



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

*Photo of the archeological site of the pool of Beth-zatha.*

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Owen*

**Opening Hymn** *Wonder, Love and Praise* 781 “Now let us rise and hymn the grace” *Owen*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Pastor* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Priest* 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.**

**The Gloria** (*see pew card*)

Christine Gevert (2017)

**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 together our collect.

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

## **Psalm 67**

*Gevert-1*

1 **M**ay God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **A reading from the Revelation to John 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the

leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Gradual Hymn W, L & P 790** "Put peace into each other's hands"

*Peta*

**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia"

Christine Gevert (2017)

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 5:1-9  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Heidi Truax

**A moment of silent reflection**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

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

For the holy Church of God, giving thanks today for the election of a new Diocesan Bishop. May the Church 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 the peace and welfare of the world which we have been graciously given. For peace in Ukraine, peace in our county and peace in our hearts, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, John and Kathryn Kuhns, Rachel and Donald Lamb, Jane Lipton 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 Confession**

**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 Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

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

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

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn W, L & P 782** “Gracious Spirit, give your servants”

*Abbot’s Leigh*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

*Old 100th*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest* 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, holy, holy** (*see pew card*)

Christine Gevert (2019)

**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.**

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.**

**Fraction Anthem** (*see pew card*)

Christine Gevert (2019)

**The Communion** (*on the floor level of the nave—bread and wine offered*)

**Communion Hymn W, L & P 810** “You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord” *Eagle’s Wings*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Christ, you are risen from the dead. We are risen with you. May our life never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy. Praise and glory to the God of life who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia. Amen.**

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

**The Blessing**

The holy and Strong One, The merciful God, deliver you from the powers of evil, strengthen you in all goodness, keep you in eternal life, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn W, L & P 812** “I the Lord of sea and sky”

*Here I am, Lord*

**The Dismissal**

**Priest** Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia!

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

**Postlude:** Organ improvisation on tune *Here I am, Lord*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Alice Tweed by her family.*

### **Serving Today**

*Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax  
Music Director: Christine Gevert  
Minister of Communion: Jim Conzo  
Lector: Roy Bickley  
Epistoler: Eleanore Jenks  
Intercessor: Barry Anderson  
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco  
Flowers: Marian Beers  
Counter: Barry Anderson  
Greeter/Usher: Roy Bickley, Mike Cuoco  
Verger: Geoff Brown*

### **Announcements**

- Today** Noon: vestry meeting
- Sat., May 28** 10 AM to 12 PM NY Cycle Club stops by. Have you signed up to help?
- Sunday, May 29** 4:00 PM Misa en Español
- June 4, 5, 11, 12** Kaleidoscope Institute's "Becoming Beloved Community" training on Zoom
- Sunday, June 5** 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM The Great Country Mutt Show at Lime Rock Park  
Please see next page for the dog biscuit recipe we'll be using to support  
Little Guild and LRCC. And please let Pastor Heidi know if you'll be baking
- Sunday, June 12** Trinity Sunday feast day celebration with stained glass window rededication  
BBQ to follow the service. We'll cook hamburgers, hot dogs and  
chicken; you bring sides/beverages/desserts.
- Fri., July 1** **Save the date!** Art show returns. 5-7 pm Opening reception
- Mondays** 7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal
- Tuesdays** 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge and Sharon Hospital
- Thursdays** 12:30 PM Bible Study on Zoom– Gospel of John

*Please remember that we are filming this service and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.*

### **Oatmeal Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits (Keen's Biscuits) (For the Great Mutt Dog show)**

- 2 cups ww flour
- 1 cup rolled oats (quick or old fashioned)
- 1/2 cup dry milk
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 T. dried parsley or 2 T. fresh parsley
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup peanut butter, warmed in a microwave
- 1/2 cup water (more or less)

Combine the dry ingredients and then add eggs and warmed peanut butter. Then add enough water to come together and remain "rollable." You can either roll them out and cut them or make balls which you squish with the bottom of a glass. Bake at 300 degrees for 40-60 minutes. I always err on the longer side to make sure they are quite hard.

### **Music Credits/Licensing**

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