Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 5, 2024 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

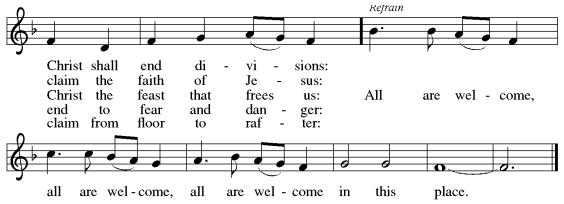
Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude MaryAnn Hubbard

The people stand as they are able.

Entrance "All are welcome"





Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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.**

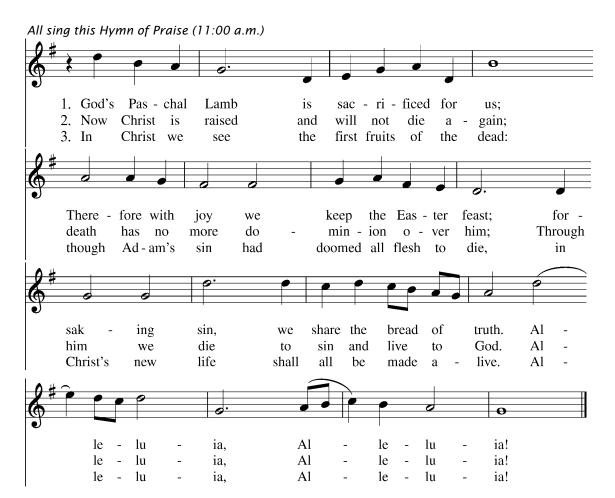
All say this Hymn of Praise (9:00 a.m.)

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.



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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

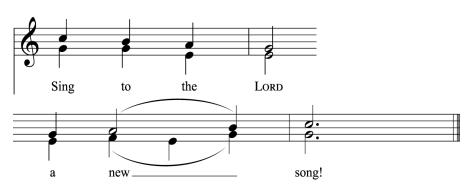
Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 98



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- Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

Refrain

- The LORD has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
 - and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Refrain

- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Refrain

- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

Refrain

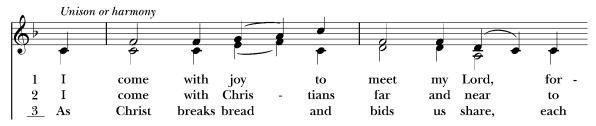
1 John 5:1-6

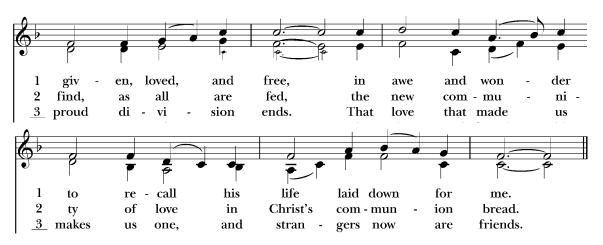
¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence 304 "I come with joy"





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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 15:9-17

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ^{9"}As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ^{12"}This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people may be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark Rutenbar

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,

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, and Jane. 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.

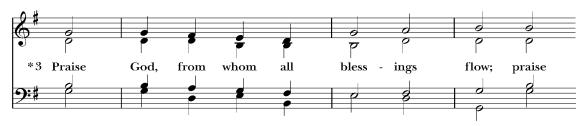
The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

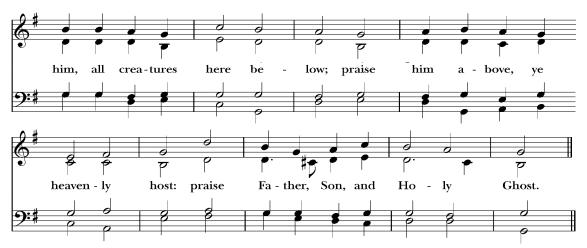
The People may be seated for the offering.

Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

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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.

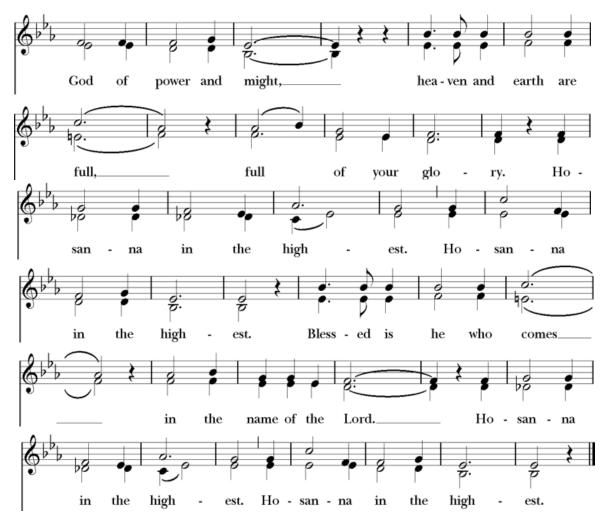
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:





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.

