

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 17, 2021—10 a.m.



Trinity Church in Menlo Park

*As we gather together to worship the One God who is beyond all time and space,
we pause and remember that we gather with the whole communion of saints,
past, present, and those yet to come, and on the Peninsula by the Bay
we remember and honor the Muwekma Ohlone who call this land their home.*

In consideration for the safety of all, we ask all people to stay masked during the service.

*Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything
worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8*

WITH A SEEKING SOUL, A HEART FOR JUSTICE, AND AN OPEN SPIRIT

PRELUDE

Panis Angelicus
Deanna Perlov, soloist

César Franck

WELCOME

Celebrant Welcome to this holy place.

People A place of prayer for many; a home to all who come.

Celebrant Welcome to this gathering place.

People Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all are welcome.

Celebrant Welcome to this timeless place.

People We join with all the saints in beloved community, to worship God.

Celebrant Let us open our hearts and minds to the One True God.

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. Amen.

CHILDREN’S INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Celebrant Jesus took a little child in his arms, and said to his disciples, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Almighty God, bless our children and their teachers with curiosity, creativity, and compassion as they enter into the mystery of your welcome and embrace.

People Amen.

The children process to the Godly Play area during the singing of the opening hymn



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
 Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with
 steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS *(Please be seated)*

The First Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-10

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People All that the Spirit has said we will do.

PSALM 91: 9-16

*(please read the psalm responsively, alternating at the *)*

9

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10

There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11

For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12

They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

GOSPEL HYMN 583

O Holy City

Morning Song



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

THE GOSPEL: MARK 10: 35-45

Gospeller The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Christ

People Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle

STATEMENT OF TRUST *(said by all in unison)*

Today we put our trust in God the Creator, who made us and the world we inhabit
and calls us to be responsible stewards of all that is seen and unseen.

Today we put our trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, whom we call Savior,
and who in turn calls us to follow and walk with him as his friends.

Today we put our trust in the Risen Christ who is God's universal Messiah
and Savior of all humanity and all the created universe.

Today we put our trust in the Ascended Christ who has taken the fullness of our humanity
into the heart of God and intercedes for us as the One who knows.

Today we put our trust in the Holy Spirit who gives us life
and calls us to share in life with all whom we encounter.

Today we put our trust in the community of those who walk in love and goodwill
as we compassionately work together for healing, justice, and peace for all. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant As a considerate people with seeking souls, hearts for justice, and open spirits let us
pray for our parish as we embark our search for our next rector.

Intercessor God of infinite blessing, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang
together and the host of heaven shouted for joy:

People Open our eyes to behold the wonders of your creation and how you have blessed
us with talents and capabilities beyond the imagination of our finite minds.

Intercessor Give us courage to use these blessings to manifest your love in the world.

People And bring glory to you and your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessor We pray for our community: for Marc our bishop, for Rob and Frannie our priests,
for Alecia, Ron, Margie, Ben, Rick, and Cathy our staff.

People Inspire them with your creativity, nourish them with your love, and guide them
with your Spirit.

Intercessor We pray for our vestry and committees as they lead us through this time of
transition.

People Help them to know your loving presence in all that they do and decide on our
behalf.

Intercessor We pray for our search committee as they guide our conversations and prepare to
search for our next rector.

People Anoint them with your spirit of curiosity, consideration, wisdom, and humor in
their work.

Intercessor We give thanks for the parishioners in days past who have built our community
and for all who volunteer and serve to make Trinity our church today.

People We pray for our ministries of pastoral care, outreach, and service that make your
love a tangible reality in our lives.

Intercessor We pray for people in need of healing especially: *(a moment of silence for you to add,
silently or aloud, the names of your loved ones)* and people who have died: *(a moment of
silence is kept)* and for people who grieve the loss of loved ones.

People We pray for all who care for people who are sick and dying, and for scientists and
health care workers who continue to battle the covid pandemic.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept for people to offer their own prayers

Celebrant Blessed Trinity, you are the God of growth and discovery, yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives, yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Prepare us, your beloved community, to journey into our search, listening and learning, loving and trusting, blessing and forgiving, until your kingdom comes.

People Amen.

Celebrant And Almighty God it is with sadness we remember those times when we have failed to be your people.

Silence is kept.

Intercessor Let us make our confession together.

People Almighty God, giver of good things and lover of souls,
Forgive us where we have failed to be the people you made us to be
and been less than honorable stewards of all that you have given us.
Forgive us where we have failed to confront the evils of our day
and protect the vulnerable in our world.
Forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us, hide us afresh in your heart
and set us free to be your love in the world.

Celebrant God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.

Silence is kept

Celebrant God the Creator loves you,
God the Son heals and restores you,
God the Spirit gives you new life.
Enfold yourself in Christ and approach your God in peace.

People Amen.

