

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 7, 2023

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Houston*

**Processional Hymn 490** I want to walk as a child of the light

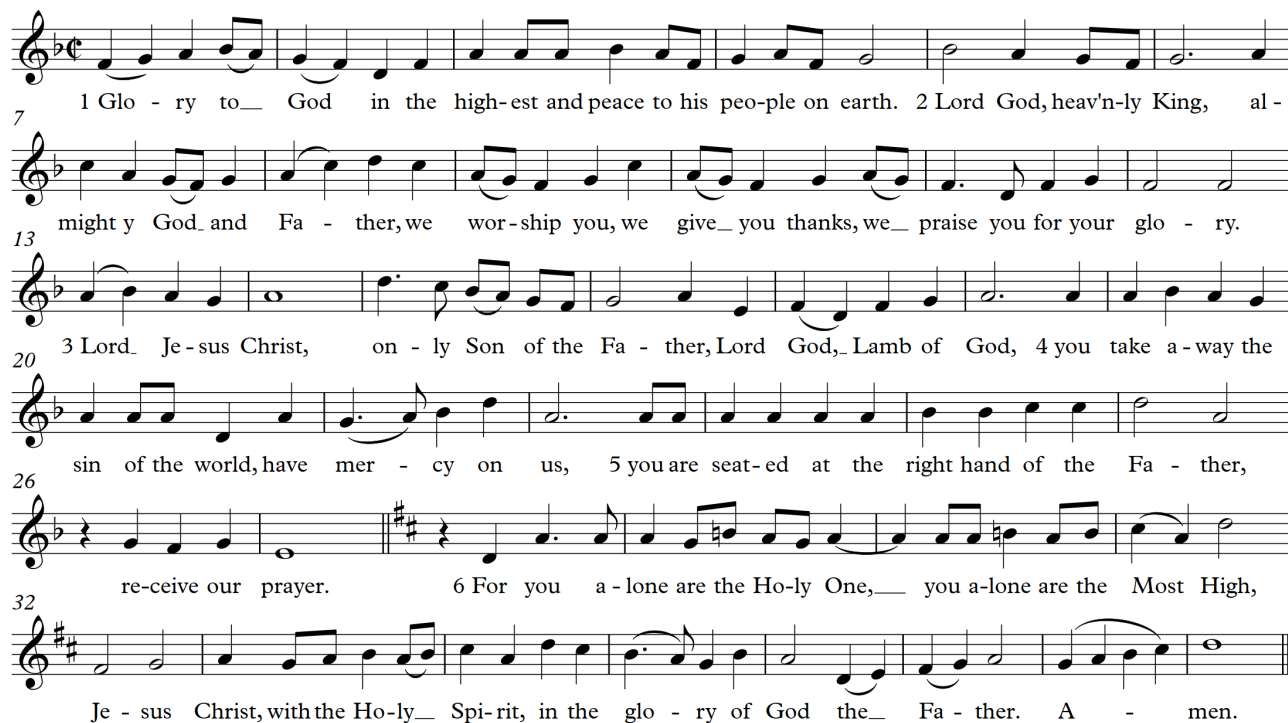
*Houston*

*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.

**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.**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

*Gevert-12*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
  deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
  make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
  for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
  for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
  for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
  rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
  and in your loving-kindness save me.

### **A Reading from Peter's First Letter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**Gradual Hymn 500** Creator, Spirit, by whose aid

*Surrey*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia



Christine Gevert, for Trinity Church, 10-2017

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:1-14  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*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, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be offered.*) On our parish cycle of prayer we pray for John and Linda Lloyd, Maurice Maddox, Martha and Michael Nesbitt, and for their families. We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*We read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Anthem** "Let not your heart be troubled" by Myles Birket Foster (1851-1922)

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions:

[And if] I go and prepare a place for you,... that where I am, there ye may be also.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Text: John 14:1-3 & Matt.11:30,28

**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.**

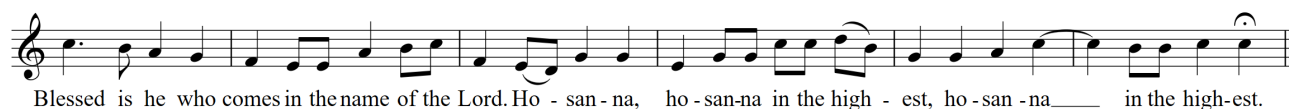
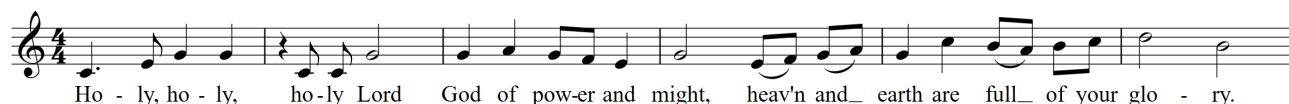
*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy [Easter]

Christine Gevert  
For Trinity Church Lime Rock, Apr. 2019



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All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **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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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 (see insert)**

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 467** Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

*St. Bees*

## 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. Bees*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Haley Conklin.*

## Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax

*Music Director:* Christine Gevert

*Minister of Communion:* Mary Anne Carley

*Lector:* Marian Beers

*Epistoler:* Alan Swide

*Intercessor:* Jim Conzo

*Altar Guild:* Bev Becker

*Flowers:* Theresa Kenny

*Counter:* Bev Becker

*Greeter/Usher:* Alan Swide/Jim Conzo

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

- 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
- Saturday, May 27** 10:30—11:30 New York Cycle Club visits Trinity. Please see sign up sheet in Guild Rm
- 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 visits with Rabbi Jon Haddon
- Sunday, July 9**      10:30 AM —Opening celebration of our **150th Anniversary**  
Bishop Laura Ahrens will join us and re-dedicate the cornerstone and bless our Chapel.  
11:30 Brunch
- Friday, Sept. 15**      5—7 PM—Save the date! Opening reception for the annual Trinity Juried Art Show

### Weekly Schedule

- 1st Sunday/month** Region Meeting on Zoom with our Region Missionary, Deborah Tickell
- 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 Acts of the Apostles.
- Saturdays**          9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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# Communion Hymn "It is well with my soul"

Philip P. Bliss (1828-1876)

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,  
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,  
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— It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 soul,