

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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
Martha Diver—Reader/Intercessor
Stan Diver—Server
Stan Diver—Coffee Hour Host

Team 3: Kathryn Jakabcin, Bob Contino, Ray Stiles—Altar Guild
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The flowers are given by the Berningers in honor of all those who have mothered, nurtured, cared for, listened to and helped the younger people in their lives and in their communities. Happy Mother's Day to all!
Flowers arranged by Ashlin Bray.

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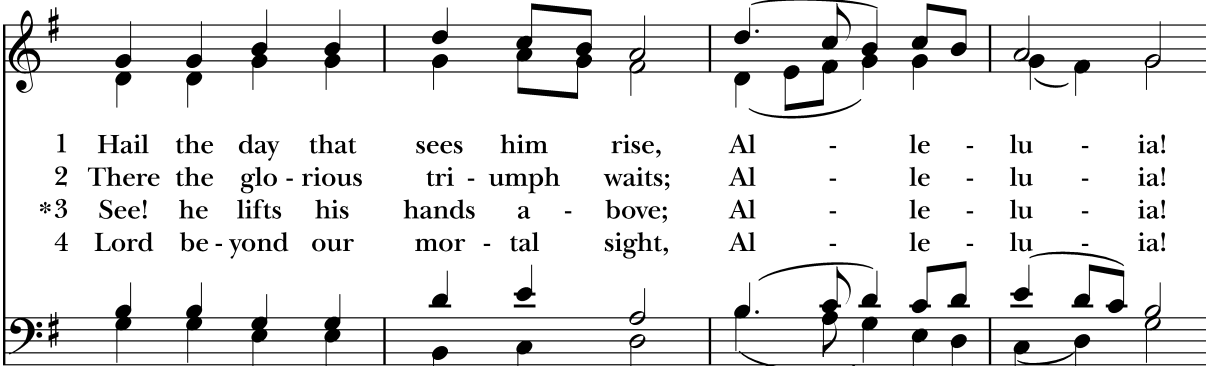


The Holy Eucharist

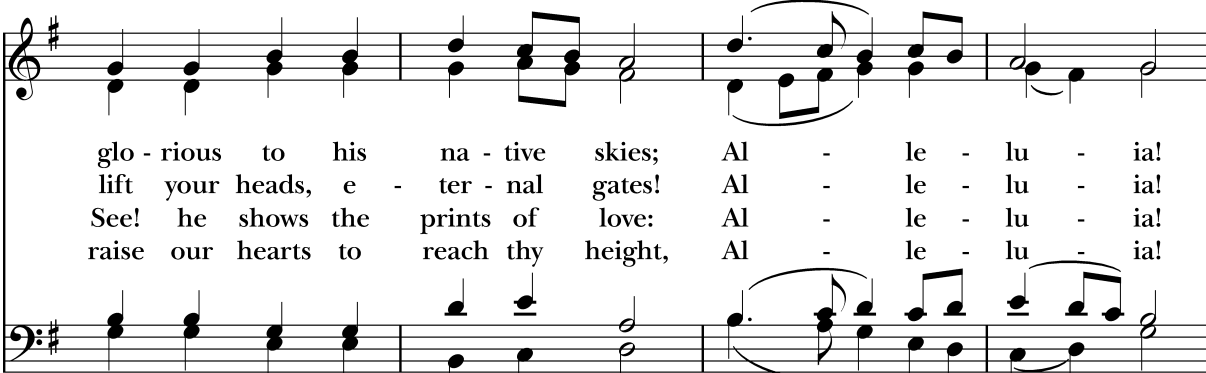
Prelude

Entrance Hymn 214

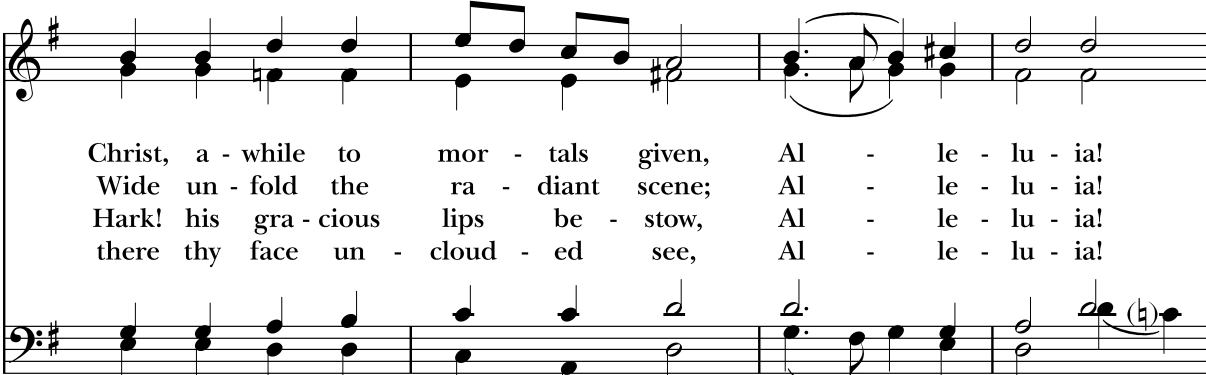
Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise, Alleluia!




1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy

Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Psalm 1

*Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!*

*Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.*

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.*

*It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*

*Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.*

*For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.*

The Epistle

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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 Burundi, and in our Diocesan cycle we pray for St. James Church, Newport: 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, Anne Digan, Jim Yandle, Tom Mark Evans, Stephen Warner, Julia McKay, Philip Simmons, Fermin Ocasio, John Zajackowski, 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 Aniela Meinhardt, Aiden Yeager, Andres Guzman Canongo, Sarah Dooley, Pam Stevenson, Gary Rowe, Margaret Sterchi, Peter & Kristen Kelly, Maureen Lyons & Jane Owen, and in celebration of mothers and those who fill the mother role, for Christ is risen, so we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

May all who have died, especially Suzanne Jones, 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.

