

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Sunday, May 15, 2022  
8:00 a.m.*



*Holy Eucharist, Rite One*

**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

**Welcome!** Wherever we are as we worship this morning, we seek to be as one body in one Spirit with the risen Christ. That same Spirit that moved over the deep at the beginning of time and called Jesus from the grave now calls to us, saying:  
Come, Live in my Love. Blessings and peace as we continue together in worship and thanksgiving this "Eastertide," the great 50 days of Easter.

*Our worship today follows Rite One of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP), beginning on p. 323. This service is being livestreamed and recorded on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).*

*Today, we welcome Pastor Maggie Ainslie as our preacher and presider. Fr. Ted is away to conduct a wedding.*

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## Liturgy of the Word

*All scriptural texts except the psalm are taken from the NRSV translation.*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

*BCP p. 324*

*Presider and People*

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

*The congregation responds at the half-verse with the words in bold.*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*

**praise him in the heights.**

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*

**praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*

**praise him, all you shining stars.**

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

**and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*

**for he commanded, and they were created.**

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*

**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*

**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, \*

**fruit trees and all cedars;**

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*

**creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*

**princes and all rulers of the world;**

12 Young men and maidens, \*

**old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
**for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

*Lector* A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

Proclamation of the Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed, *BCP* p. 326

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*After each bidding, the People respond, "We give you thanks." The Presider concludes the prayers with a final collect.*

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Communion

## Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

*All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the consecrated Host in the community of Trinity Church.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP p. 340

*The Presider begins*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to unto our Lord our God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Presider continues with an acclamation praising God in relation to the Passion of Jesus Christ, concluding,*  
Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*Presider* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated*

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.

*The Presider continues with the invocation of the Holy Spirit over the gifts and bread and wine, and over the people, concluding*

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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*On receiving Communion:*

*If you wish to receive, please come up the center aisle and stretch out your arms at full length, both hands palm up, returning down a side aisle. Wine-Host is available at the altar rail. The lay eucharistic minister will pass an individual cup, which after use may be placed on the tray at the head of each side aisle. To receive instead a spoken blessing, simply fold your hands across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the priest.*

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*The priest may bless the congregation here.*

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

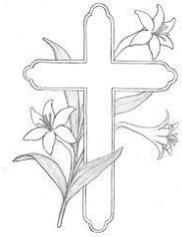
*Clergy greet worshippers following the service in the Circle Drive (weather permitting).*

*Assisting this morning:*

Lector  
Intercessor  
Vergers  
Altar Guild  
Chalice Bearer

Mary Donaldson-Evans  
Bill Lawson  
AnnMarie Stanton  
Barbara Hibben, Gale Donoghue, Tom Izbicki  
Bob Toland

The Rev. Maggie Ainslie, preaching and presiding



### ***Easter continues...***

*In the liturgical life of the Church, Easter is a season, not a day, extending through fifty days to the Day of Pentecost. Beyond this, every Sunday is a “mini-Easter”.*

*Let the good news of Easter shape your life, and you will be blessed. Join us in this spiritual fellowship of Trinity Church, and we will be blessed by the journey with you. May God direct all our efforts and intentions this day and hereafter, through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*~Fr. Ted*

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