

Trinity Episcopal Church

Offering companionship along the Way.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Prelude “All the ends of the world” William Boyce (1711-1779)

Sung by Crescendo Vocal Ensemble

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord:
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he is the Governor among the people. Hallelujah!
Psalm 22, verses 26-27

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

 "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
 so he does not open his mouth.

 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

 Who can describe his generation?

 For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

4 **M**y praise is of him in the great assembly; *

 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

 "May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The First Letter of John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn "God is love; His mercy brightens"

Sussex

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 15:1-8**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless

you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Heidi Truax

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

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all those in religious orders, for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks at all times for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (*we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful.*) Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Maureen Tesoro, for Kevin Titus and Deanna Benevidez, for Al and Electra Tortorella, and for their families;
That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*)
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer List

SICK

Alex
Bill
Maxi
Harry
Cindy
Heather
Rob W.
Mike
Marlene
Martha
Richard V.
Carlos

Donna
Millie
Allie
Sam
Jeremy
Betsy H.
Roberto
Alice Tweed
All cancer patients as they continue their recovery
All caregivers
And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

All who have died from COVID-19

The Peace

Pastor
People

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

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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The Blessing

The blessing of God, whose love stays with us and is with us wherever we go, keep you close in one another's hearts. And now may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with you, and those you love, and those who love you, now and forever. Amen.

Final Hymn "Love divine"

Hyfrydol

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 *Hyfrydol*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
Agatha Dakin and Wren Smith by Heather Chapman.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert

Lector: M. E. Freeman

Psalmist: Bill Jenks

Epistoler: Judith Frost

Intercessor: Geoff Brown

Flowers: Judith Sherman

Altar Guild: Bev Becker, Theresa Kenny

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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