



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune *Richmond*

Processional Hymn 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor 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.**

Glory to God - *Gloria in excelsis* (Canticle 20)

7 1 Glo - ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al -
13 might y God, and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give_ you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry.
20 3 Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4 you take a - way the
26 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us, 5 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
32 re-ceive our prayer. 6 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

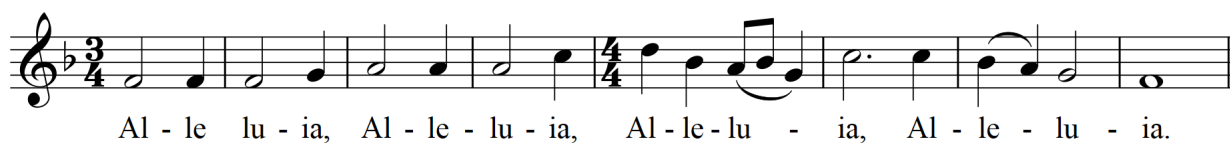
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 422 Not far beyond the sea, nor high

Cornwall

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia



Christine Gevert, for Trinity Church, 10-2017

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:1-10
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Heidi Truax

A time of Silent Reflection

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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops, for all lay and ordained ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, 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 book 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 all who have died in the communion of your Church (*we read from the book 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 and Absolution

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.

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 439 What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

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

Old 100th

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.**

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.

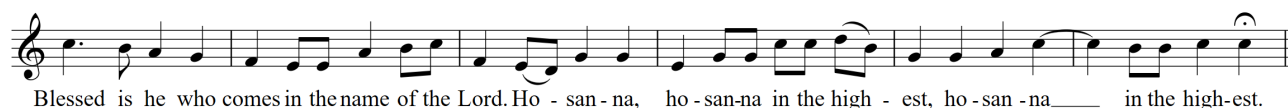
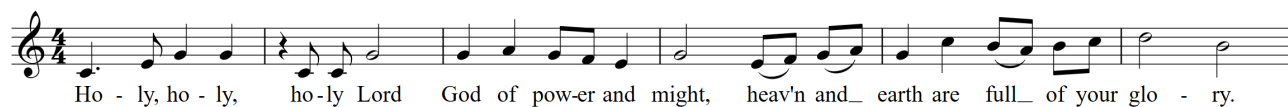
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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, holy, holy [Easter]

Christine Gevert
For Trinity Church Lime Rock, Apr. 2019



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.

Fraction: Blessed are those [Easter]

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For Trinity Church Lime Rock, Apr. 2019

Bles - sed are those who are called to the sup - per of the Lamb. Praise the Lord, all ye na - tions.

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For his lov - ing kind - ness to - wards us is great and his faith - ful - ness en - dures for ev - er.

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Distribution of Holy Communion at the altar

We offer wine and grape juice, blessed

Communion Hymn 332 O God, unseen yet ever near

St. Flavian

Postcommunion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth as a people forgiven, healed and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, who has opened for you the gate of glory, give you life in all its fullness and lead you to life eternal; And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 199 Come, ye faithful raise the strain

St. Kevin

The 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 *St. Kevin*

The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Mary Anne Carley
Lector: Roy Bickley
Epistoler: David Booth Beers
Intercessor: M.E. Freeman
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Flowers: Marilyn Anderson
Counter: John Lloyd
Greeter/Usher: Roy Bickley/Mike Cuoco
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

A big thank you to all who gave plants for our Sunday School to plant in honor of Earth Day! They are all now in the ground and growing happily!

- Saturday, May 6** 10:30 AM we visit Congregation Beth David in Amenia, NY for Holocaust Remembrance Day
- May 15-17** Pastor Heidi at Clergy Conference in Middletown
- Sunday, May 21** Rev. Félix Rivera preaches at 10:30 service
Noon—Vestry meeting
4:00 PM Misa en español
- Sunday, May 28** 8:00 AM Eucharist at Trinity as usual
10:00 AM Pentecost service at Salisbury Congregational, Bishop Jim Curry preaching
- Sunday, June 4** **Trinity Sunday**
10:30 service—Congregation Beth David and Rabbi Jon Haddon come to visit
- Sunday, July 9** SAVE THE DATE—This is the opening celebration of our 150th Anniversary
Bishop Laura Ahrens will join us and re-dedicate the cornerstone and bless our Chapel.

Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal
- Tuesdays** 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge
6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom We are currently studying the Acts of the Apostles
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office

Music Credits for Live Stream

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