

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
October 4, 2020

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn** “Ye Servants of God”

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;  
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing with angels above  
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

*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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**The First Lesson.....Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

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

**Psalm 80:7-14** (*said responsively by half verse*)

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
**you drove out the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it;  
**it took deep root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade,  
**the mighty cedars with its branches;**

It sent out its branches to the sea,  
**and its shoots to the River.**

Why then have you broken down its walls,  
**so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

The boar from the forest ravages it,  
**and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Turn again, O God of hosts;  
**look down from heaven, and see;**  
**have regard for this vine,**

**The Epistle ..... Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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**The Gospel ..... Matthew 21:33-46**

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

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to

tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*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* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all the people of Christ Church, and for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura, our bishops, and for Jane, our priest. Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader* We give thanks for all police officers, activists, and political and religious leaders who work diligently to bring peace. May God's peace flood our cities and our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Rob, Doug, Anna, Margaret, Evan, Debbie, Justin, Max, Mike, Brandon, Alexis, Barbara, Brian, Sophia, Paul, Janos, Marika, Dorothy, Brittany, Grace, Tony, Pat, Ray, Lucy, Julian, Kellie, Chris, and Ellie. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      We pray for the family of Breonna Taylor. God of justice and peace, we ask that you would be present in our homes, our cities, and our country.

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Elisa, Linda, Eugenie, Eugene, Stephen, Franklin, Cecil, and Isaac, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*      And now I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

*Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.*

*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**

**Greeters and Ushers Needed**

Since we have resumed worship services inside our sanctuary, we are in need of Greeters and Counters. If you are interested in either or both, please contact Maryanne in the parish office as soon as you can.

**Readers Needed**

We are always in need of readers on Sunday mornings at our worship service. The reader will be in-person with Pastor Jane or at home via Zoom if we can't hold an in-person service. If you are interested, please contact Maryanne in the parish office as soon as you can.

**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. 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 Maryanne in the parish office for the Zoom link.

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

**Matthew Johnson** "So Will I".....Hillsong Worship

## 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus 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:

*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 Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”

All praise to thee, for thou. O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:  
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,  
thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God eternal be by all adored:  
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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