

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*May 14, 2023*

*9:15 am*



*An Order for Holy Eucharist*  
**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

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

*~ The Easter Acclamation*

Welcome! This service follows “An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist” (BCP p. 400), a flexible form which we use to craft worship especially suitable for children and their friends of any age. There is room in our worship for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events. Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain “Prayer Card” and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

Worship for this season has been adapted from the 1979 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Episcopal resource, Enriching our Worship. Again, welcome!

*This service is not livestreamed or recorded.*

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## Liturgy of Word and Prayer

### The People Gather

We greet one another informally, then warm up our voices and spirits by practicing one or two of the day’s songs.

All standing, the presiding priest or minister then says:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Gathering Hymn

“Morning has broken”

*Hymnal 1982 #8*

**Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain’s new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.**

**Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God’s re-creation  
of the new day!**

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for us good things beyond our ability to understand: Pour into our hearts such love for you, that we may obtain what you desire for us and your world; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

### The Proclamation

From the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 66:7-9,12-14

- 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.**
- 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.**

Song

“Alleluia”

Jim Smith

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

From the Gospels

John 14:15-21

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

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

Homily

*Children are invited forward for a children’s homily. After the children’s message, they are asked to return to their seats.*

## The Responses

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Form IV, BCP p. 388)

*Members of the congregation lead the prayers, as directed*

- + Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world...  
    Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness,  
    **Hear our prayer.**
- + Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good...
- + Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory...
- + Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us...
- + Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation
- + We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom...

*Prayer Cards are now shown and described to the congregation. The following may be used.*

<p>AFTER INTERCESSION</p> <p>God of love hear our prayer.</p>	<p>AFTER THANKSGIVING</p> <p>For all your gifts we give you thanks, O God.</p>
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*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

### Sharing in Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you;

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. Announcements may be offered.*

*During the following song, bread and wine for Holy Communion and financial gifts for the work of the church are brought to the altar. We encourage families to allow children to put in small coins as a lesson in giving to the church for our shared ministries.*

Song of Offering            *"Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"*            Hymnal 1982 #193

*Refrain:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Give Praise to his Name.**

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**  
**He is the King of creation. Repeat Refrain.**
2. **Spread the good news o'er all the earth:**  
**Jesus has died and has risen. Repeat Refrain.**
3. **We have been crucified with Christ.**  
**Now we shall live for ever. Repeat Refrain.**
4. **Come, let us praise the living God,**  
**joyfully sing to our Savior. Repeat Refrain.**

### Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

*All who are drawn to the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive sacramental Communion in the community of Trinity Church. Instructions for receiving Communion follow the Great Thanksgiving.*

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

(Eucharistic Prayer 3, *Enriching Our Worship* 1)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues, concluding...*

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

(sung to *Land of Rest*)

**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.**

*The Presider continues in praise of God with the  
intention of the season or day, then bids the  
congregation proclaim our faith*

...and presenting to you these gifts your earth has  
formed and human hands have made, we acclaim  
you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider recounts the last supper and invokes the  
Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine, concluding*

...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.

*Presider and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,  
your will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, announcing*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The Presider offers God's gifts to God's people*

On Receiving Holy Communion: *To receive, come up the central aisle and extend your hands at full length,  
palms up. Those who wish may receive the consecrated wine by sipping from the chalice or from the tray of  
individual servings. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like instead a spoken blessing  
from the priest, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

Song during Communion

"I'm a-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table"

LEVAS #148

1. **I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table... (x 2) one of these days. Repeat.**
2. **I'm a-going to feast on the Bread of Heaven... (x 2) one of these days. Repeat.**
3. **I'm a-going to stand in my Jesus' presence...(x 2) one of these days. Repeat.**
4. **I'm a-going to sing with the saints in glory...(x 2) one of these days. Repeat.**

Prayer After Communion

*The priest says*

Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,

that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

**Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace  
and opened the gate of glory.**

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup

bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope  
you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

*A blessing may be given. The service concludes with a song and dismissal.*

Sending hymn

"How can I keep from singing"

Robert Lowry

My life flows on in end-less song a-bove earth's la-men-ta-tion. I  
What-though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sa-vior liv-eth. What  
5 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a-bove it; And  
catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion. No  
though the dark-ness ga-ther round Songs in the night he giv-eth. Through  
9 day by day this path-way smooths Since first I learned to love it. The  
storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since  
all the tu-mult and the strife I hear the mu-sic ring-ing; It  
13 peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fount-ain ev-er spring-ing! All  
Love is Lord of heav'n and earth how can I keep from singing  
finds an ech-o in my soul. how can I keep from singing  
18 things are mine since I am his! how can I keep from sing-ing?

Let us go forth to share in the spirit of the risen Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*All are invited to join the various programs and discussions outlined in the announcements.  
Coffee is available at the kitchen window in the Shero Room, through the interior double doors  
in the nave (worship space).*

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*Serving this morning:*

Music  
Verger  
Chalice-bearers  
Altar Guild

Jim Smith  
Rich Englebach  
Sharon and Rick Graham  
Suzanne West, Betsy Breakell, Linda Howard, Barb Swartz, Angela Cimino  
The Rev. Dr. Edward ("Fr. Ted") Thompson, preaching and presiding

***Easter continues...*** *In the liturgical life of the Church, Easter is not a day but a season, 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.*

*God bless and direct all our efforts and intentions this day and hereafter to the glory of God, through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*~Fr. Ted*

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