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Trinity Episcopal Church



Second Sunday of Easter ✕ April 11, 2021 ✕ 10:00am
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to Trinity | As beloved children of God gathered in community, we are called to LOVE God and our neighbor, to SERVE God and the greater world, and to GIVE from the abundant resources with which we have been blessed.

Guests | If you are visiting or new to the community, we welcome you, wherever you are on your journey. Please leave a comment on our Facebook post so that we may have a record of your presence.

Children | All are welcome in the liturgy, children are encouraged to participate with their families.

Prayer | This booklet is offered to help everyone take an active part in praying as a community.

Source: *The Fresco of Jesus with doubting Thomas* by Friedrich Stummel and Karl Wenzel. c. late 1800s/early 1900s. Herz-Jesu-Kirche, Graz, Austria.

The Word of God

We stand and hear a hymn of praise.

Opening Hymn: Just As I Am

Elliott/Bradbury

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;
Yes, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

We hear the Gloria.

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We say together the Collect of the Day, a short prayer to bring focus to our worship.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

We sit and affirming our earliest story as God's people, we hear a reading from scripture.

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 133

We join in saying a selection from the Psalter, the oldest collection of Jewish hymns.

**¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!**

² It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
³ Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
⁵ For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

We hear a reading from early Christian writings.

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of John:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

We hear a reading from the life of Jesus.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

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

Celebrant: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to

them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Patricia Leonard-Pasley

A leader breaks open the scripture.

A short period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

We stand and together reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: **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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor bids the community's prayers.

The Lord calls us to draw close and examine the wounded hands and feet of the Risen One and to know the depth of his love for us. Let us therefore approach God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord our Father, as Jesus entered the locked room to show his disciples the beginning of a new world, so enter our hearts and move us to faith in Jesus as the Risen One. Convince us of the reality and significance of the resurrection, and free us from all manner of fears. Give us courage in the face of death, knowing that this is the gateway to new resurrected life for those who trust in Christ. Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

Be with your church throughout the world so that its works of love may continue to testify to our Lord's resurrection. Wherever your church is lacking in courage to do the work that Jesus has given, visit it and build it up with your Spirit. Be with all our ministers so that they may bring Christ's love to whomever they meet. Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to all parts of the earth. Wherever nations are at war and people are divided, visit and bring true reconciliation, for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

Wherever homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness, and wherever relationships are distorted and dulled, visit and bring peace and harmony. Wherever young people are gathered in your name, visit and guide them with your holy wisdom. Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

Visit and comfort the sick and suffering too, dear Lord. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and correct confused minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs, especially the Andrews family and those on our parish prayer list. Support them all with your great love and mercy, and be with those others whom we now name ...

The people may offer up their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

And for those who have died, especially Audrey Andrews and Bernice Jones, may they be with you in heaven now. May their souls and all the departed rest in peace. Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we present these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is risen from the dead, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**
We greet one another in the Name of Jesus Christ.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread of the Eucharist. To receive the bread, we hold out our hands, palms up, one hand supporting the other. Anyone who would prefer to receive a blessing without receiving the bread and cup may cross arms, fingertips touching the shoulders.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues. The people may stand or kneel.

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:

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

We join in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the bread and we keep silence before saying:

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Celebrant offers God's blessing.

All: **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: Touch That Soothes and Heals

Bringle/DeMay

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead:

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,

"live as ones I died to save."

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter:

Christ will find a welcome there.

Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased.

Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Postlude

Hymnary



The worship is ended, the Service begins.

Announcements

- ✠ **IN MEMORIAM** The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated today in the memory of Audrey Andrews.
- ✠ **PRAYER LIST** The Andrews family, Skylar, Phoebe, Laurie, Sarah, Tim, Sally, Karina, Adam, Muirgheal, Ron, John, Lou & Brenda, Anthony & April, Michelle, Fern, Louie, Jennifer, Marion, Carlie, Mark and his Mom, Mark, Kathy, Nate, Audrey, Eileen & family, Brian, Jeanne, Jesse, Alex, Marie & Steve, Mark, Katie, Daniel, the family of Jackie Smizer, Tom, Terri, Stirling, Rita, Lori, Kathleen, Sebrina, Christopher, Tyler, Jeff, Josephine, Rich, Fabian, Ashleigh, Peggy, Morgan, Jennifer, Mary Beth, Lori, Cassandra, Kim, Laura, Christina & Amber, Katilyn, Joyce, Jessica Joy, Patrick, Beth Lee, Christie Lynn, Christopher, John, Beth, Adam, Hailey, Kevin, Maureen, Gale, Paul, Julianna, Harry, Ed, Joan, Carol, Steven, Geri, Evelyn Rose, Vanessa, James, Vinny, Kevin, Harry, Rosemarie, Michael, Kay, Frank, Joanna, Nick, Jeff, Cecily, Carol, Anne, Curt, William, Luann, Amanda, Linda, Tracy, Elaine, Amy, Lisa, Aaron, Austin, Pat, Mark, Norlyn, Ashley, Kevin, Sgt. Gabe Davis, Lt. Jacob Drodz and Sgt. Nicole Spiro.
- ✠ **KIDS OF THE KINGDOM** Join Miss Maura in the “upper room” for today’s Kids of the Kingdom!
- ✠ **SERVING TODAY** Lectors: Barbara Plude & Jan Schuck; Intercessor: Kevin Pasley; Altar Guild: Margie Grose & Wendy Camp.
- ✠ **BLESSING PANTRY** We find ourselves in need of pasta, snacks such as chips, pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks, jello and pudding cups, toothbrushes, toothpaste and bar soap. Thank you and God Bless!

**We remember our loved ones
on this glorious Easter Sunday**

In Memory Of: June Rose Nowell, Shirley Marie Walker, Jane Wilson,
Carol Ann Hayton, and Kathryn MacLean Kady.

By Al and June Walker and family

In Memory Of: Shirley Marie Walker, Herman and Mary Walker,
and Albert and Mildred Moir

Given from Mary Beth Adanti and Milford Walker



Parish Activity Schedule—April 12 – 18

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	12pm Healing Service		6pm: MindFit Kickboxing	6pm: MindFit Strength & Balance	11am: Chair Yoga with Miss Maura	8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
	6:30pm: GS Troop 60004	6pm: Daisy Troop 60052	6:40pm: MindFit Strength & Balance	6:45pm: MindFit Kickboxing		9am: Trinity Band practice
6pm: MindFit Family Fun	7pm: Compline	7pm: Vestry Meeting.	7pm: BSA Troop 11	7pm: AA Meeting		10am: Holy Eucharist Rite II
6:45pm: MindFit Green Tea Club			7:15pm: MindFit Green Tea Club			

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