

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:00 AM



WELCOME TO TRINITY PARISH

We are glad you are here! All are welcome. Please join us after the service for our coffee hour to enjoy some fellowship.

COMMUNION AT TRINITY

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church, which is served at the altar rail. If for any reason, you opt not to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a blessing for you.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website (trinityoldswedes.church). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching for @TrinityParishDE; and please tag us in your pictures using #TrinityParishDE.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

NURSERY

For those with small children, we have nursery staff available for the 10 am and noon services in the Sunday School room. We also have the nursery room in the lobby open for all services for parents to go with their children, if needed.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Christopher David—Priest
David Simmons—Director of Music
Jerry Lucas—Reader/Intercessor/Server/Coffee Hour Host

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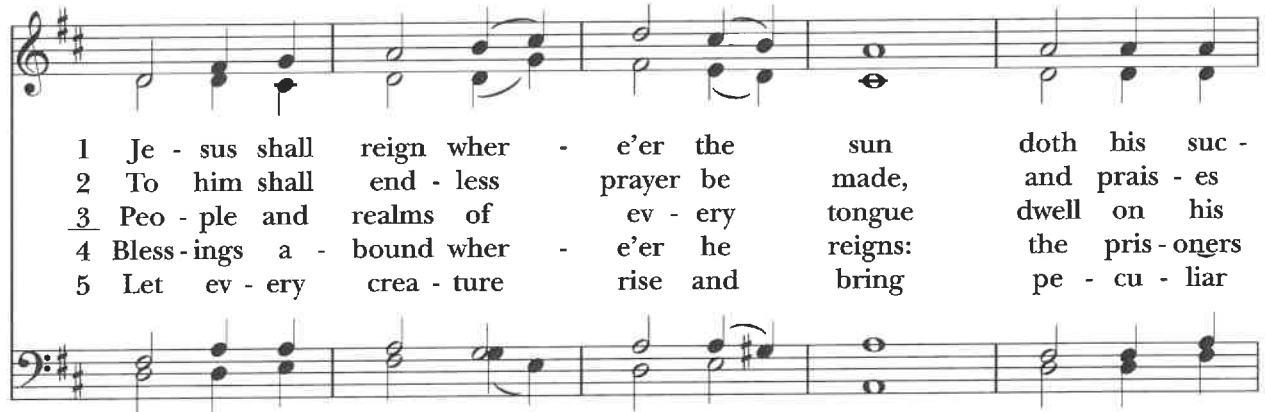
The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Edward Ingram and in gratitude for his extraordinary gifts which he shared with us all.
Flowers arranged by Niki Ingram.

