

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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
Chris Viceconte—Reader/Intercessor
Jo Klinge—Coffee Hour Host

Team 2: Toni Spille, Sarah Berninger, Rachel Berninger—Altar Guild
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The flowers are given today in loving memory of Edward Ingram
and in gratitude for his extraordinary gifts which he shared with us all.

Flowers arranged by Niki Ingram.

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



The Holy Eucharist

Prelude (Piano)

“Day of Arising”
Tune: Carl Schalk
Setting: Nancy Raabe

Entrance Hymn 492

Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness!



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people

who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

*Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.*

*With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.*

*The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*

*He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*

*Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.*

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.*

*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.*

*Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.*

*In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.*

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one

who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicano de Brasil, and in our Diocesan cycle we pray for St. Mary's Church, Bridgeville: 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, Tom Ptoomey, Julia McKay, Paquito Ocasio, Mark Evans, Stephen Warner, Lilian Ocasio, Mercedes Marrero, Marilyn Serrano, Philip Simmons, 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 Stephanie Scott, Jovani Valasquez Ramirez, Juan Rodriguez, Nicholas Baysah, Terry Zitzelberger, Christopher Lindsey Clineff, Ryan Pryslak, Antonina Campos Yanez, and Karen Hoepfinger, for Christ is 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.

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.

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 344

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

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!

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 in the lobby to bring something for the potluck reception.

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

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!