



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MARCH 21, 2024

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Dominus regit me*

**Opening Hymn** 646 verses 1-2, 5-6 The King of love my shepherd is *Dominus regit me*

*Priest* 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.*

**The Gloria:** Hymnal S 277 Gloria in excelsis David Hurd, b. 1950

**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.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* 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 4:5-12**

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23** *King James Version*

*Gevert-1*

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 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 708** Savior, like a shepherd lead us

*Sicilian Mariners*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Pastor* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Pastor Heidi Truax

**Minute of silence for 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 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, John and Lorraine Oler, Randy Orzano and Gretchen Hachmeister, for Tom Ragan and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, 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.**

## 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.**

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

## Announcements

**Offertory Hymn 487** Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

*The Call*

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

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

## 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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy

**Holy, holy, holy: Hymnal S 130** Sanctus Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert; arr. Richard Proulx

**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 are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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 Anthem: Hymnal S 154** Christ our Passover

David Hurd (b. 1950)

*Here at Trinity we welcome you to take communion with us. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask Pastor Heidi for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn 341** For the bread which you have broken

*Omni Die*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Holy, gracious, God, Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.**

*Joanna Harader*

**Blessing**

Rejoice for Christ is risen, and he seeks us to rise with him. In Christ is our hope; in life, in death, and in all eternity. Today the risen Lord comes to us with his gift of peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 390** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

**The Dismissal**

*Pastor* Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ! Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *Lobe den Herren*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of James Korrie Brehm.*

### **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Minister of Communion:* Theresa Kenny  
*Lector:* Tom Schindler  
*Epistoler:* Diane Walters  
*Intercessor:* Susanna Schindler  
*Altar Guild:* Mike Cuoco  
*Flowers:* Marian Beers  
*Counter:* Bev Becker  
*Greeter/Usher:* Roy Bickley/Rachel Lamb  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

### **Announcements**

*No Bible Study this week—Pastor Heidi will be away.*

- Today** Noon—Vestry Meeting
- April 20-21, 27-28** 10:00 AM—2:00 PM “All Things Trinity” Art Show open
- Monday, Apr. 22** 12 Noon—Burial Service for George Mortenson (Trudy Washburn’s nephew)
- April 23—April 29** Pastor Heidi at CREDO conference
- Saturday, May 4** 6:00 PM Crescendo Concert—Gilbert and Sullivan
- Saturday, May 11** 10:00 AM—2:00 PM “Growing Hope, Forging Peace” at Camp Washington
- Sunday, May 19** 8:00 and 10:30 AM Celebration of **Feast of Pentecost** using  
1879 *Book of Common Prayer* in honor of our 150th Anniversary year
- Sunday, May 26** Trinity Sunday—our Annual Feast Day

### **Weekly Schedule**

- Mondays** 6:30 PM Crescendo rehearsal in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely 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 Explorers: *Genesis*
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.  
4:00 PM Crescendo rehearsal

**Trinity Vestry**

Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden  
Theresa Kenny, Jr. Warden  
M. E. Freeman, Treasurer  
Jim Conzo, Clerk  
Stephanie Barrett, Marian Beers, Al Dorf,  
Emily DiMartino, Jarrod Sisk, Alan Swide

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



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