Psalms 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.

Service of Healing

This is healing Sunday. If you desire, come forward for the laying on of hands that occurs following communion. You will be asked by the priest if you want prayers for yourself or someone else. Please offer the name and brief reason for the prayers. The clergy are available following the service and during the week if you would like to talk further about the issue, person or situation.

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 215

See The Conqueror Mounts In Triumph



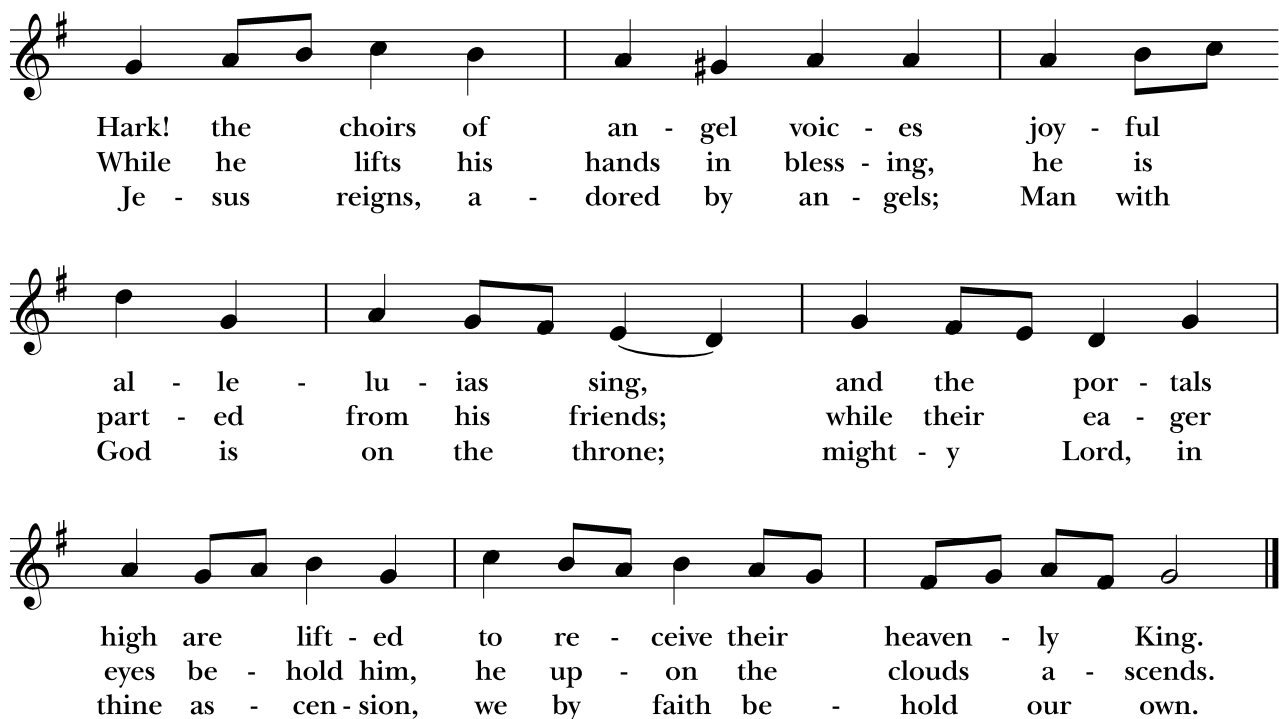
1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
 2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the
 3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
 grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and
 God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
 Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
 plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful
 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with
 al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals
 part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger
 God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in
 high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
 eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
 thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Announcements

Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost. Please wear red to church to commemorate the day!

Are you enthusiastic about the arts and eager to contribute positively? The upcoming ARTS DAY at Old Swedes on Saturday, May 18th is seeking volunteers to assist with various tasks. Whether you shine in Set-Up, excel in Admin and Hosting Duties, or can help with Tear Down, your involvement is vital for the success of this exciting event. You can play a key role in crafting an unforgettable experience for all attendees. To be part of ARTS DAY, reach out to David Simmons, our Director of Music, at david@trinityparishde.org. Let's come together to honor the influence of art and community! Our heartfelt thanks in advance for your support.

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!

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 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

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. Please sign up to bring something for the potluck on the sign up sheet in the lobby.**

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.

May 26th we will have 2 services—at 9:30 am at Old Swedes Church and at 12 pm at Trinity Church with Bishop Brown preaching and celebrating at both services. We will not hold services at 8 and 10 am on Sunday, May 26.



**ARTS
DAY** AT OLD
SWEDES

**SATURDAY, MAY 18 – Noon to 5:00 pm at Old Swedes Historic Site
600 North Church Street, Wilmington, DE**

12:00 pm: Community Drum Circle begins.
1:00 pm: **Delaware Shakespeare** takes the stage for a performance.
2:00 pm: **Opera Delaware** presents their operatic talents.
3:00 pm: **Pieces of a Dream** – a contemporary dance ensemble
4:00 pm: **The Serafin Ensemble** performs classical music

This event is a part of the **325th Anniversary celebration of Old Swedes Church and Historic Site**, produced by **The Arts At Trinity**. It's a unique opportunity to enjoy the performing arts in a historic setting. And there is something for everyone! With **free outdoor games, face painting for kids**, and **food trucks** from **Jerry Deen's** and **Fletcher's Kitchen**, it promises to be a day of fun for all ages. **No tickets are required**, so you can just come and enjoy the performances and activities. Remember to bring a bucket or stick if you want to join in on the drum circle. Enjoy the celebration!