

**Church of the Divine Love**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PROPER 28**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2022 10:15 AM**

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

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### **Sermon Sunday November 13, 2022**

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

**Sisters and brothers in Christ,**

**Change is inevitable.**

We may not like it, we may deny it, we may resist it, but the reality is things are changing. Our world is changing, the church is changing, our lives are changing. Sometimes changes are welcome. But there are days when change brings loss or the fear of loss. There are days when our life is forever changed, the world is different, and nothing is like it used to be. You and I know those days. We could each tell stories about those days. They are stories about the death of a loved one, the diagnosis, a divorce, the business that failed, the job that was lost. They are stories about the day you realized the life you were living was not the life you wanted, the day someone confronted you with your addiction, the day you became the parent and caretaker to your own parent. They are stories of dreams and hopes that never came true.

These are the days when the temples of our life and world fall. It is not just our individual temples, however. As a parish we are having to face the reality that our nursery school is changing. Enrollment and income are down. It cannot continue like it is and it will never be like it used to be. The temple of our school is falling. For many people the Episcopal Church is not the church they remember. It is not like it used to be when they were growing up. Things have changed. For them the temple is falling. As a country the temple of our economic system is in ruins. We can no longer count on investments that will

grow every year. The job market is unstable. Globally we read of wars, plagues, famines. Nations have risen against nation, kingdom against kingdom, even religion against religion. Security, peace, and diplomacy have given way to fear, violence, and terrorism. Temples are falling everywhere.

We all have temples. Some have been given to us, others we have built for ourselves. Sometimes our temples are people, places, values and beliefs, institutions, dreams. Regardless, they are the things that we think structure and order our lives, give meaning and identity, provide security and stability. At least we think they do, until they fall. In today's gospel some were speaking about the temple, its beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God. It is what structured their community. It gave identity and meaning. It was the center of Jewish life. Jesus looks at it and says, "The days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." Jesus is speaking about more than just the physical temple in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem temple includes every temple you and I have. So, what do we do on the day our temple falls?

Change has a way of pushing us into the future. Many people will begin looking for signs about the future. What will happen now? What do I do? How do I get through this? If we are not careful, we will soon be living in a future we do not yet have. We will be living in a future created in our heads. That is not Jesus' response. When Jesus describes things that will happen, he is not asking us to speculate about the future. He is offering signs that call us to be faithful in the present. Sometimes, after our temple falls, we look for a scapegoat, someone to blame or even demonize. So, we blame Moslems for violence in the world and gay people for the conflict within the Episcopal Church. Democrats and republicans blame each other as do the conservatives and the liberals. We look for someone or a group who does not think, act, or believe like we do. That is not Jesus' response. Some people will simply give up and walk away in despair. They can see nothing left. All is lost and the situation is hopeless. That is not Jesus' response. Some will become angry, resentful, and fight back. Others will say this is God's will or maybe even God's punishment. Many will look for easy answers, quick fixes, something that will prop up the old structures and ways of doing things. Again, these are not Jesus' response. Jesus' response is just the opposite. Be still, be quiet, do not be led astray. Do not allow your life to be controlled or determined by fear. Do not listen to the many voices that would cause you to run and go after them. Endure he says. Be faithful, steadfast, persevere here and now. Jesus is calling us to be present and faithful in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. If we cannot find God here, in our present circumstances, even in the midst of our temple ruins, we will find God nowhere.

The place of fallen temples is the place in which God, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, declares: "I am about to create new heavens and new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress" (Isaiah 65:17-19). Those promises are fulfilled through our endurance. By endurance we gain our lives, our souls. Jesus is calling us to the virtue of stability. We are to remain fully present, faithful, no matter how uncomfortable life may be. In so doing we discover that God has always been with us – in the changes, chances, and chaos of life; in the pain, loss, and disappointment; in the destruction of our temples. Endurance, perseverance, stability are the ways in which we offer God the fallen stones of our temples. Stone by stone God rebuilds our life. Stone by stone God restores the original beauty of our life and world. Stone by stone a new temple arises from the rubble. Stone by stone we become the temple of God. We no longer have temples. We no longer need them. We are the temple. That is the story that needs to be told. That is our opportunity to testify.

