

Twenty Fourth Sunday After
Pentecost
November 15, 2020

The Gospel in
The Book of Judges



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The Rev. Dan B Coffman, Deacon
Loretta Love, Music Director & Organist
Nancy Youngman, Hand Bell Choir Director

Welcome to all worshippers today.

*No matter where you come from or what you're going through
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart,
Who knows your mind, and
Who wants to have a relationship with **you**.*

Book of Common Prayer (red book) is abbreviated **BCP**, The Hymnal (blue book) is abbreviated **H**, and Wonder, Love and Praise (green book) is abbreviated **WLP**.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Loretta Love

OPENING SENTENCE

BCP p. 355

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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. *Amen.*

PSALM 123:1-5 *Said responsively by whole verse*

BCP p. 780

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 *As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, **
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 *Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, **
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: David Bloomquist Judges 4:1-10

¹ The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ² So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³ Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴ At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.

⁶ She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

⁸ Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” ⁹ And she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰ Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL ANTHEM: “The Lord’s My Shepherd” Nancy Youngman & Loretta Love

SECOND READING: John Andrews 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ 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! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

THE APOSTLES' CREED

said in unison

BCP p. 96

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

BCP p. 97

*Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

said in unison

BCP p. 97

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

LITANY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND

Officiant With all our heart and with all our mind and with all our soul, let us pray today to our Lord and Savior, saying, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

- V. Almighty Father, we pray today for your healing and mercy to be poured out upon our land. Lead us to live together in your love, and reveal your glory in this broken world.
R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- V. We pray for equality for all people. For our hearts to see one another as Jesus sees us. For the end to racism and prejudice in all its forms.
R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- V. We pray for those who are hurting, grieving, angry and afraid. Bring the comfort of your Spirit to our places of pain and sorrow. Turn anger into lasting change and transform hurt into healing.
R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- V. We pray for those who are seeking change in this world. Lord, lift up voices so they may be heard. Open our ears so we may hear. Bring the change our world so desperately needs.
R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- V. We pray for our local communities and leaders to find ways forward in unity. Be with those who serve and protect us in this turbulent time and fill them with grace and courage.
R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- V. We pray for the leaders of our nation to bring us together, in unity, with equality for all. Guide us, O Lord, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- V. We pray for each of us that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do. We pray for the forgiveness of our sins, and the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives.
R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN

BCP p. 820

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of all states, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

COLLECT DURING A PANDEMIC

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust you during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to this pandemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, guide those who govern, and cause your people ever to serve you in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

PERSONAL PRAYERS

A time of silence for each of us to offer prayers for all those on our hearts this day.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

BCP p. 102

*Officiant Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God”

Loretta Love



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our wedding anniversary by Larry and Roxane Graham.



This week we pray for: the Repose of the soul of the Very Reverend Gary Young, Jackie H; the repose of the soul of Susan W. and for her loved ones; Vera R.; Suzanne M.; Mark; Bob N.; Roger G.; Mike S.; Saun, Crystal, & Bailey; Lori; Jack and Ashlyn; Larry B.; Sissi & Don; Jan H.; Shannon; Diane S.; Bob & Ellen S.; Mary Catherine; Marla; Lisa; Gretchen; Carolyn S.; the husband and son of Lori; Ann D.; Diana; Rev. Sam; Russ J.; Michael S.; Karen E.; Larry B.; Amy; Dee; Eddie K.; Dow C; Mike J; Don M. & Jenny; Ed B.; Kathryn & Michael; Mark; P.; Bill K.; Dulcie B.; Dennis; Mike; Susie; Kris.; Anna J.; Darlene B; Mike & Beth;. and his family; Ellie; Hanney; Tom; Jane; Lee H; Will; Sue F.; Mary K.; Pastor Tim B.; Candace F.; Tiffany; Jerry and Mary; Mary P.; Maggie and Megan; Ray C.; Mary L; Rosemary; Ann W.; Glenda H.; Ann H.; Fr. Gearhart; Anne G.; Wayne; Janet G; Dick Bost.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating November Birthdays

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| 2 Nancy Stara | 14 Nicole Sherer | 23 Dan Coffman |
| 3 Lee Horeis | 15 Nancy Youngman | 23 Luke Long |
| 4 Emily Gasper | 17 Danielle Kahler | 25 Sharon Farmen |
| 7 Teresa Evans | 17 Mary Lu Long | 26 Mary Alice Trimble |
| 8 Ann Wahl | 18 Jack Davis | 29 Larry Parkhurst |
| 10 Lynn Bahm | 18 Lonny Zwickle | |
| 14 Patricia Butler | 21 Diane Oldfather | |



In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Seward The Rev. Pam Williams Education for Ministry.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury); The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo; The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala.

Prayer Chain Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain are always welcome. Our plan is to include them on our list for a total of four weeks unless more time and prayer are needed, and we certainly understand that is sometimes the case. Please keep us updated concerning those for whom you request prayers by contacting Marilyn Dorf at (402) 489-3104 or marilyndorf@gmail.com (please note Marilyn's new email address) or the church office holytrinity10@yahoo.com or 402-488-7139.

Holy Trinity Announcements

God Has Been Providing Through YOU!

Through the challenges of this past year God has held us together and sustained our ministry. It's part of his love and faithfulness. Yet it is important to remember that God has been doing that through YOU! Through all of us.

That happens first through prayer. **Thank you** for all of your prayers for the people of this faith community and for our church. God has answered. It also happens through countless hours of volunteer effort. People have served diligently to keep our church running and to bring the beauty of Holy Trinity to the wider world. Honestly, our online presence has never been stronger. **Thank you** for all your work.



