

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:00 AM



THE SEASON IS...

Happy Easter! We are in 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!

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OUR PRAYER LIST

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector

David Simmons—Director of Music

Martha Diver—Reader/Intercessor/Coffee Hour Host

Stan Diver—Server

Team 2: Toni Spille, Sarah Berninger, Rachel Berninger—Altar Guild

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The flowers are given today in memory of Robert and Helen Maddox,
Anthony and Jenny DeCarli, and Joseph and Madge Preate.

The flowers are arranged by Martha Diver.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude (Piano)

“This Is The Feast”

Tune: Richard Hillert
Setting: Thomas Keesecker

Entrance Hymn 193

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity *Celebrant and People*

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 *Spoken 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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Psalm 133

*Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,*

*Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.*

*It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.*

*For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.*

The Epistle

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you

retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

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

We say Alleluia, for what was dead now lives; what was dark now shines; what was forgotten is remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us with all confidence bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give all god's people hope; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our Bishop, in the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria, and in our own diocese we pray for St. Luke's Church, Seaford: for Christ is risen, so we pray: *Lord, hear our Prayer.*

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

Lord, hear our Prayer

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from loneliness to love; and especially for Marie Hunt, Mark Levin, Melissa Perry, Anne Digan, Jim Yandle, Andrea Morgan, Frances Whittingham, Rich Mical, Tom Ptoomey, Julia McKay, Paquito Ocasio, Mark Evans, Stephen Warner, Gerardo Plasencia, Jeanne O'Shea, Lilian Ocasio, and Marilyn Serrano. May the Lord wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen, so we pray: ***Lord, hear our Prayer***

May this community here gathered have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world; for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week John Jones, Destiny Price, Tom Hopper, Steven Salazar Salazar, Michael & Kim Denhardt, and Beth & Don Copson, and for those being baptized today, Gianna Lee Watson, for Christ has risen, so we pray:

Lord, hear our Prayer

May all who have died be received at your heavenly banquet and may we be one in faith with all of them, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer

The Concluding Collect

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

All Things come of Thee, O Lord, ***and of thine own have we given Thee.***

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 him thanks and praise.

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:

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

People and Celebrant

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Announcements

Today at 1 pm - Meeting about Camino de Santiago via Zoom. Join us for a meeting about the pilgrimage—Meeting ID: 871 5015 0792; Passcode: 871007.

Kim Eppheimer from Friendship House will be preaching at the 10 am service on Sunday, April 14. She will also host a Zoom presentation on “Friendship House 101, ways to get involved and support” at 5 pm the same day. Check the weekly email for the Zoom link and login information.

April 16 is the next Conversations in American Law and Government. Please join us at 6 pm for this informative class/discussion at Trinity Church. Details will be sent via email and posted on our website.

FREE CONCERT: Encore Chorale of Wilmington – Come celebrate the return of spring on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 pm, right here at Trinity, when The Encore Chorale of Wilmington, a 40-member vocal ensemble, under the direction of Trinity’s Director of Music, David Simmons, presents a FREE concert, filled with an eclectic mix of choral delights, that will light up your spring with warmth and joy!

An “Acolyte Boot Camp” will be lead by Patty in the sanctuary at Trinity on Sunday, April 21 at 2 pm, to train any children eight and older who would like to join our acolyte team. We hope your children can join us! We also need a few parents to help “guide” and “shepherd” the acolyte team and the acolyte robing closet in the choir room, so if you are interested in helping with these duties, please let us know.

ARTS DAY AT OLD SWEDES – Reserve the afternoon of Saturday, May 18 (Noon to 5:00 pm) on your calendar and ask your friends to join you for a unique “Celebration of The Performing Arts!” Produced by The Arts At Trinity (TAAT) as part of the 325th Anniversary of Old Swedes, this “first of its kind” event will feature FREE performances by a host of prominent arts ensembles, including Opera Delaware, Delaware Shakespeare, Pieces of a Dream Modern Dance Company, and The Serafin Ensemble. From singing to dancing, and from dramatic offerings to instrumental performances, it will be an afternoon you will NOT want to miss. NO tickets required! Most performances will take place on the stage of the outdoor amphitheater. Help us spread the word throughout the greater Wilmington region! If you can assist with set-up, logistics, staffing, or tear-down, etc, that day, please contact David Simmons, at david@trinityparishde.org.

Women’s Retreat – Friday May 10 to Sunday May 12. Join us for the women’s retreat focused on “Legacy”: how we will be remembered when we are gone, how we can support those facing death or helping another to do so, and those who have lost a loved one. Beth Cohen, Rabbi Emerita of Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth Beach, served as Religious Leader there for 10 years before she retired. Rabbi Beth will lead us in exploring our topics around Legacy and provide background and understanding on the Jewish approach to these issues. Of course, we will also have time for relaxation, delicious food, beautiful scenery, and the company of other women who are on the same journey. This retreat is for women of all ages and backgrounds. The cost is \$300 for lodging and meals except lunch on Saturday which is on your own. Assistance with cost is available – contact Rev. Patty Downing. For more information, please contact Kim Denhardt.



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