

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are new to Trinity, please fill out the Connect Card in the back of the pew in front of you or scan the QR code on the back of this service guide. Once you have filled it out, you can drop it in the offering box at the back as you leave today. This helps us to connect with you more personally. We promise not to spam you! Please stop by the welcome table after the service to pick up a small gift and join us in the Parish Hall for some refreshments.

The Trinity family is a joyful community seeking to love God, love people, and share life. Everything you need to follow along with today's worship service is printed in this guide. As Anglican Christians, we worship using a liturgy, a set of prayers that have been passed down from the ancient Church to us today. We share communion (a sacred meal of bread and wine) each Sunday. We invite all baptized and believing Christians to participate in communion with us. You do not have to be Anglican to share in communion with us. At the appropriate time, ushers will direct you forward to the altar rail to receive communion. We also have sealed, individual communion available at the back for those with health concerns.

We hope and pray that you will know the love of God for you today. If you have any questions or need anything, don't hesitate to ask a member of our welcome team or an usher.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.
All cell phones and mobile devices should be silenced prior to the service.

The Prelude

The Entrance Hymn The People stand.

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

The Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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.*

#645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

The Song of Praise

#S280 Glory to God

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 Children's Sermon The People sit. All children are welcome to come forward.

Please stand after the sermon as children 3-years-old through 5th grade leave to go upstairs to the Children's area for our Godly Play and Godly Study programs. They will return at the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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 First Lesson The People sit.

ACTS 13:14B-16,26-39

¹⁴On the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." ¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

²⁶ "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

[&]quot;You are my Son, today I have begotten you."

³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

[&]quot;I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David."

³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm,

[&]quot;You will not let your Holy One see corruption."

³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. ³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm PSALM 100

- O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
- Be assured that the Lord, he is God; it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures from generation to generation.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn The People stand.

#212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Verses 1-3

1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell; rejoice in Christ, again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.

2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet, 3 those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me. The Gospel JOHN 10:22-30

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

 22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gradual Hymn

4 His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave, lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.

#212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Verses 4-5

5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

The Sermon

Angela G. Jones Director of Children's Ministry

The Nicene Creed The People stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,†

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 phrase "and the Son" (Latin filioque) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in Documentary Foundations (The Book of Common Prayer 2019, page 768).

The Prayers of the People (BCP p128) The People kneel.

After each bidding the People are invited to offer their own prayers silently or aloud. Each bidding then concludes with the reader saying "Lord, in your mercy" and the People responding "Hear our prayer."

The Confession and Absolution of Sin (BCP p130)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says the Absolution of Sin.

The Comfortable Words (BCP p130)

The Priest says one or more of the following sentences from Holy Scripture: Matthew 11:28, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 1:15, and John 1:1-2.

The Peace The People stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated for announcements.

The Offertory

Worthy Over All

During this time, all quietly meditate on offering our lives and our gifts to the Lord.

He's all around yet draws us close He knows all things and yet desires to be known He's all powerful yet kind and merciful There is no one like our God

Sing a song and bless the Lord He is worthy of it all Worthy of it all He will reign forevermore He is worthy over all Worthy over all A righteous judge yet rich in love Deserving all and yet profoundly generous He's the debtless One who paid the debt for us There is no one like our God

The angels sing
Creation speaks
Our God is matchless
The darkness shudders
It's days are numbered
Our God is matchless
Our God is matchless yeah

Sung to the tune of All Creatures of our God and King

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

#S130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in 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, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things into subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, 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 Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

#S164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People are invited forward to receive the bread and the cup or a prayer of blessing.

The Communion Songs

Finished Work of Christ

I trade old for the new
I trade lies for the truth
I throw off these old chains
And hold fast unto You
I cling to the cross
Where my Savior bled
Where grace found a way
To bring death to an end
A beautiful ransom
When love paid my debt

So I'll sing Your praise all of my days Your blood flowing down like oceans of grace My sin swept away I'm brought back to life Here in the finished work of Christ

You came out of the grave You came bursting to life You shattered the darkness With Your glorious light In this battle for us You ran to the fight With mercy and grace And Your arms open wide The dawn of redemption Put an end to the night

So I'll sing Your praise all of my days Your blood flowing down like oceans of grace My sin swept away I'm brought back to life Here in the finished work of Christ

So I'll sing Your praise with all of my heart You buried my past so my future could start I kneel at the cross I'm held in Your light Here in the finished work of Christ Hallelujah hallelujah It is finished You have overcome Hallelujah hallelujah It is finished You have overcome

I kneel at the cross I'm held in Your light Here in the finished work of Christ

Communion

Take me back to the garden Lead me back to the moment I heard Your voice Take me back to communion Lead me back to the moment I saw Your face

And it was oh so simple It was easy to love And no space between us It was easy to trust

'Cause You are closer closer than my skin And You are in the air I'm breathing in And here's where the dead things come back to living I feel my heart beating again It feel's so good to know You are my friend

This is the garden Here in the place I find You close This is communion Here in the place I'm fully known

This is where I'm meant to be Me and You and You and me I don't have to prove a thing You've already approved of me

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Blessing (BCP p137)

The Priest gives the blessing.

The Closing Hymn The People stand.

#174 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side; praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine, gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie; thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4 Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy. From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise: risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Postlude



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