The Holy Eucharist

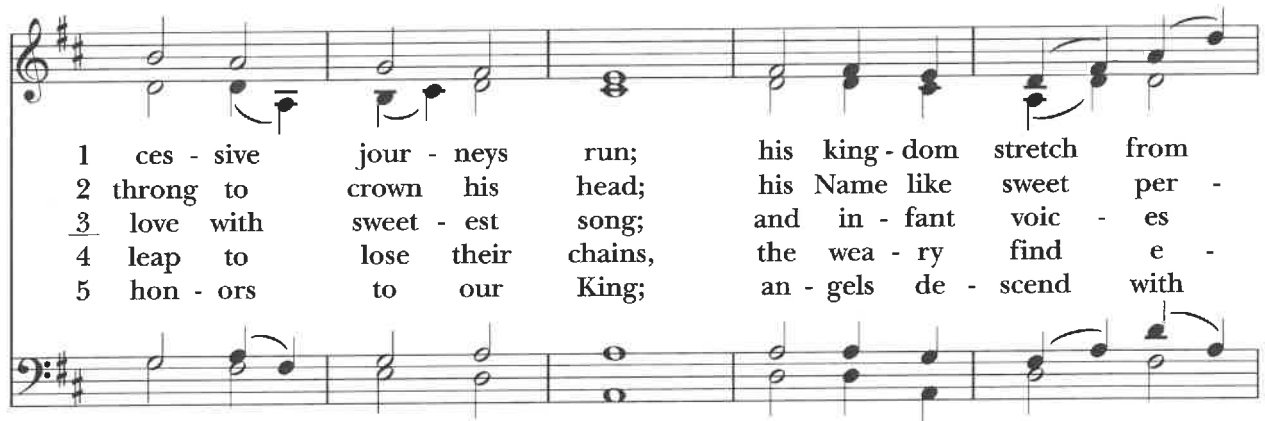
Prelude

Entrance Hymn 544

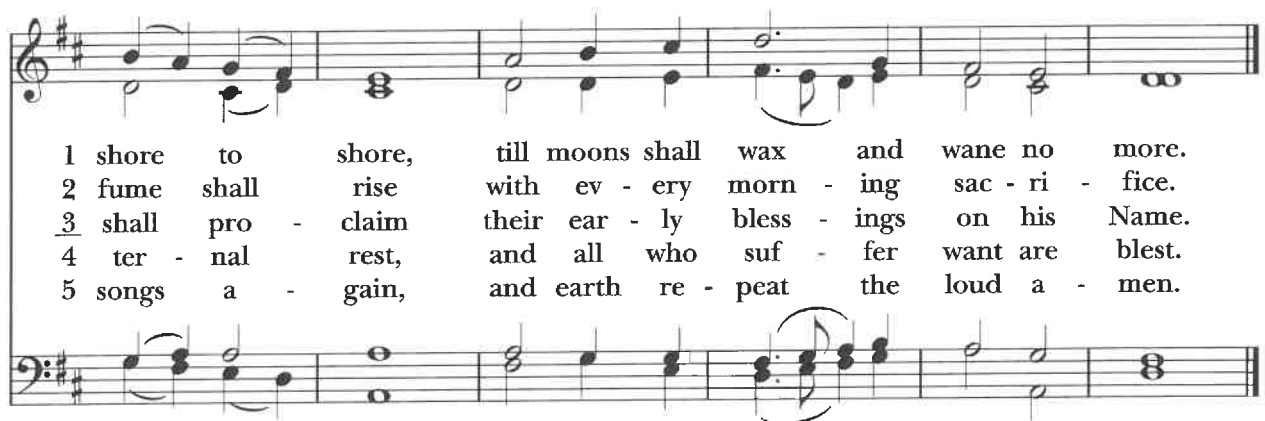
Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

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 blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

Psalm 30

*I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.*

*O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.*

*You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.*

*Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.*

*For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.*

*Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.*

*While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."*

*Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.*

*I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,*

*"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"*

*Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."*

*You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.*

*Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.*

The Epistle

Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

John 21:1-19

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled

the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher David

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our Bishop, for Marta our Priest, in the Anglican cycle we pray for the Church of Ireland, 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 Jim Yandle, Andy Boutcher, Phil Simmons, Tritstina McNeill, Richard Leuliette, Jesús Busto, Jack Hallock, Vanessa White, Mercedes Marrero, Alyse Calder, George Porter, Richard Hindy, Debbie Snipes, Marilyn Serrano, and Diane Desper. 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 Juan Rodriguez, Terry Zitzelberger, Christopher Lindsey Clineff, Ryan Pryslak, Jovani Velasquez Ramirez, Antonina Campos Yanez, Alondra Miranda Barrera, Nicholas Baysah, Stephanie Scott, and Christopher & Kathleen David, 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 will 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.***

Announcements

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.

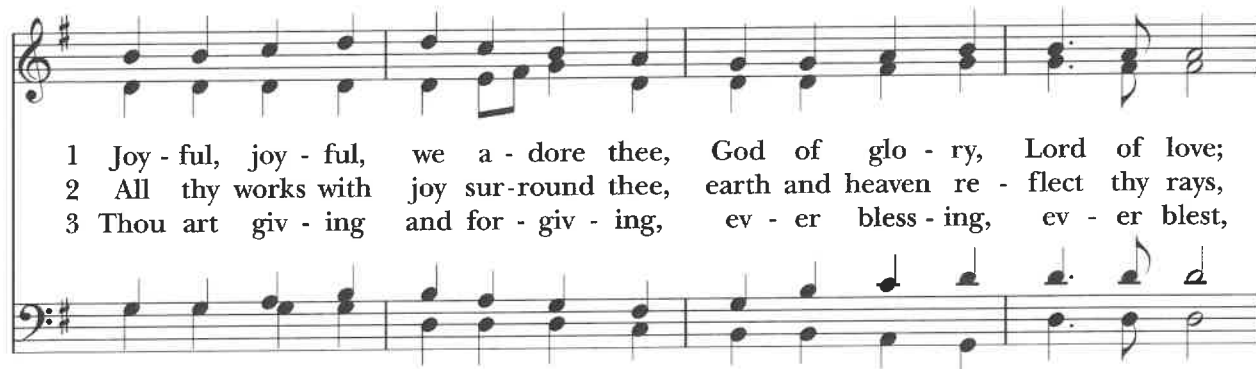
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

