

Trinity Episcopal Church

Offering companionship along the Way.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Prelude “Ich hebe meine Augen auf” à 8

by Philipp Dulichius (1562 – 1631)

German text

Ich hebe meine Augen auf zu den Bergen,
von den mir Hilfe kommet,
Meine Hilfe kommt vom Herren,
der Himmel und Erde gemacht hat.
Er wird deinen Fuß nicht gleiten lassen,
und der dich behütet schläft nicht.
Siehe, der Hüter Israel
schläft noch schlummert nicht.
Der Herre behütet dich,
der Herre ist dein Schatten,
der Herre, über deiner rechten Hand,
daß dich des Tages die Sonne nicht steche,
noch der Mond des Nachtes.
Der Herre behüte dich für allen Übel.
Er behüte deine Seele,
der Herre behüte deinen Ausgang
und deinen Eingang von nun an,
von nun an bis in Ewigkeit. Amen.

English translation

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out,
and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore. Amen.
[Psalm 121 Church of England 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*]

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Gloria

**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.**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.

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

The Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The First Letter of John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gradual Hymn “The King of Love”

Dominus regit

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 10:11-18**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops, Ian, and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for *Alan Swide, Helen Symons and Carol M. Taylor*, and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added.*)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

The Peace

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem “Psalm 23”

by Christine Gevert (b. 1964)

Doxology “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

Old 100th

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Holy: Santo, Santo, Santo, Santo / Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy (La Misa Popular Salvadoreña)

by Guillermo Cuéllar (b. 1955)

**Santo, santo, santo, santo, santo, santo es nuestro Dios,
Señor de toda la tierra, santo, santo es nuestro Dios.**

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,
God, the Lord of all of hist'ry, holy, holy is our God.**

**Who accompanies our people, who lives within our struggles
of all the earth and heaven, the one and only Lord.**

**Benditos los que en su nombre, el Evangelio anuncian,
la buena y gran noticia, de la liberación.**

**Santo, santo, santo, santo, santo, santo es nuestro Dios,
Señor de toda la tierra, santo, santo es nuestro Dios.**

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,
God, the Lord of all of hist'ry, holy, holy is our God.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

Pastor Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Prayer for Spiritual Reception

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist. We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul. Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

The Postcommunion Prayer

Triune God, in the transformation of bread and wine, let the Incarnate Christ be not only revealed *to us*, but *in us*, so that we may be transformed evermore-so into the Body of Christ. Lord Jesus, make my hands your Hands, my feet your Feet, my heart your Heart. Let me see with your eyes, listen with your ears, speak with your lips, love with your heart, understand with your mind and serve with your Will. By the power of the Spirit, make me your other Self.

Celtic Liturgy

The Blessing

Be of good courage, stand firm in the faith, do everything in love and compassion; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn “Alleluia, sing to Jesus”

Wesley

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude Organ improvisation on tune *Wesley*

Gevert

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
James Korrie Brehm by Tom Ragan.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert
Lector: Pari Forood
Psalmist: Charlotte Frost
Epistoler: Carol M. Taylor
Intercessor: Janet Walker
Flowers: Heather Chapman
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Verger: Geoff Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In person service at 9 AM continues every Sunday
Online service at 10:30 AM with music continues every Sunday
Thursdays at Noon – Zoom Bible Study – Book of Ecclesiastes

The Trinity Vestry

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden
M. E. Freeman, Junior Warden John Oler, Treasurer
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