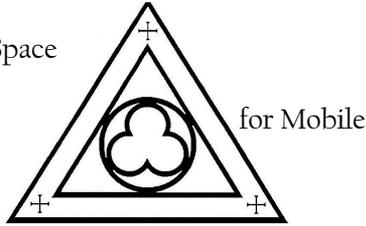


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space



## WEDNESDAY IN THE FOURTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist-Rite II  
“Constance and Her Companions”  
9 September 2020  
12:00 PM

*Facebook Live*

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

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

*People:* And blessed be his Kingdom now and forever. Amen

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom 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.

**Gloria**

**BCP 356**

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.

### **The Collect of the Day**

**HWHM 543**

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death: Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **New Testament Lesson**

**2 Corinthians 1:3–5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm**

**Psalm 25:15–21**

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  
    for I am left alone and in misery.  
16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*  
    bring me out of my troubles.

- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery \*  
and forgive me all my sin.
- 18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.
- 19 Protect my life and deliver me; \*  
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.
- 20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*  
for my hope has been in you.
- 21 Deliver Israel, O God, \*  
out of all his troubles.

## **The Gospel**

**John 12:24–28**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John**

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

**The Sermon** Remembrance from *Holy Women, Holy Men*

**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

**BCP 392**

Let us pray in unison:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born

to eternal life. Amen. (*A Prayer attributed to St. Francis, BCP 833*)

Let us pray in unison the *Prayer for Choosing a Rector*:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Trinity parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Leader and the People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation and the world: especially Donald our President, Kay our Governor and Sandy our Mayor:

*For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.*

For the just and proper use of creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Russell our Bishop; Johnny our Priest, Terry & Lydia, our Deacons; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The people add their own petitions.*

### **A Prayer for This Time**

Gracious Lord, We remember those who are suffering at home and in our hospitals. Be with them. We pray for those caring for them. Give

them the strength they need.

We remember those who have died this week. We pray for their souls. Comfort their families.

For those waiting for work, for food, for testing and test results, grant them patience and perseverance.

We pray for the safety of students, teachers, administrators and all involved with schools and universities.

May our faith exceed our fears as we make our way forward. Lead us and guide us.

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise you Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People.*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

**Absolution**

**BCP 360**

*Priest* 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.*

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

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

*People* And also with you.

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Doxology**

**OLD 100TH**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye Heavenly Hosts;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

**The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP 367**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

*Celebrant* 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 Christ 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:

### **Sanctus**

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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [*Constance and Her Companions, the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary,* and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**BCP 364**

#### **Fraction**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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

COMMUNION

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into

my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

**The Blessing**

*The Celebrant Blesses the People*

**The Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ

*People* Thanks be to God

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**PRAYER LIST**

**We pray for all those on our Parish Prayer List:** Scott Schneider, Owen English, James O'Rourke, Monica Owens, Bill Rowan, Mary Nell Cook, Byron Cruthirds, Mary Stewart Stephens, Rev. Terry Wysong, Jeannie Foster, Tom Holmes, Joan Johnston, David Clothier, Elizabeth Ward, John Anthony, Darrel Cyrus, Don Langham, Barbara Duhé, Esther Howell, Louise Beck, Phyllis Creel, Jessie Beaty, Nancy Arnett, Graham Loper, Margaret Platt, Nettie Robertson, Laney Lau, Shae Street, Bill Duhé, Katherine Galanos Vickers, Juanita Faith, Janelle Odom, John McLean, Kerry Senne Logan, Heather Loper, Caroline Curenton, Bootsie Laffre, Gay Price, Dottie Gill, Vickie McCormick, Sara Spottswood, the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and St. George's Baghdad.

**We pray for our parish family and friends:** Margaret Everidge, Aurelia Thomas, Avis Switzer, Bill Howard, Ann Clayman, Leigh Ankerson Bailey, Judy and Dagoberto Ponce, Jackie Stallworth, Valerie Lacy Wallace, Ed Smelser, James Robertson, Randall Williams, Leslie

Hawkins, Drew Harbaugh, Carol Anne Holmes, Fran Moore, Joel Moore, David Dowling, Rebecca Ritz, Tony Ritz, Julie Eubanks, Page O'Connor, Tristian Craig, Ronnie Dyson, Beverly Bauer, Charlie Harbaugh, Kathy Sears, Joan Johnson, Mary Arnold, Fred Neubauer, Erika Ibsen, Roxann Dyes, Carol Higgins, Reed Smith, Heather, Shirley Lacy, Patrick Beeler, Ace Rollen, Emily Hodge, Gwen Adkerson, Jacob Wilson, Robert Clothier, Jr., Glenda Evans, Ruthie Anthony, Chris & Lynette Gregory, Charlotte Algood, Philip Tapia, Audra Warren, Jennifer McIntyre, Deanna Lord, Ernstine Hart, Janet Hartlove, Helen Ramsey, Jimmy Boothe, Robert Durrant, Leigh Jackson, Rick Miller, Karen Andrews

**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:** Marie Lacy, Brock Oliver, Ericka Williams, Owen Taylor, Travis Amsbaugh, Matthew Anderson, Arielle Weaver, Thomas Ishee, Noah Weaver, Scott Rye, Kevin O'Rourke

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**THOSE WHO SERVE THIS WEDNESDAY,**  
**9 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Celebrant**

The Very Reverend Johnny W. Cook

**Deacon**

The Reverend Deacon Lydia Johnson

**Lector/Intercessor**

Bob Howard

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## Constance and Her Companions

In August, 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city of Memphis for the third time in ten years. By the month's end the disease had become epidemic and a quarantine was ordered. While 30,000 citizens had fled in terror, 20,000 more remained to face the pestilence. As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over ninety percent of the population had contracted the Fever; more than 5,000 people had died. In that time of panic and flight, many brave men and women, both lay and cleric, remained at their posts of duty or came as volunteers to assist despite the terrible risk. Notable among these heroes were Constance, Superior of the work of the Sisters of St. Mary in Memphis, and her Companions. The Sisters had come to Memphis in 1873, at Bishop Quintard's request, to found a Girls School adjacent to St. Mary's Cathedral. When the 1878 epidemic began, George C. Harris, the Cathedral Dean, and Sister Constance immediately organized relief work among the stricken. Helping were six of Constance's fellow Sisters of St. Mary; Sister Clare; the Reverend Charles C. Parsons; and the Reverend Louis S. Schuyler. The Cathedral group also included three physicians, two of whom were ordained Episcopal priests, and several volunteer nurses from New York. They have ever since been known as "The Martyrs of Memphis," as have those of other Communion who ministered in Christ's name during this time of desolation.

The Cathedral buildings were located in the most infected region of Memphis. Here, amid sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror, these men and women of God gave relief to the sick, comfort to the dying, and homes to the many orphaned children. Only two of the workers escaped the Fever. Among those who died were Constance, Thecla, Ruth and Frances, the Reverend Charles Parsons and the Reverend Louis Schuyler. The six martyred Sisters and priests are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. The monument marking the joint grave of Fathers Parsons and Schuyler bears the inscription: "Greater Love Hath No Man." The beautiful High Altar in St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, is a memorial to the four Sisters.

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