

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Offering companionship along the Way.*

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

# May 16, 2021

**Prelude** ““O clap your hands” (ca. 1610),

by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Sung by Crescendo Vocal Ensemble

O clap your hands together, all ye people,  
O sing unto God with a voice of melody.  
For the Lord is high, and to be feared,  
he is the great King of all the earth.  
He shall subdue the people under us,  
and the nations under our feet.  
He shall choose out an heritage for us,  
ev'n the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.  
God is gone up with a merry noice,  
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.  
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God,  
O sing praises, sing praises unto the Lord our King.  
For God is the King of all the earth,  
sing ye praises with understanding.  
God reigneth over the heathen,  
God sitteth upon his holy seat.  
For God, which is highly exalted,  
doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1**

- 1 **H**appy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### **The First Letter of John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** “Hail the day that sees him rise”

*Llanfair*

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 17:6-19**

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made

complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

*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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For Ian and Laura our Bishops, for all the lay and ordained ministers and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, Jane Tuttle, Alice Tweed, Max Ule, and for their families, and for all who live and work in our communities, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, all who suffer and those who have asked for our prayers (*we read from the list and leave time for people to add names;*) for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (*we read from the list and leave time for people to add names,*) and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of our lives especially all we lift up in prayer at this time (*we leave time to lift up our thanksgivings.*) Give us grateful hearts, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

### **The Peace**

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

*People*                      **And also with you.**

**Offertory Anthem** “God has gone up”

by William Croft (1678 – 1727)

God is gone up with a merry noise:  
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.  
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:  
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the King of all the earth:  
sing ye praises with understanding.

*Psalm 47, vv. 5-7*

**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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**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**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Christ, our Lord. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here to speak your love and to reveal your glory in the world. Amen.**

*Jane Keener-Quiat*

## **The Blessing**

The Holy and Mighty God protect you from all evil,  
Christ the King deliver you from all darkness,  
The Holy Spirit guide you into ways of peace  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**Final Hymn** “Jesus lives! Thy terrors now”

*St. Albinus*

## **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *St. Albinus*

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*The altar flowers this morning are given to the  
Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mary Catherine Rowan by Heidi Truax.*

## **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director and Video Editor:* Christine Gevert  
*Lector:* Eleanore Jenks  
*Psalmist:* Scott Frost  
*Epistoler:* Al Dorf  
*Intercessor:* Jim Conzo  
*Flowers:* Heather Chapman  
*Altar Guild:* Theresa Kenny  
*Counter:* Barry Anderson  
*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  
Beverly Becker, Clerk  
Barry Anderson, Michael Cuoco, Al Dorf,  
Scott Frost, Danielle A. Gaherty, Theresa Kenny

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