

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 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?

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Please check out our website (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
Philip Simmons—Cantor
Karen Hoepfinger—Reader
Betsy Chapin—Intercessor
Kennard Brown—A/V
Ashlin Bray, Margaret Vavala, Jim Bray—Greeters/Usher

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Lillies

*A. A. Mumma
arr. By R. C. Wilson*

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 *Prayed in unison.*

***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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

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

Psalm 22:24-30 *Prayed in unison*

*My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.*

*The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"*

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*

*For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.*

*To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.*

*My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.*

*They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.*

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first

loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

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

Gradual Hymn 529

In Christ there is no east or west

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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The Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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: Mickey, Alondra, Stephanie, Jovani, Juan, and Nicholas.

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, Chris, Ryan, Jose, Bette, Ellie, Erica, Raymond, 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, especially Tariq Loat, 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

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

He Arose

arr. By Willa A. Townsend

They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross,
They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross,
And the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

Joseph begged His body and laid it in the tomb,
Joseph begged His body and laid it in the tomb,
And the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

Mary, she came running, a looking for my Lord,
Mary, she came running a looking for my Lord,
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away,
An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away,
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *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 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song



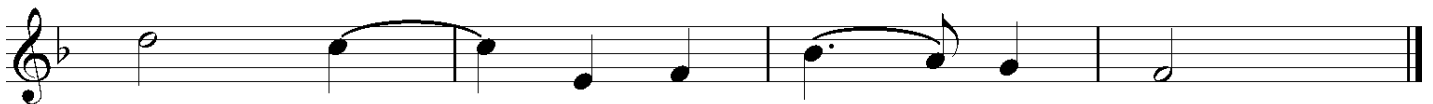
1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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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

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. The blessing of God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Fanfare on “Lyons”

*J. M. Hayden
arr, Dan R. Edwards*

The altar flowers are given in memory of
Helen Wilkerson MacAndrews.
Flowers arranged by Niki Ingram

Announcements

Join us for Clean Up Day at Old Swedes! On Sunday, May 16 at 1-4 pm we will be having a clean up day at Old Swedes Church. Help us and see your fellow parishioners too! Social distancing and masks are required.

The Bishop’s visit and confirmations are 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 TODAY at 4 pm. Though the in person concert is “sold out,” you can still watch via livestream on our Facebook page or YouTube channel (links found on our website trinityoldswedes.church). 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 in 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!

Sunday, May 9th bring your completed COVID vaccination card to church and get it laminated! If you have had both of your vaccination shots (Pfizer or Moderna) or your single J&J shot, you can have your vaccine card laminated after worship service.

Camp Arrowhead is an Episcopal based camp located on the shore of the Rehoboth Bay in Lewes, Delaware. It is a co-ed residential summer camp serving students entering grades 2-11, a Day Camp program for local children entering grades 2-5, and a Retreat Center from mid-August to June. For more information about the camp, please go to <https://www.camparrowhead.net>.

Monday Bible study at noon continues in May 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.

Trinity Parish Happy Hour—Join us on Sunday, May 23rd from 6-7:30pm at Patty’s house (2602 N. Harrison Street) for a socially distant, outdoor happy hour. BYOE—bring your own everything. To keep COVID-safe, we will not be sharing snacks, but you’re welcome to bring your own snacks, drinks, masks and lawn chairs. This is an opportunity to reconnect with the parish, or if you’ve only been worshipping online, to meet the folks you’ve seen on your screen. We hope to make this a recurring way to share in fellowship. Masks will be required!

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. 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. They will send a beautiful floral card to that special person with your personal message acknowledging your donation (no dollar amount is listed). Please go to friendshipousede.org and click the Annual Garden Fundraiser button.

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.friendshipousede.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.



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