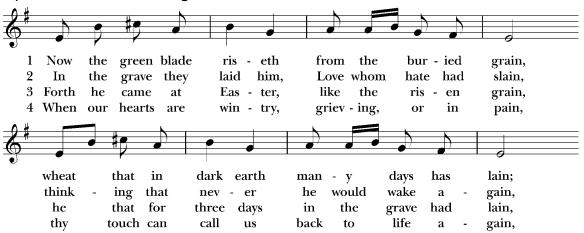
Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

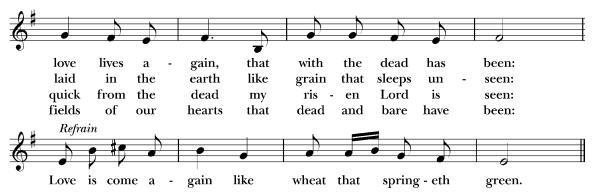
Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself 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"





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The People stand as they are able.

After Communion, all say

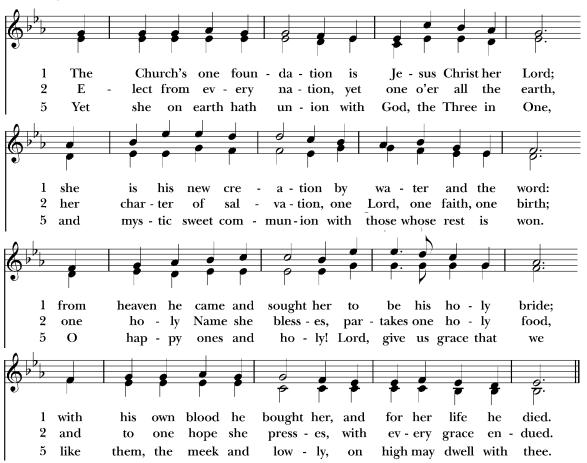
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

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 525 "The Church's one foundation"



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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: Spiritual Growth & Renewal at Trinity Episcopal Church

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, and Jane McClain.

Birthdays: Dawn Cousins (11)

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

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Calvary, Hillman and Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg;

Anglican: the Church of Bangladesh

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

Announcements

TEA SHOPPE NEEDS ITEMS

As part of the Victorian Tea, TECW sells donated items in a TEA SHOPPE on the lower level of the church. Chairman of the Tea Shoppe Pam Woida suggests items such as jewelry, bird feeders, seedlings, gardening tools, gardening aprons, craft items (knit, crochet, painted rocks, painted tea cups etc., etc.) You can leave items in the lower level. If you have questions, call Pam at 989-464-0410. We need lots and lots of items.

Vestry Briefs - April 25, 2024

Present: Duane Himes, Don Stockdale, Michelle Cornish, Betty Westrop, Sue Fitzpatrick, Jim Masters, Cathy Meske / Members Absent: Bill Powell, Lisa Rhea, & Ellen Eagan (Senior Warden). Guests: Rebecca Stockdale & Rom Rockwell.

OPENING DEVOTIONS - Don Stockedale called the meeting to order at 5:03pm and led participants in prayer.

Vestry Meeting Minutes - approved

CLERK'S REPORT:

FINANCE - Financial Report March 2024 -accepted and filed

NEW BUSINESS -

- -Church Seating Discussion about moving a pew so that it would allow clearance for members who use a wheelchair.
- -Flint Gospel Choir The Choir is visiting the weekend of September 20-22, 2024. The offering plate will be passed at Friday's concert to cover the expenses of the choir's visit. Help will be needed to cover food while the choir visits.
- **-Vestry Meeting Time** The Vestry discussed changing our meeting time to 6pm so that Deacon Dan could attend our meetings.

ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

-Worship Committee - The Vestry discussed establishing a Worship Committee to help with the planning of services/worship and to help create a consistent form of communication related to activities within the Trinity Community.

OLD BUSINESS

-Search Committee Update - One candidate has withdrawn and the other is 99% certain she will commit to another job offer. The other candidate has agreed to interview via Zoom on Saturday. This will allow the committee to practice conducting an interview.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - Junior Warden

Handicapped Accessible Bathrooms - Don found plans for the building and after reviewing them is recommending that we talk with the City Building Inspector about adding a handicapped bathroom.

The large church sign fell down and cannot be repaired. Discussion about making a new sign and also replacing the other two small signs that flank the driveway. The Stockdale's have agreed to make the signs if the church provides the materials. The Vestry was in agreement and would like feedback from the congregation about the signs. *Please see attached draft of the new sign*.

CLOSING PRAYER(S) -Don Stockdale led the Vestry in the Lord's Prayer

CLOSING PRAYER(S) - Junior Warden Don led the Vestry in the Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm,



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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

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden Don Stockdale, Junior Warden Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Michelle Cornish, Clerk

Duane Himes Iim Masters

Cathy Meske Lisa Rhea

Bill Powell Betty Westrope

