

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
November 15, 2020

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn** “I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord”

I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free;  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord;  
his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here.

*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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**The First Lesson.....Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search

Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

**Psalm 90:1-8, 12** *(said responsively by half verse)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place  
**in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
**or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,  
**and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'**

For a thousand years in your sight  
**are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
**like grass that is renewed in the morning;**

In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
**in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are consumed by your anger;  
**by your wrath we are overwhelmed.**

You have set our iniquities before you,  
**our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to count our days  
**that we may gain a wise heart.**

**The Epistle ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**The Gospel ..... Matthew 25:14-30**

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

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

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in

charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*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.

Father, fill us and believers throughout our diocese and world with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we all may continue to draw people to you.

Father, we ask that you would fill all those in authority with the wisdom that you gave to Solomon. Guide and direct our leaders to serve with love.

Jesus, you said, "my peace I give you." We ask that you would fill the world with that peace which surpasses all understanding.

Father, you are the God of compassion. We ask that you would be present with all those who suffer from financial, mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

We especially pray today that you would heal and comfort: Rob, Doug, Anna, Evan, Debbie, Justin, Max, Mike, Brandon, Alexis, Barbara, Brian, Paul, Janos, Marika, Dorothy, Brittany, Pat, Ray, Lucy, Chris, Ellie, Adela, Penny, Merna, Jill, Ruth, and Quinn.

Jesus, you said, “blessed are those who mourn.” We pray for all those who grieve.

Loving God, be present to all who have lost someone due to the sin of racism especially the family of Mike.

Loving God, be present with those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty especially the family of military professionals, police officers, firefighters, medical professionals, teachers, those in the food industry, and social justice advocates.

Loving God, be present to all those who have lost a loved one to COVID-19.

Loving God, be present to those in our community who have lost a loved one, especially this day we pray for the loved ones of Mary, Phyllis, John, Walter, John, Rhoda, Victor, Isaac, Robert, Hannah, Ada, Charles, and Annie.

*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**

#### **Care Pod**

Look in your email for a message about joining our care pods! We'd love for our church families to be able to connect with each other by phone or with our church zoom. We invite your pod to have at least one phone call or zoom to talk about how you can support each other. Some pods might decide to zoom regularly, while others would appreciate a text message or email, or something else. It's up to you! We hope you will find new ways to support one another from a distance.

#### **Weekly eNews**

CCT sends a weekly eNews on Thursdays via email. This eNews contains information about worship services, parish news, events, the ECCT community, and more. If you are not receiving this eNews and would like to, please contact Maryanne in the parish office.

#### **Meditation Group**

This group is led by Peter Ulisse and meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. 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 12:30pm. 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.

**Solo by Matthew Johnson** “The Answer” .....Jeremy Camp

## 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 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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