

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Prelude *What a Beautiful Name*

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Welcome

A Moment of Silent Prayer (*please kneel, as able*)

The Word of God

Processional Hymn (*please stand, as able*)

We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More

Hymn 296

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria

Hymn S278

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church, follow the leader to Children's Worship (located in the Children's Ministry Building) and return at the Peace.

The Lessons *(please sit)*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

S 415

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

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24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading from the First Letter of John (4:7-21)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn (*please stand, as able*)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Hymn 487

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Frank Samuelson

The Nicene Creed *(please stand, as able)*

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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 peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Archbishop Justin, for our Presiding Bishop Michael for our Bishops Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those of others, praying together for those on our parish prayer list.

Annie, Bob, Carol, Deirin, Donna, Joseph, Lindsey, Oliver, Vern

(Silence: the Deacon, people and Celebrant may insert their own petitions.)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence: The People may add their own thanksgivings)

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.

(Silence, The People may add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin

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

Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Announcements

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you, so we can share with you what God is doing here at Trinity and how you can be a part of it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Anthem

I Am the Vine

Alan

Pote

As the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, please stand.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Alleluia alleluia

Praise God the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts

Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Prayers at Offertory

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

People **Amen.**

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the far end of the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. When you drink from the chalice at communion, please take the bottom of the chalice and gently assist the LEM (Chalice Bearer).

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus – S-128

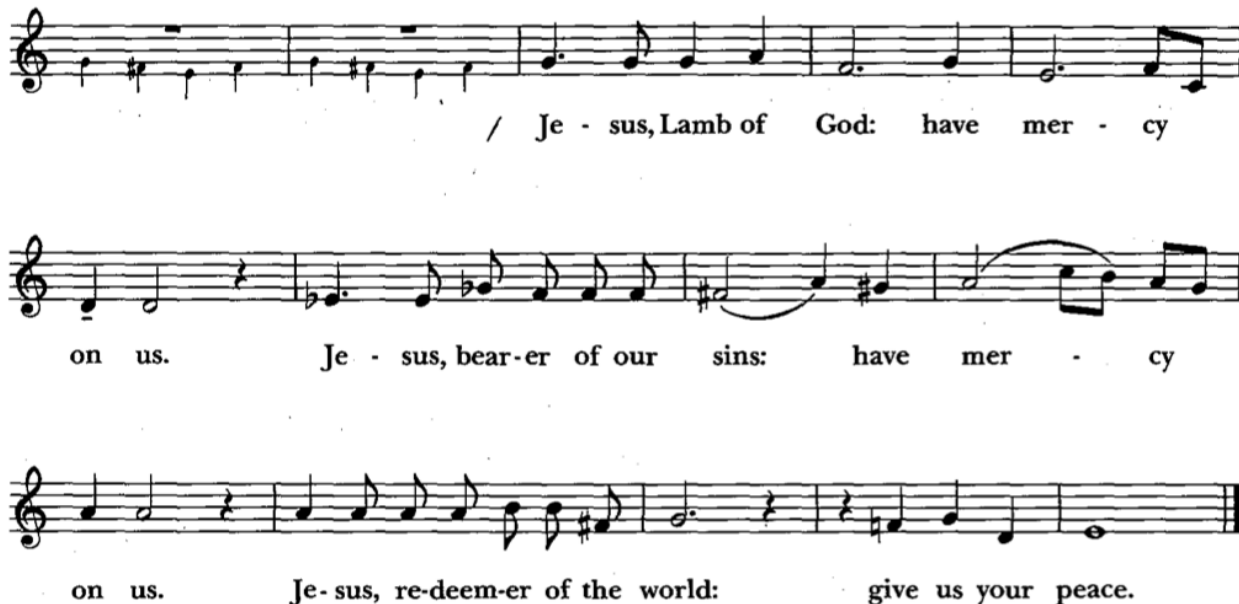
Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Agnus Dei S-165



/ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

Setting: William Matthias (b. 1934)

Fraction Anthem



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord — Je - sus —
— in the break — ing — of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Communion Hymns

Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

Hymn 323

Come, Gracious Spirit

Hymn 512

I Come With Joy

Hymn 304

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

God Is Love

Hymn 379

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Postlude

Concerto in C Major

Vivaldi/Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Trinity

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. It's so simple! You can scan the QR code and it will contact Jennifer Davenport for membership information or any questions. We are glad you are here!