THE PEACE *The people stand for the peace*

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

This is the time we customarily would pass the collection plate. Due to the pandemic we will not be passing the plate, however you can place your offering in the basket on the welcome table or give online at: <http://www.trinitymenlopark.org/giving>

We are grateful for your generosity, and especially to everyone who has continued to pledge and financially support Trinity during these pandemic times.

ANTHEM

Grace

*Traditional Celtic Melody, arranged by Mark Hayes
Susan Powers, Meghan Jolliffe, Eric Levintow and Brian Leerhuber, soloists*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;
That saved a wretch, a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found;
I once was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And that same grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour when I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already safely come;
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And surely grace will lead me home, I shall go home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than since the day we first begun.*

DOXOLOGY *(Please stand. As our offerings are being brought up we sing)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Spirit of God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift your hearts to heaven.

People Where the Risen Christ in glory reigns.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to offer God our thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

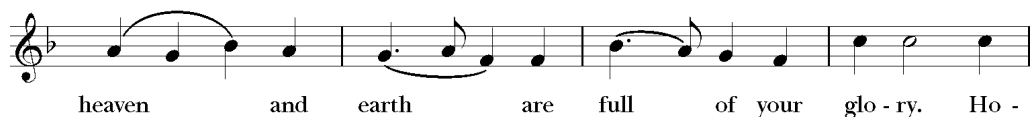
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn that echoes through the universe:



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and full presence of Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And we remember that after supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People AMEN!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray together:



2

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low-ed be thy

6

Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in

10

hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our

15

sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us, Save us from the time of trial,

19

amd de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are

23

yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men. A - men.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO RECEIVING COMMUNION

*All who hunger for God, including children,
are warmly invited to this table and to receive communion.*

During the pandemic we are consecrating and receive only the bread.

Please tell the priest administering communion if you require gluten-free bread.

Please stay at your seats and communion will be brought to you.

*To receive communion, place one hand on top of the other with your palm open wide
so that the bread can be placed on your palm without making physical contact.*

*As you remove the bread from its wrapping, pause and remember
that you are welcomed to this sacramental feast by Jesus Christ,
who nourishes the entirety of your being with himself.*

*If you would prefer not to receive the sacrament but receive a blessing,
please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*If you are worshipping at home and unable to receive the sacrament,
or feel uncomfortable receiving the host, we offer this prayer for your personal devotion:*

Beloved Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.

We long for you in our souls, to know that we are in you and that you are in us.

Though physically isolated from your altar and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being. United with you, help us know
that our lives are hid with you O Christ in the heart of God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Ubi Caritas

Taizé

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Gift Of Finest Wheat

Bicentennial

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat;
 Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses

1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
 2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
 3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
 4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
 5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then

know and heed his voice; So when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
 blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

COMMISSIONING OF HOME COMMUNION VISITORS

When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic Ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread and wine using these words:

- Celebrant* In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ and Trinity Church, I send you forth with these holy gifts, that *(name)* may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.
- People* Carry our love and prayers as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence to them.
- Celebrant* We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.
- People* Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- Celebrant* Let us pray.
- People* Eternal God, Creator of all,
 we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off
 you met us in your son Jesus and brought us home.
 Living and dying he declared your love and forgiveness,
 and opened the path into your presence.
 We give you thanks for uniting us in your Beloved Community,
 and nourishing us with his presence in this sacred meal.
 Now send us forth as your provocateurs of grace and justice
 to transform the world through the power of your love. Amen.

BLESSING

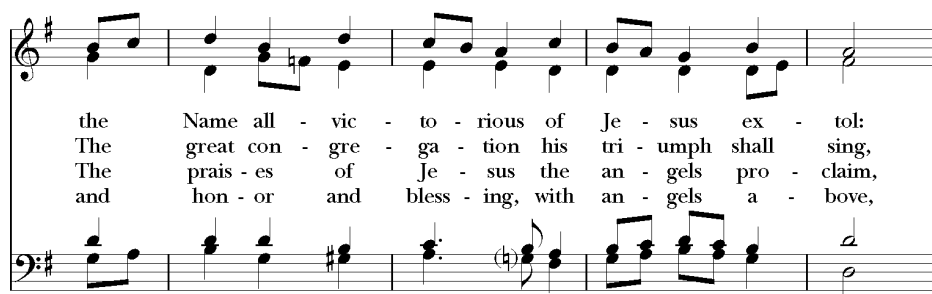
- Celebrant* God the Creator grant you grace to see yourself and one another as God made you.
 God of Love grant you grace to value yourself and one another as God values you.
 God of Life grant you grace to listen and dream God's purpose for Trinity Church and
 the courage to live it from the depths of your being.
 And the Blessing of God Almighty Creator, Lover, and Giver of Life be with you all, and
 all those you love and struggle to love now and forever.
- People* Amen.



1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right;



and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,



the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to listen, love, and enjoy one another. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Amen! Alleluia, Alleluia!