



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ROCKY HILL

"THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART"



*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 24
Stewardship Sunday*

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10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE: *“O Lord Whose Mercies Are Numberless*
- Handel

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA S-280

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.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

EXODUS 33:12-23

“Here begins a reading from Exodus.”

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your

people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God.”

PSALM 99

“Psalm 99 is appointed today. Let us read it alternatively”

¹The LORD is King; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. ²**The LORD is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.** ³Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. ⁴**“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”** ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. ⁶**Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.** ⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. ⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.** ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

“Here begins a reading from Thessalonians”.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father

your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God.”

MATTHEW 22:15-22

“The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.” “Glory to you Lord Christ.”

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

“The Gospel of the Lord.” “Praise to you Lord Christ.”

HYMN: #544 - *Jesus Shall Reign*

SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Jacob David

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 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 forgive-ness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *AMEN.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence, let us turn to our God in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For people throughout the world who are suffering at this very hour from drought and famine, for economic distress and social disruption, from violence and war, let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy.

For the church throughout the world, that we, together with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, may be effective agents of social transformation and reliable messengers of hope, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our own country, that its wealth and power might become a force for peace, rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent; an agent of friendship, rather than enmity, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our own community, and especially for those among us who are dispirited and broken-hearted, who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, that we may have grace to rejoice with those who rejoice, to weep with those who weep, to grieve for others' losses rather than our own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offense, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for the Parish family.

Lord God, in your presence none of us can boast, and all must ask for mercy; let your Son who has embraced us and called us to share in his labors for the salvation of every man, woman, and child. Grant us the grace to see what needs to be done and the wisdom and resources to do it, through the name of Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR TIME

How many of us feel out of sorts with all this social distancing? It seems as if everyone's schedules and routines are in flux. We seem to be settling into a "new normal" but are looking forward to getting back to the old normal. A prayer that has come to mind lately is the prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr:

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
the courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.*

Calm, Peaceful, Untroubled

Serenity is defined as "the state of being calm, peaceful and untroubled." Asking God to grant us serenity in these trying times is not always easy, especially as the busyness of constant activity has been the *modus operandi* of the culture. However, serenity provides shelter amidst the storm of uncertainty. It requests that we "accept the things we cannot change and to have the courage to change the things we can."

We cannot change the mandated online schooling that has been put into place in so many cities. We cannot change the reality that there are no public Masses at our churches. We cannot change the rules and guidelines that governors and mayors have put into place for the sake of public safety. The list could continue and cause even further lamentations.

Still, there are things that we *can* change: our attitudes, renewed trust in God, quality time with our family, and even, inner stillness.

'By Waiting and Calm You Shall be Saved'

Once it is accepted that serenity is needed, the trickiest part is having "the wisdom to know the difference" between what I am in control of and what I ought to

surrender. Fr. Jacques Phillippe, in *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*, spoke of this surrender and wisdom by saying: "Often, we cause ourselves to become agitated and disturbed by trying to resolve everything by ourselves, when it would be more efficacious to remain peacefully before the gaze of God and to allow Him to act and work in us with His wisdom and power, which are infinitely superior to ours."

*For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:
"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved; in quiet
and in trust your strength lies, but you would have none
of it."*

- Isaiah 30:15

One Day at a Time

The second part of the prayer asks for God's help in "living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace." Imagine if we lived this reality, how much more peace we would attain? If we accept the hardships that have come with this state of living i.e., alterations in schedules, jobs, finances, etc. we can encounter greater peace or at least be on the "pathway toward it."

Pope Francis, in his worldwide message on Friday, March 27, spoke of the serenity God provides when he said: "*Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.*" Worry and fears isolate, but Jesus tells us that "*I am with you always until the end of the age*" (Matthew 28:20).

Let us pray for one another and trust in the Lord Jesus, seeking to maintain or recover that interior peace.

SILENT PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Fr. Jacob

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance,

amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. (All pass the peace)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: 380 *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty Creator heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: S - 130

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

The people stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI: S – 164

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Let us pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE BLESSING

HYMN: #594 - *God of Grace*

DISMISSAL

**Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

**OUR WORSHIP IS OVER,
OUR SERVICE BEGINS**