God Will Provide for Us in 2021 - Through Us

We have already begun to plan for next year. Our #1 goal is to be able to regather in our sanctuary for Sunday morning public worship. God willing, we hope that will happen in January. Please do keep praying for the safety of our larger community so that we can gather.

Yet our vision is set beyond just reopening the sanctuary. The ministry of Holy Trinity has been impacting our community for 151 years. That impact will continue long after Covid-19 is behind us. Indeed, the work we do in 2021 will strengthen that ministry in profound ways.

For 2021 our **goal is 90 pledges** - only 10% more than last year. This past weekend we received **63 pledges**. Of course the dollar amount is important, but what really matters is the commitment of our people to what God is up to in this amazing church.



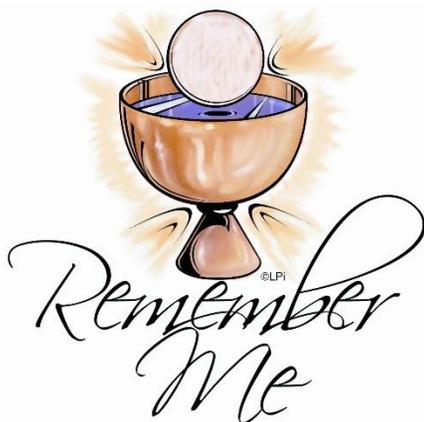
Please DO Pledge!

Please do turn in your pledge for 2021 by Thanksgiving. Our hope is that we will have a solid commitment from the people of Holy Trinity for this next season of our life together. Your pledge will help the Vestry discern what we can do in 2021.

Even if you can only pledge a little – please do pledge as a sign of your desire to see our amazing church grow stronger in the next year. Here’s the easiest ways to do that:

- 1) **Mail** your pledge back to us in the envelope we sent you.
- 2) **Email** it to HolyTrinity10@Yahoo.com and let Nicole know your pledge information.

May We Bring Holy Communion to Your Home?



We would LOVE to bring you Communion at your convenience. You are an Important part of the Holy Trinity family and we want you to feel included in our sacramental life.

We have a Visitation Team that is ready to bring Communion to your front porch. They will show up wearing their masks to keep you safe. They will stay on the porch, check in with you, share what is going on at church, pray with you and then safely give you the consecrated bread.

Just email us at HolyTrinity10@yahoo.com or call Rev. Clay on his cell at (402) 613-9557.

This Year's Holy Trinity Christmas Outreach is McPhee Elementary

This year we are still going to be helping the students and their families at McPhee Elementary. The principle there expressed her appreciation and commented on the deep needs they have, especially in this pandemic. So many of their usual supporters have been unable to help this year. And yet Holy Trinity has stepped out.

This year we are collecting Walmart gift cards. Please keep each gift card to under \$50 – which will allow them to help the maximum number of families. We will be collecting them through December 6th so please do help us out in one of two ways.



1. Write a check to Holy Trinity marked “McPhee” and we’ll use 100% of it to get gift cards.
2. Purchase gift cards when you are out shopping and bring/mail them to the church.



Helping our community

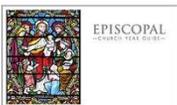
Autumn weather is upon us and St. Elizabeth Guild reminds everyone that we are continually collecting a number of items donated to the People’s City Mission and Clinton School .We also collect Best Choice UPC’s for funds we donate in our own community. Some of the items you can save:

- Best Choice UPC’s
- 2021 calendars
- New greeting card of all types
- Stickers including ones cut off return address labels
- Unused office supplies

Last year we donated 150 calendars to the People City Mission in December and nearly 75 calendars as 2020 started went to Clinton School. I wish I could say how many bags of all the other items went to the school but let me assure you it was many. The recipients are so excited and pleased to have these items to be shared.

Please contact the office holytrinity10@yahoo.com or 402-488-7139 to drop these off at the church. We will be updating you on how the collection will be handled this fall so I can get the materials delivered to the organizations.

Kathy Jacobson
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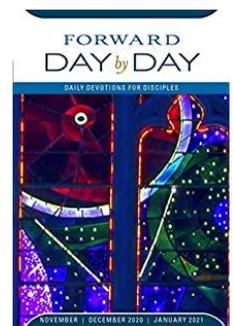


Liturgical Kalendars & Forward Day By Day



A limited supply of 2021 Liturgical Kalendars are available. If you would like to purchase an extra one for your committee or home use, they are \$2.50 each. Also if you would like a copy of the November/December/January Forward Day by Day booklet, we have several of these available.

Please let Nicole in the office know when you are able to stop and pick up a copy of these 402-488-7139, holytrinity10@yahoo.com.





***Remembering & Celebrating Loved Ones
at Christmas***

During this Advent season as we anticipate the joy of Christmas, consider remembering and celebrating your loved ones on Christmas through a gift of flowers. Your donation for flowers may be in any amount.

If you wish to make this gift of flowers and would like your inscription to appear in the Christmas service bulletin, please provide information below.

To allow us time to print the bulletin, this information together with your donation check should arrive in the Church Office no later than Sunday, December 20 (the fourth Sunday in Advent).

1. Is your gift in: (a)____celebration (b)___ thanksgiving (c) ____memory

2. Print Name of Person(s) you are honoring (*include first and last name*):

3. Print Name(s) of those making gift (*include first and last name*):

4. Please make your check payable to The Church of the Holy Trinity-Episcopal and note in the memo line that your gift is for “Christmas Flowers”

Mail your check and this completed form (postmarked by December 13th to allow time to get to the church) or drop it off by Dec. 20th.

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If you have any questions, please call Nancy Stara at 402-489-0739