

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 14, 2023

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Deus tuorum militum*

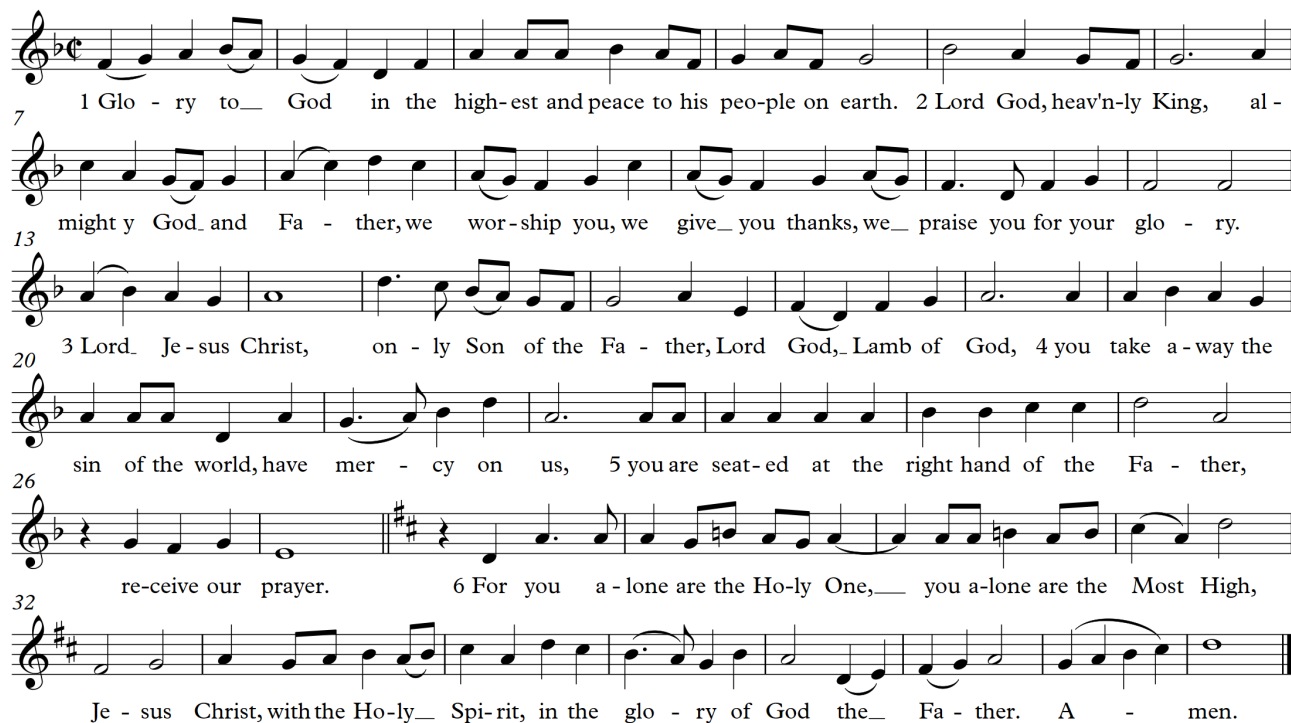
**Processional Hymn 448 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6** O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*

*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, 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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 66:7-18

*Gevert-12*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**A Reading from Peter's First Letter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 188** Love's redeeming work is done

*Savannah*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia



Christine Gevert, for Trinity Church, 10-2017

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, Joe; for our Governors, Maura, Kathy and Ned, for the leaders of all nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our mothers who bore us, raised us and sent us out into the world. Give us grateful hearts for mothers who endure much, hope much and love unconditionally.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially *(we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added,)* let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those things for which we are thankful *(we leave time to lift up thanksgivings)* and for those on our parish cycle of prayer, Keith J. Nolan, John and Lorraine Oler, Randy Orzano and Gretchen Hachmeister, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection *(we read from the book and leave time for names to be added,)* and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

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

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 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.**

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 458 vs. 1, 2, 6, 7** My song is love unknown

*Love unknown*

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

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## 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.**

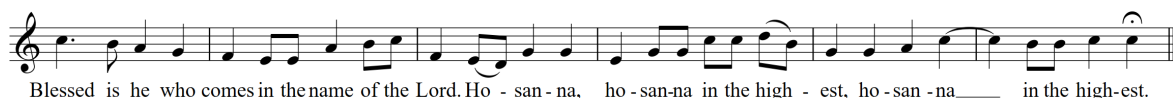
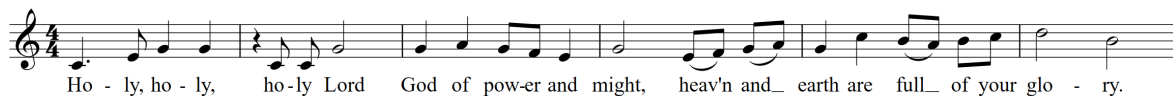
*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and has taken away the sin of the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy [Easter]

Christine Gevert  
For Trinity Church Lime Rock, Apr. 2019



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

### 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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### Communion Anthem "If ye love me" by Thomas Tallis (1505 - 1585) Text: John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

## Postcommunion Prayer

Oh Lord, I'd forgotten, somehow-since last year-how many blossoms there can be on a crab apple tree. I'd forgotten how many birds sing on a spring morning. Your generosity, dear Creator, boggles the mind. God's world is abounds in gifts for us. Christ abounds in love for us in the Holy Meal shared this day. Give us grateful hearts. Amen.

*Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley (adapted)*

## Blessing

The almighty Father refresh you. The loving Savior redeem you. The lifegiving Spirit restore you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

## Final Hymn "Like as a mother comforteth"

*Beatitudo (Hymn #683)*

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), Text: William Marion Runyan (1870-1957)

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| 1. Like as a mother comforteth<br>O words of gentle worth!<br>So will I comfort you, declares<br>The Lord of all the earth.          | 3. He patient is, as mothers are<br>Who love their children well;<br>Our faults and failings He forgives;<br>His mercies—who can tell! |
| 2. He bends in faithful watchfulness;<br>He slumbers not nor sleeps;<br>Above His trusting child the Lord<br>A constant vigil keeps. | 4. Like as a mother, grant, O God,<br>This likeness e'er may be<br>A holy symbol to declare  |

## 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 *Beatitudo*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of William Bradley by Diane Walters.*

## Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax

*Music Director:* Christine Gevert

*Minister of Communion:* Theresa Kenny

*Lector:* Emma Sisk

*Epistoler:* Michelle Sisk

*Intercessor:* Barry Anderson

*Altar Guild:* Mike Cuoco

*Flowers:* Tom Schindler

*Counter:* Martha Nesbitt

*Greeter/Usher:* Brennan Sisk/Mike Cuoco

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

- Sunday, May 21** The Rev. Félix Rivera, Deacon, 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.

## Music Credits for Live Stream

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