

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 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
Jo Klinge—Reader/Intercessor/Coffee Hour

Team 4: Ava Vandergast, Amelia Welch-Wierzbicki—Altar Guild
All music is used with permission.

The flowers are given today in memory of Barbara Harrell,
Marshall and Harrell family members.

The flowers are arranged by Tom Hopper.

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




The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 208

The Strife Is O'Er, The Battle Done

Antiphon (at the beginning)



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



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
- 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
- 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
- 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

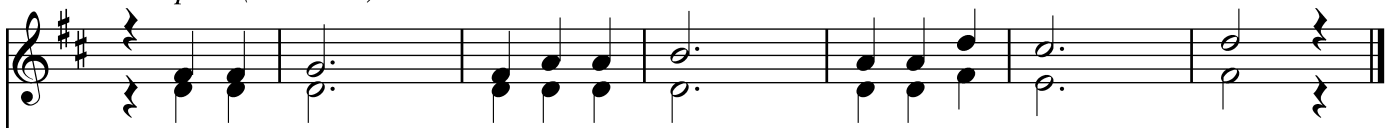


- 1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
- 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
- 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
- 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
- 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



- 1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
- 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
- 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
- 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
- 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the

prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.*

*He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.*

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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 Anglican Church of Australia, and in our Diocesan cycle we pray for St. Martha's Church, Bethany Beach: 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 next week Roman Price, Luis Gutierrez, Diane Gilman, Bebe Figueroa, Sonia Rivera, Christian Miranda Barrera, and for Britney Rojas Bravo who is being baptized today, 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

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 645

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Announcements

An “Acolyte Boot Camp” will be lead by Patty in the sanctuary at Trinity TODAY 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.

April 23 is the next Conversations in American Law and Government. Please join us at 6 pm for this informative class/discussion at Trinity Church.

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. Stay tuned for more details and exact performance times. 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.

It's that time of year for Trinity to walk and fundraise 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

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.

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. 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.

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!

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.

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.



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