

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
July 26, 2020

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn** “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*Chorus*

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

*Chorus*

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**The First Lesson.....1 Kings 3:5-12**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask what I should give you.’ And Solomon said, ‘You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*All*       **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:129-136** (*said responsively by half verse*)

Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.

The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant,  
because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your custom towards those who love your name.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise,  
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears  
because your law is not kept.

**The Epistle ..... Romans 8:26-39**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**The Gospel ..... Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

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

**The Sermon**.....Pastor Jane Jeuland

**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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Prayer Leader*      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*All*                      **That we all may be one.**

*Prayer Leader*      Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;

*All*                      **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Prayer Leader*      We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*All*                      **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

*Prayer Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We especially give thanks for the life and work of Rep. John Lewis. From a very young age, he was an active leader in the civil rights movement. He was the first freedom rider to be assaulted. Despite the injuries he incurred, he continued the work, saying, he would not let violence stop the movement. At the age of 23, he helped organize the March on Washington. He served in the House of Representatives for Georgia's 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district for 33 years. He explained that "the civil rights...[was] an extension of our faith...The scars and stains of racism are still deeply embedded in the American Society...We must continue to go forward as one people, as brothers and sisters." Let us continue the work of leaders like John Lewis to end racism in our country...

***All* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Prayer Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***All* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Prayer Leader* Have compassion and heal those who suffer from any illness or trouble especially, Rob, Doug, Anna, Margaret, Evan, Mary, Debbie, Peter, Justin, Max, Mike, Amalia, Beckett, Kellen, Brandon, Alexis, Barbara, Brian, Sophia, Paul, Janos, Marika, Dorothy, Brittany, Grace, Tony, Pat, Jennifer, Thomas, Ben, Ray, Kim and Lucy, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest especially, David, Sarah, Ebenezer, Mary, Mary, Lewis, Charles, Hannah, Bernice, Lila, Mildred, Jean, Jack, and Millie, in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Prayer Leader* Let us pray in silence for our own needs and those of others.

***Silence***

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son; Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**



## Announcements

### **Book Club**

Paige and Pastor Jane are leading a Book Club via Zoom, Mondays from 5-6pm. It will run through August 10th. All are welcome! [The Zoom ID is 835 2512 5007](#). The book is “Non-Violent Communication” by Marshall Rosenberg. As we are all quarantined, this book provides an opportunity to try out a new way of communicating with one another in our homes and our communities. We will have activities based on two chapters each week. You can get the book from Amazon or a virtual library. If you have not had a chance to read the chapters, we still encourage you to join!

### **Coffee Hour**

For those who are gathering virtually we encourage you to log into our Coffee Hour today at 10am hosted by Paige!

### **Meditation Group**

This group is led by Peter Ulisse and meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Peter will lead the group through a meditation. No experience necessary! Please contact the parish office if you'd like to be added to our group.

### **Weekly Prayer Call**

This group is led by Ginnie Glassman and Susan Vasone and meets every Wednesday at 1:30pm. It is a time to talk about what is on your mind, listen to others' concerns, pray for and encourage each other. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to be added to our call.

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

**Matthew Johnson** “Another in the Fire”..... Hillsong United

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*All* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

*All* **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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

**All 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* **Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in  
this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this  
bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray,  
with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and  
love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your  
grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only  
God, now and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May God bless you and keep you. May God make his face to shine  
upon you and be gracious to you now and always.

## **Closing Hymn** “All Creatures of our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
Pale silver moon that gently gleams.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
Stars nightly shining find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
You give to us both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**