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Looking for Safeguarded adults to help in the Trinity Nursery on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 a.m. service. Contact Jennifer Davenport (jdavenport@trinitywoodlands.org) for more information.

PENTECOST READERS NEEDED

Pentecost tradition is to have members of the congregation read scripture during the service in languages other than English. If you speak a second language and would like to participate on Sunday, May 19, please contact Melanie Sheffield in the church office. Also don't forget to wear red.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS

May 11th from 9:30AM-3:30PM Father Gerry will teach the New Member Class for anyone interested in joining Trinity and learning more about the Episcopal Church. If you wish to be presented to the Bishop, Bishop Fisher will be at Trinity on May 19th, please RSVP for this class by contacting Melanie Sheffield (msheffield@trinitywoodlands.org) or sign up online.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The next Baptism Class will be held Saturday, May 18th, from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. in the office conference room. If you have any questions or you would like to sign up for Baptism. Baptism will take place on Sunday, May 19th with Bishop Fisher. Please contact Melanie Sheffield or sign up online at www.trinitywoodlands.org

MOTHERS DAY - SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please join us for our Second Sunday special for Mother's Day. It will be held in Butler Hall on Sunday, May 12th. The Holy Smokers will be serving breakfast - French Toast from 8am-10am and will have for Lunch - Roasted Chicken Salad with cranberries and optional nuts, bread and dessert.

PRIME TIME GUYS BIBLE STUDY

We are working our way through the Old Testament, and are currently completing the book of Samuel. Our class meets every Wednesday from 1-2 PM in the Horner Room. Zoom available; please contact Warren Winters at wwinters1080@gmail.com and indicate Bible Class in the subject line.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)

The Order of the Daughters of the King will have their annual Spring Potluck luncheon on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in Butler Fellowship Hall. Join us for some great food, fun and fellowship.

FAITH EXPLORERS BOOK CLUB

The Faith Explorers Book Club will begin the next book, Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning, on Wednesdays and discuss Chapter 1. We meet in the Youth Community Building at 12:30 on Wednesdays and share fellowship until 1:00 when discussion begins and finishes around 2:15. Please contact Bev Redd at bevvredd@gmail.com or 610-304-6630.

MADD CAMP

Calling all budding thespians! MADD (Music, Art, Dance, Drama) will be July 22-26, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., with performance Fri, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. This year's musical is ***Rescue In the Night*** by Alan Pote and Tom Long. This fun musical tells the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Cast includes Daniel, King Darius, 3 Sneaky Advisors, and of course, a tough gang of lions! MADD Camp is open to students who have completed 1st-6th grades. For more information, contact Micki Balog

EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE ASTROS

SAVE THE DATE! Join your fellow Episcopalians for a night of fun at Minute Maid Park! The Astros vs. Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday, July 31 at 7:10 p.m. We will have the traditional pregame party at The Bishop's Courtyard of Christ Church Cathedral - 1117 Texas Ave. Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm (with the goal of having folks moved over to the stadium right around 6:15) Food/Beverage: baseball classics" - hotdogs, beer, soft drinks, and chips. (Complimentary at Christ Church Cathedral Social).

TRINITY MOMS' GROUP

Moms of all ages gather on Monday mornings from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (except on CISD holidays) in the Youth Community Building for fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer.

YOUTH COMMUNITY

See you for our usual dinner and games, small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, and sign up to get reminders by texting @trinyou to the number 81010.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY & CHAPEL

During the 10AM service children ages 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word. We sing songs, say kid versions of the prayers their adults are saying in Big Church, read the same scripture from Big Church from a children's Bible, have a mini children's sermon, and sing some more Bible songs. They return to their adults in the Big Church at the Peace. Mrs. Jen, Mrs. Holly, Mtr. Joanna, and Fr. Frank takes turns leading Children's Chapel and would love to see your kiddos! The Trinity Nursery is available for children ages 0-3 for the entire service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate the flowers on the altar in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one, you can sign up in the narthex. A suggested donation of \$75.00 is requested to help cover the cost. To have your dedication included in the Sunday bulletin, please email Liz Linger at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Virlen W., Lindsey S., Curt H., Sarah K., Matt H., Vern K., Andy H., Ernie L., Anthony N., Alan M., Scott C., Bonnie, Marta A., Amanda A., Roger S., Kate, John, Larry and Sue

Thanksgiving: Sandy Soghikian

Death: Claudine Scruggs



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