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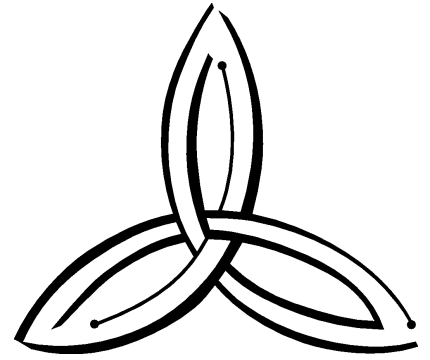
Claremont, & Charlestown

June 6, 2021

2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 5

9:00am via ZOOM

Officiant: Interim Vicar, The Rev. Susan Eibner



GATHERING HYMN: "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY" Hymnal 1982 # 594

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Spirit is with us and in us.

We are in Spirit.

Spirit heals.

Spirit comforts.

Spirit blesses our mourning with the oil of gladness;

And bestows on us a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Thanks be to God.

For grace abundant and love overflowing. Amen.

~June Goudey

HYMN OF PRAISE (SPOKEN)

Officiant and People

**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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

GENESIS 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees

of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130 (READ RESPONSIVELY BY HALF VERSE)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

SECOND READING:

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

“GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE”

Hymnal 1982 #538

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
 bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

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The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY ~ THE REV. SUSAN EIBNER

Silence for reflection

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 INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Especially we pray for our Bishops, Michael and Rob, our Interim Vicar, Susan, St. Stephen's Mission, The Rev. Tim Brooks, Rector, Colebrook and Messiah Lutheran Church, Amherst, NH. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways, and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Especially we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Especially we pray for those on our parish prayer list. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of mercy, we give you thanks for Blessings received and ask that you fill our hearts with assurance as we bring our needs to you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts... **please add after your prayer, "Anyone else?"** Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of the lord be always with you

And also with you

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD"

Hymnal 1982 #676

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed
whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to
heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Repeat Refrain
 Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
 Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Words: Afro-American spiritual

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, who is Creator of all life. Though our days vanish like mist, and the light of the earth fades away in the distance, still your Spirit is within all life, and every human being is born in your likeness. And so with the whole created order, with the stars that silently glisten with life's glory, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that whispers, with the chirping praise of birds and the echo of the saints, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

P: Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that all life may be nourished by your goodness. You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us, your beloved children.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he shared it with his disciples, saying, "Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God, whose generosity is unbounded and who wills that we should lack no good thing, bless this bread and this wine with your Holy Spirit.

Meet us here Holy One,
Move among us Spirit of life.
Meet us here, as we remember.

Meet us here:
Transformed and transforming,
Broken and whole, given and giving.
Meet us here, that we might receive.
Meet us here, nourished afresh by these holy gifts, that
We might live in you, as agents of change in your world.

Here lies new hope, new life, re-birth.
Here are the endless possibilities of awakening your struggling earth and its people.
Here as God brings new color to our trees and meaning to our lives
May we respond like seeds, dying to live,
Plunging down into fertile ground and reaching upwards to the light,
Awakened by the Spirit's breath,
To grow, to glory, to dance.
Make our true colors show forth around the world that you might bring forth a new harvest.
And we give praise to Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.

ALL: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the hillside to grow.
Gathered, they are broken again and scattered throughout the city and world to make bread.
The bread is scattered to each home and broken to make nourishment.
Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,
and some becomes Christ's body broken for us
as we are the people of God scattered through the city and the world
and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others. (*South Africa*)

**We hold this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.
We fill this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.**

Wheat whose crushing was for the bread of life, fruit whose crushing was for the drink of unending abundance, signs of Christ's glorious rising;
Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of bread and in the pouring of the vine's sweet fruit.

THE INVITATION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come! Not because it is I who invites you: it is our Lord. It is God's will for you to meet God here.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING ~

SENDING HYMN

"WE WALK BY FAITH, AND NOT BY SIGHT"

Hymnal 1982 #209

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1	We	walk	by	faith,	and	not	by	sight;	no
2	We	may	not	touch	his	hands	and	side,	nor
3	Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	and
4	that,	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

** The Eucharistic Prayer is an adaptation of a Eucharistic prayer used in a Celtic Service at*

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow, MA

NEXT WEEK: June 13th, 2021 – OUTDOOR SERVICE at UNION/ST.LUKE'S 9:00AM

Please Pray for:

***All Families separated by Social Distancing;
Nursing Homes and Long term Care Facilities;
The Family and Friends of Michael Maki;***

Larry, Liz, Leonard, Cece, Carol B., Matt, Bob, Nancy, Jim, Carol, David, Roseann, Caroline, Karen, Lynne, Barbara,
Larry, Suzanne, Jackie, Carol, David, Ellen, Russ, Susan, Jody, Pete, Janie, Bruce, Pat, Steve,
Anne, Chris, Kelly, Peggy, Bev, Sue, Art, Crissan, Nancy, Jeff, Emma, Kevin, Cris, Richard, Jason, Kilee, Jesse,
Virginia, Gabriel, Joanna, Faith

In September of 2015 Trinity Episcopal Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church joined together to begin a joint ministry in downtown Claremont. Prince of Peace sold its building and moved into Trinity Episcopal Church.

The joint ministry officially concluded with the closure of Prince of Peace on December 31, 2020. The congregations have decided to continue to meld their traditions together creating worship experiences that honor both Lutheran and Episcopal traditions.

Lutherans are welcome to worship with Trinity Episcopal Church.



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