We can all tell the story of the day our temple was destroyed. Too often, however, we believe and live as if that is the end of the story. It will be if we run away, scapegoat, respond with anger, or try to put it back together like it used to be. But it does not have to be the end of the story. The greater story is how we discovered God next to us in the temple ruins and how, stone by stone, God rebuilt what we could not. It is the ongoing story of God recreating life out of loss and ruin, a story of God rejoicing and delighting in his people.

This story is the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to you. It is real, sacred, and true. Trust that story, tell it over and over to yourself, proclaim it to all you see, and then go live that story. You can claim this promise of enduring, abundant, eternal life for yourself. Will you accept the invitation Jesus offers you? Will you turn your life over to him, so that you can endure to the end, following Jesus through whatever trouble you may face? Will you receive the life that Jesus wants to give to you, a life of peace and wholeness, a life of joy, a life that has been changed, so that you are free of fear and able to endure? Now is the time.

**Let us pray.**

**O Lord, open our hearts to your grace. Make us new. For those of us who have not made you their Lord, grant the willingness to surrender to you. For those of us whose hearts need re-kindling, light your flame in us that we might endure to the end, and gain our very souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen!**

23 PENTECOST	10:15 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II	(also on zoom)
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COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

	11:15 AM	VESTRY MEETING
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MONDAY	8:00 AM	AA MEETING
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WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	AL-ANON MEETING
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THURSDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP
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	8:00 PM	AA MEETING
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SATURDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP
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CHHOP TURKEY TROT – TO BENEFIT THOSE IN

NEED – for info visit [www.chhop.org/turkeytrot](http://www.chhop.org/turkeytrot)

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COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

**LAST DAY TO BRING IN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES**

SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY – DROP-OFF IN THE KITCHEN

	Today	Next Week
Eucharistic Minister	Jess Berbeck	Anthony Giordano
Coffee Hour	Janet Croft	Giordanos

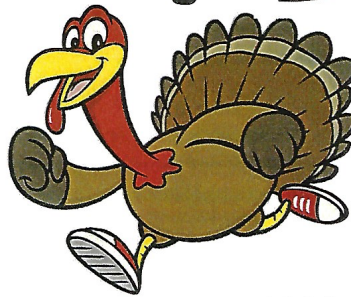


Caring for the  
Hungry & Homeless  
of Peekskill

# Turkey Trot

Help support a  
great community  
cause!

1 mile race



**Saturday, November 19, 2022**

At the Gazebo in Downtown Peekskill

Registration: 8:00AM • Remarks: 8:45AM • Race: 9:00AM

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

All sponsorships benefit the  
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- Thank you on website

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- Logo on giveaway
- Name announced and thanked from podium during program
- Thank you on website

### 3. Turkey Trotter: \$1,500

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- Thank you on website

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- Name on giveaway
- Thank you on website

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## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Give to all who suffer the refreshing waters of your compassion and healing.  
Make them dwell in the safety of your care even in the midst of all that troubles  
them. Especially we remember before you:

Grace Schinella	Harriet Capers	Bob Curley
John Mulligan	Arlene Goodenough	Celeste
Chris Dickson	Kate Jones	Deb P.
Michael Echevarria	John Rocco	Gabriel
Barbara Stinson	Michael & Family	Warren
Charlotte H.	Bernie Walther	Anthony
Mo (Rachael)	Bill Conklin Sr.	Carolyn
Anthony Paribello	Barbara Curran	Del
Ciara	Robert Sweat	Aidan
Elodie	Sophia	Carol K.
People of Haiti	Christopher & Family	Julia
Maggie & Family	People of Ukraine	Tim
Nathan Treadwell	Bob Lazevnick	Art
Margaret	Victims of Hurricanes	Richard & Family

Help us speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them.  
Bring us with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom. Amen

### Prayer before Worship

Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Storms and Hurricanes

O God, you rule over all creation, which you have set free to act according to its nature. We know and love your world, which is also a world of randomness and chance. You are Lord of chaos as well as order. We pray to you for people caught in storms and hurricanes. We remember particularly those whose work is dangerous, police and firefighters, rescue workers of all kinds. You are known in storm and in calm, you are Lord of thunders, you moved across the hills of Judea. You are also a presence in stillness, a voice from silence. You spoke to Job in the whirlwind and quieted the Sea of Galilee. Wherever we are, in storm or calm, we know your presence. Call us sometimes to storm, sometimes to calm, sometimes to wilderness, sometimes to silence. Call us always to yourself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn

but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that

all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominions and glory, now and for ever. Amen

