

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 21, 2024
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another.*

Prelude “Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us” MaryAnn Hubbard, Vivian Furtaw
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The people stand as they are able.

Entrance “Listen to your Savior call”



1 Lis - ten to your Sav - ior call, “Do you love me most of all?”
2 “I de - liv - ered you when bound, and, when bleed - ing, healed your wound.
3 “Mine is an un - chang - ing love, high - er than the heights a - bove,
4 O my Sav - ior, hear my need: though my love is faint in - deed,



Je - sus speaks, and speaks to you: “Love me as I first loved you.”
Sought you wan - dering, set you right, for your path - way gave you light.”
Deep - er than the depths be - neath, free and faith - ful, strong as death.”
Still I love you and a - dore— oh, for grace to love you more!

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The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The following acclamation is said.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

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.**

All say this Hymn of Praise (9 a.m.)

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.

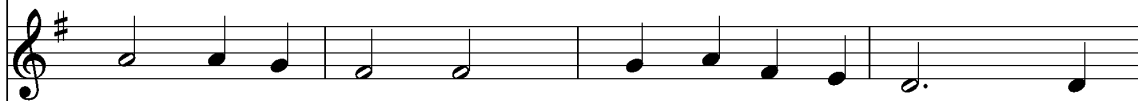
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All sing this Hymn of Praise

“God’s Paschal Lamb” (tune of “For All the Saints”)



1. God’s Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am’s sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ’s new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



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

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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

Acts 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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 23

The LORD is my shep -
herd; I shall not be in want.

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- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. **Refrain**
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Refrain**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **Refrain**

1 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence 708 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

John 10:11-18

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people may be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. J. Thomas Downs

The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

**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

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lector God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble, remembering especially Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Bruce, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Carol, Phil, Jim, Jane, and Bishop Curry. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Inspire with your wisdom those in authority among us, the leaders of the nations and

all whose decisions affect the lives of others.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world. We thank you for all who serve Christ and God's kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your grace.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

Merciful God you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Priest Those things, good Lord that your servants have prayed for,
Give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our
prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.

Amen

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

The People may be seated for the offering.

Offertory

Anthem "Sing Your Way Home" Joseph M. Martin/Antonin Dvorak
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The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

Doxology (*Old Hundredth, Hymn 380 v. 3*) Words: Thomas Ken. Public domain.

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Priest 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Priest continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest 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.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

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.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People

**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 Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Invitation to Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Hymns During Communion

Hymn 204 "Now the green blade riseth"



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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Hymn 178 "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"

Refrain

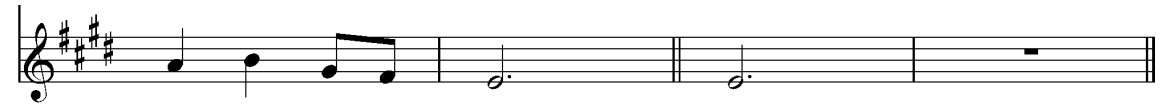


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the




ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Final Ending




Praise to his Name. Name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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Hymn 174 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

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The People stand as they are able.

After Communion, all say

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 Priest bestows the blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing “For the beauty of the earth”



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Children's Program at First Congregational UCC

For Healing & Convalescing: Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet, Jane McClain and The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Birthdays: Melanie Aikens (21), Kiersten Wirgau (22)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Christ Church, East Tawas, St. David's, Lansing, and Grace Church, Holland; Anglican: the Church of Australia

Announcements

TECW MEETS SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT 10 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church Women will meet Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. in the Parish House for its monthly meeting. We will be continuing to plan for the Victorian Tea and Bronwyn will address the group about this summer's Camp Chick children's program. All women of the church are welcome!

TEA IN THE GARDEN ~ SATURDAY, MAY 18

It's Time!! Preparations for Trinity's Annual Tea Party is underway!! and that means cookie baking can be underway, too, if you have cookies that can be frozen until the Tea on May 18. We need lots and lots and lots of "tea cookies"; Rev. Tom Downs would say, the tea will feature 'tinny, tiny sandwiches and tinny, tiny cookies'!! So. Tinny, tiny cookies it is!! We really do need your help!

This Week's Calendar		
Today	9 & 11 AM 11 AM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Sunday School - Lower Level Sunday Supper
Monday	7 PM	Thunder Bay Arts Chorus - Sanctuary
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Alpena Groove - Lower Level AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1:05 PM 5:30 PM 7 PM	Holy Eucharist The Good Book (Bible) Study Choir Practice AA
Friday	5:30 PM	AA
Saturday	10 AM	TECW



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 21

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

Sunday, April 28

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

Sunday, May 5

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, May 12

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

Sunday, May 19

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud
1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

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Tuesday - Thursday - 1pm to 5pm, Friday - 1pm to 3pm**

Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed — the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

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