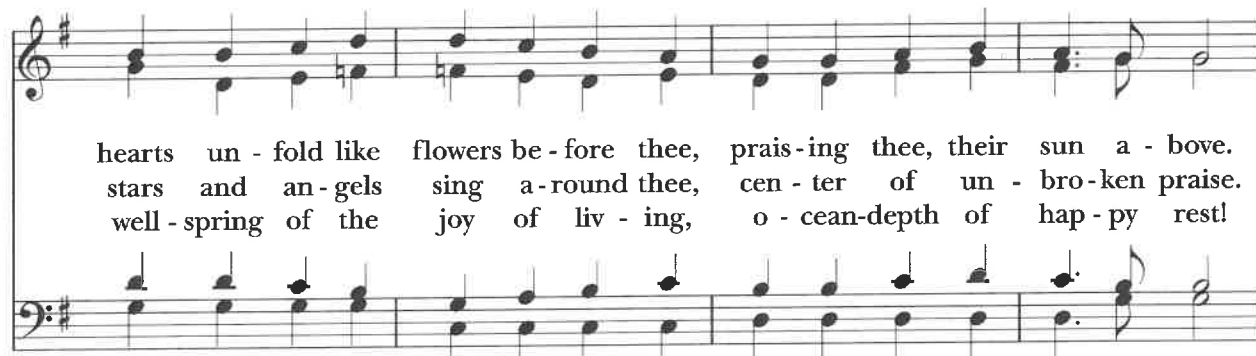
May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 376

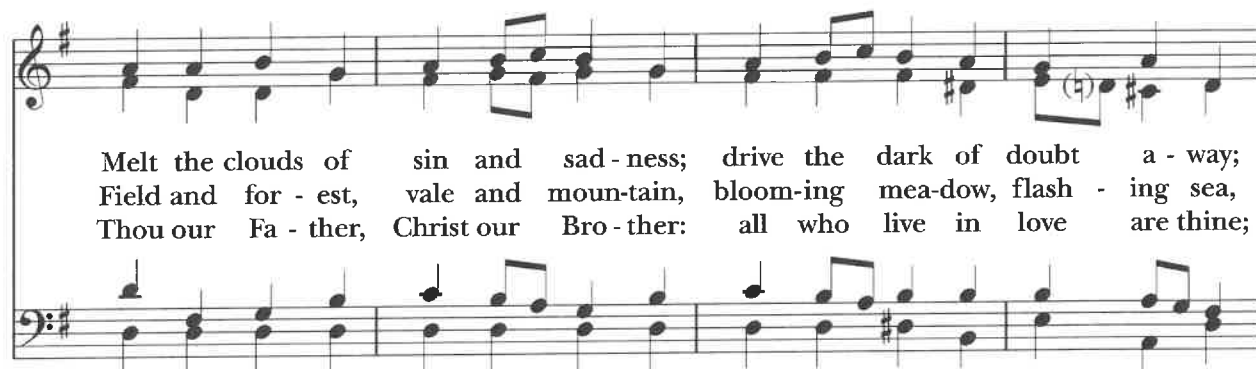
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Announcements

Help us welcome our new Interim Rector—The Reverend Dr. Kirtley Yearwood begins his ministry as the Interim Rector at Trinity/Old Swedes this month, with his first Sunday on May 18th. We will have 3 services that day: 8 am and 10 am in English and 12 pm in Spanish, with a welcome reception following each service. There is no service at Old Swedes in May.

CONCERT at TRINITY: Come hear the 50-voice Encore Chorale of Wilmington, under the direction of David Simmons, on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm! Tickets are FREE, but you MUST reserve them in advance using the QR code on the flyers in the rear of the church sanctuary. Last fall, ALL seats were reserved prior to the concert date, so get your tickets early and come hear an eclectic mix of music that will light up your spring with warmth and joy!

SEARCH TEAM NOTE: Trinity's Search Team has developed a survey that we want all members of Trinity/Old Swedes to complete. The survey will gather information about who we are, what we currently believe, and what characteristics we think our next rector should possess in order to lead us into our vision of the future. Your response is very important for our collective discernment efforts to call the right person to be our next rector. We are encouraging everyone to complete the survey electronically at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHHWFGH>



HELP NEEDED! The very old Steinway baby grand piano in the upstairs choir room here at Trinity, the piano which the choir uses to rehearse each Thursday evening for our Sunday services, is in extremely bad condition and the poor quality of the sound has impeded our rehearsals. The problem goes well beyond anything a tuning or minor work can fix. It has developed a large crack in the soundboard and frame and all the piano experts who have looked at it agree that it would cost far more to fix it and renovate the piano than it would to get a solid replacement piano. If you would be interested in providing the funds needed to purchase a suitable new (or used) baby grand piano for the choir room, please email our Director of Music, David Simmons at: david@trinityparishde.org

CONNECTING TO AFFIRM A HUMANE CIVIL SOCIETY: Clem Dinsmore will share with potentially interested parishioners on Sunday May 11 immediately after the 10 a.m. service in the parish dining hall information regarding a national networking initiative he is pursuing together with members of other Wilmington faith communities. The goals are to encourage those we know around the country to: (1) continue to maintain the courage of our convictions and faiths and participate in organizations that reflect them and (2) vigorously oppose behaviors of our national government that offend those convictions and faiths. Clem will welcome your interest and questions. *Clem is expressing his personal views and not speaking for any other group including Trinity.*