

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 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

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. . The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
David Simmons—Director of Music
Esther Summers—Reader/Coffee Hour Host
Jo Klinge—Intercessor
Jerry Lucas—Server

Team 1: Cee Kelsey, Betty Jane Gunther, Bid Hukill—Altar Guild
All music is used with permission.

The flowers are given today in memory of Dr. and Mrs. James A. Draper, the Misses Elizabeth, Cornelia, and Madeleine Draper, and Mary Draper Lord.

The flowers are arranged by Fred Thomas, II.

If you would like to give online to Trinity Parish, please scan the QR code on the right.



The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 400

All Creatures Of Our God And King



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 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.***

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.

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

Psalm 22:24-30

*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.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

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."

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 we pray for the Church of Bangladesh, and in our Diocesan cycle we pray for St. Martin's in the Field Church, Selbyville: 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, Jeanne O'Shea, Lilian Ocasio, Mercedes Marrero, Marilyn Serrano, and Cecily Harmon. 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 Drew Fennell, Jaime Alacorn Salgado, Michael Jackson, Johanna Keresztes, Niki Ingram, Mickey Schwartz, Alondra Miranda Barrera, and Christopher & Kathleen David, for Christ has risen, so we pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

May all who have died, especially Marlene Nilsen, 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

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 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

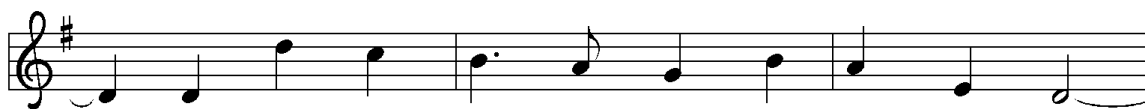
May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Announcements

Flower Donations- Flower donation opportunities for Sunday worship services at Trinity are available during the coming months. Donations begin at \$75. An honorific is added to service bulletins; examples include remembering loved ones, honoring an individual or church group (s), or celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. If interested, please contact Martha Diver (madiver@comcast.com) or Niki Ingram (niki.ingram@gmail.com). Thank you!

THE SERAFIN ENSEMBLE closes out TAAT Season! On Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 4:00 pm, The Serafin Ensemble returns to Trinity to close out The Arts At Trinity's 2024-2025 Concert Season! The diverse program includes Korngold: Four Piece for Violin and Piano from Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*; Dohnanyi: *Serenade for Strings*; Dvorak: *Piano Quartet No. 2 in Eb, Op. 87*. Come hear Eric Pritchard and Kate Ransom, violin; Amadi Azikiwe, viola; Jacques-Pierre Malan, cello; and Read Gainsford, piano in a FREE concert of gorgeous musical works!

Christ Church Christiana Hundred and St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church will co-sponsor a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven* on Wednesday, May 1, at 6 PM in Christ Church's Parish Hall. In an act of canonical disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. One of the Philadelphia Eleven, the Rev. Nancy Wittig, will be with us for discussion following the screening. Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. Please RSVP at <https://www.christchurchde.org/philadelphia-11-post/>

We are still looking for people to prepare meals for Clark House for June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th and Oct 7th; and we need meals for Epiphany House on July 17th, September 18th, November 20th and December 18th. Please sign up on the list in the lobby if you would like to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Berninger.

It's that time of year for Trinity to walk and fundraiser for Friendship House by participating in the Highmark Walk. All funds go directly to Friendship House. If Team Trinity Episcopal Parish gets 20 walkers and raises \$2000, there is a generous donor who donates an additional \$1000 to FH. Contact Sarah Berninger for info: berninger59@comcast.net, 302-351-2422

Confirmation Sunday, May 26th—Bishop Brown will be with us at Old Swedes to celebrate Confirmation and the 325th consecration of Old Swedes Church on Trinity Sunday. We will have a potluck coffee hour in the graveyard immediately following the service.

Spring knitting: The weather is warming up at last, but the need for winter hats will return before we know it. Join the Trinity Knitters on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month for easy fellowship and a nice bit of service to the community. We meet in the conference room just off the office. Question? ashlinbray@aol.com.

ARTS DAY AT OLD SWEDES

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Noon to 5:00 pm

Old Swedes Historic Site
600 North Church Street, Wilmington, DE

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Community Drum Circle - Noon

Featuring **FREE** performances by:

DELAWARE SHAKESPEARE - 1:00 pm

OPERA DELAWARE - 2:00 pm

PIECES OF A DREAM – 3:00 pm

CONTEMPORARY DANCE ENSEMBLE

THE SERAFIN ENSEMBLE – 4:00 pm

Come experience a unique “Celebration of The Performing Arts!”

Produced by **The Arts At Trinity (TAAT)** as part of the 325th Anniversary of Old Swedes Church and Historic Site, this “first of its kind” event will feature **FREE** performances by prominent performing arts ensembles. From singing to dancing, and from dramatic offerings to instrumental performances, it will be an event you will not want to miss!

NO tickets required!

Performances will take place on the stage of the outdoor amphitheater and inside Old Swedes Church.

The festivities will kick-off at NOON with a community drum circle. Grab a bucket/stick and come drum!

FREE OUTDOOR GAMES AND FACE PAINTING FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!



Spread the word!

Bring your friends & family and
join us for **ARTS DAY**
at Old Swedes!