

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH—9:30 AM



## THE SEASON IS...

Happy Easter! We begin the Eastertide 50-day feast. Easter is the longest feast in the church's year. It is 10 days longer than the longest fast (40 days of Lent). As simple as it may seem to keep the feast, feasting takes perseverance and intention. It is easy to let the world's time and business take the place of our joyful celebration of Jesus' victory. Our lives are securely fixed on the truth of Christ's resurrection. It is this truth that gives us strength and direction in meeting the needs of the world around us. Christ is risen indeed! Keep the feast!

**STEWARDSHIP**—What a directive for stewards we have in "...grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith..." How is our "profess-ing" going?

## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website ([trinityoldswedes.church](http://trinityoldswedes.church)). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching for @TrinityParishDE; and please tag us in your pictures using #TrinityParishDE.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like. **NOTE: Due to our services are live-streamed we felt it prudent for security not to publish the last names of people on our prayer list.** If you would like a copy of those listed with their full names, please contact the parish office.

## IN PERSON WORSHIP

The worship service is live streamed, therefore you will be on camera during communion and possibly during the service. Also, please silence your cellphones. Remember that even when wearing masks we are asked not to sing, though humming is encouraged. Please keep your coats with you at your seat. Please take your bulletin home with you. The service begins at the beginning of the prelude and concludes at the end of the postlude. *Please remain seated until service has concluded.*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector  
The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen—Associate Rector  
Diane Gray—Interim Organist  
Jill Broadway—Cantor  
Tom Hopper—Reader  
Kennard Brown—Intercessor  
Robbie Smith—A/V  
Margaret Vavala, Sr. Margaret Sterchi, Ranney Ward—Greeters/Usher

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prelude**

That Easter day with joy was bright *L. Leatherman*  
*from Trier Manuscript, 15th C.*

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*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. ***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.***

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*

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

## Psalm 4 *Prayed in unison*

*Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;*

*have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*

*"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"*

*Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.*

*Tremble, then, and do not sin; \**

*speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.*

*Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.  
You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.  
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

**The Epistle**

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:  
The Word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.***

**Gradual Hymn 295**

Sing praise to our Creator

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad-am's race—  
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;  
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.  
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.  
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*  
The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen

**The 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**

*Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us; especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: Cathleen, Roman, Diane, and Bebe.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Jim, Adam, Makia, Kevin, June, Chris, Ryan, José, and all those suffering from the coronavirus; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

## **The Concluding Collect**

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

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

*People* ***And also with you.***

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory**

*Celebrant*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

## Offertory Anthem

Jesus is our King

*S. Prebble & H. Clark*

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Opening our hearts to him,  
Singing Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

Create in us, O God,  
A humble heart that sets us free  
To proclaim the wondrous majesty of our Father in heaven.

### REFRAIN

We bear the name of Christ.  
Justified, we meet with him.  
His words and presence calm our fear,  
Revealing God, our Father, here.

### REFRAIN

Let kindred voices join,  
Honoring the Lamb of God  
Who teaches us by bread and wine  
The mystery of his body.

### REFRAIN

Pour out your Spirit on us,  
Empowering us to live as one,  
To carry your redeeming love  
To a world enslaved by sin.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
It is right to give God thanks and  
praise.*

### *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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

***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*

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 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.**

*Celebrant* 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**

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

# Communion Hymn 212

Awake, arise

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in  
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as  
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -  
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to  
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less  
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.  
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.  
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.  
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt.

Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## Postlude

Festive Postlude on "Llanfair"

*R. Williams c 1817*  
*arr by M. McDonald*

The altar flowers are given in memory of  
Dr. and Mrs. James A. Draper, the Misses Elizabeth, Cornelia,  
and Madeleine Draper, and Mary Draper Lord.  
*Flowers arranged by Catherine Dean.*

## Announcements

**The Bishop's visitation** is set for October 3rd. Confirmation classes will begin in August. Please reach out to Patty or Charles for more information.

**The Arts at Trinity Returns!** The Serafin Ensemble and friends will perform on Sunday, May 2 at 4 p.m. Included among the internationally acclaimed musicians are: Amos Fayette (violin), Kate Ransom (violin), Luke Fleming (viola), Jacques-Pierre Malan (cello), Miles Brown (double bass), and Victor Asuncion (piano). The performance will include Mozart's "Lodi" Quartet, which seems to have been

his very first attempt at the form. Also will be presented a Schumann piano quintet, and a special duo for violin and double bass by Theodor Albin Findeisen. We hope you can join us to celebrate the return of spring, the revival of society, and the rejuvenation that music brings! Reservations via Eventbrite are requested. Masks and social distancing are required. For reservations go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/150907681939>.

**Sunday May 2nd is Holy Cross Day** in much of Latin America. Please bring in a cross to be blessed in honor of the day.

**Monday Bible study** at noon continues in April via Zoom. We will be reading 1 Corinthians. If you would like to join the group, please contact the parish office at [office@trinityparishde.org](mailto:office@trinityparishde.org).

**Sharing a meal with our neighbors at Friendship House.** We are looking for volunteers to continue our commitment to provide meals and fellowship for residents of the Friendship House's transitional homes, Andrew's Place and Epiphany House. We need volunteers for July—December 2021. With enough volunteers, you would only have to provide a meal once or twice a year. Currently. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sarah Berninger: 302-351-2422 or [berninger59@comcast.net](mailto:berninger59@comcast.net). UPDATE: Meals to Andrew's Place residents will go to Clark House (1307 N Rodney St. Wilmington DE 19806) until further notice.

**Friendship House Annual Mother's Day Garden Fundraiser** to aid their transitional housing is now taking donations. This fundraiser is an opportunity for our loving, supportive community to celebrate someone in their life by making a donation to our Transitional Housing program. We plant bulbs and flowers in our gardens around Mother's Day each year With funds from this fundraiser. These gardens have become a place of sanctuary, rest, prayer, and beauty for our residents. Please consider a donation to this life-saving, life-changing program, which has helped over 2,000 men and women to date. Honor a loved one in your life with a monetary donation to support the future of this program. We will send a beautiful floral card to that special person with your personal message acknowledging your donation (no dollar amount is listed). Please use the pink envelopes at the usher stand or go to [friendshiphousede.org](http://friendshiphousede.org) and click the Annual Garden Fundraiser button.

**Quinceañeras**—are the Latin American tradition of celebrating the transition from childhood to adulthood at age 15. If you would like to celebrate a Quinceañera for your child, please plan on attending an information session immediately following the noon service TODAY. Forms for Quinceañeras are available in our church office.

**Join us as Trinity Episcopal Parish’s team “virtually” walks for Friendship House in the 2021 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community.** 100% of the money raised by our team goes to Friendship House programs, programs that annually work with over 6,000 homeless and at risk of becoming homeless in New Castle County. If Team Trinity Episcopal Parish raises \$2,000 and recruits 20 walkers, a generous donor will give an additional \$1,000 to Friendship House! You can support Friendship House and our team by signing up to virtually walk or raise money or donate to the team make the walk. The money we raise goes directly to Friendship House. To register or donate to our team go to the events section of the Friendship House web site: [www.friendshiphousede.org](http://www.friendshiphousede.org) Click on Register for the Highmark Walk. Then click on Register Here or Donate to the Walk. It is important that you search for our team name “Trinity Episcopal Parish” - -not church, so that your donation will go toward our total and reaching our goal. Feel free to contact me at 302-351-2422 or at [berninger59@comcast.net](mailto:berninger59@comcast.net).



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