doors
- Take all bulletins and trash with you at the close of worship

For the time being, the nursery is closed. Children are very welcome in the sanctuary.

A Children of All Ages Service, intentionally hospitable to young children, is offered outside at 10:30 am.

Faith Hall is open for distanced and masked conversation following worship. We will not be sharing food fellowship at this time.

Worshipping during a pandemic is new for all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact Nancy our rector, Cynthia, our parish administrator, or any member of the vestry to share your comments, questions and suggestions.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant and Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane **Deacon:** Matthew Simpson

Organist: Martha Dudich

Greeters: Jerry LaSala & Steve Guidry

Ushers: Lynda Vesely & Heather Carbo

Reader and Intercessor: Jill Unger

A/V: Paul Harar

Cleaner/Sanitizer: Lynda Vesely

Open/Close: Joanne Welker

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Salutation:

One: Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Many: **Blessed be God forever.**

Collect for Purity

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

Kyrie: *One:* Lord, have mercy.
Many: **Christ, have mercy.**
One: Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons

First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2. Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, *
and they meditate on that law day and night.
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4. It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;
6. For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Reflection:

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

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.

Prayers of the People for Creationtide:

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; We thank you for the riches of your creation. Teach us to cherish and respect this planet and its peoples. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of the universe, we thank you for your many good gifts -
for the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air,
for food and shelter, animals and plants. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference,
and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean
water. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to
willingly share your gifts, today and always. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for your one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. For Justin, the Archbishop
of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Daniel our bishop, for Nancy
and Matthew our clergy, and for all the baptized. In our many and varied ministries
may we be faithful stewards of all you have placed in our care.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the leaders of this and every nation, especially Donald the President of
the United States, for Tom the Governor of Pennsylvania, and for our assemblies,
councils and courts. May they and all who hold the reins of wealth and power be
mindful of the needs and rights of those who share this fragile earth our island home.
We pray to your also for our upcoming national election.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list,
and those we name now, silently or aloud.....

Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the departed, especially Stephanie Guidry in whose memory the altar flowers are given today and for those we name now silently or aloud....

Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through the power of your love and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please exchange the peace by bowing to your neighbors, but without speaking.

Offering of our Common Life

Offertory

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you and about entering fully into the life of Christ and His Church, please speak to our rector, Nancy. We will receive only the bread today. Please come forward, row by row, one side of the church at a time, allowing 6 feet of space between you and your neighbor. Take a cup containing the consecrated wafer and return to your seat. When all who desire have received a piece of the bread, we will all consume it together, facing forward. If you prefer not to receive bread at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your
praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, merciful God, because, when we turned away from you, from caring
for your creation you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and
shows us the way to live.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, and he was at supper with his
friends, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it, saying:
"This is my body, given for you. Whenever you share bread like this, remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.'

And so generous God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Christ's love, his death, and his risen life.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood. And as you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Help us, Compassionate God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is redeemed and gathered in your loving arms. Together with all your saints, we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, today and forever. Amen.

In trust and confidence, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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,
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many, we are one body, because we share in one bread.

Prayer following Communion

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament the distance of many of our brothers and sisters now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can all gather together once again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude



The flowers on the altar today are given
in loving memory of Stephanie Guidry
by Steve and Marjorie Guidry

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Sources: The Book of Common Prayer

Lesser Feasts and Fasts

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