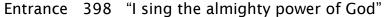
Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 14, 2023 8:00 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





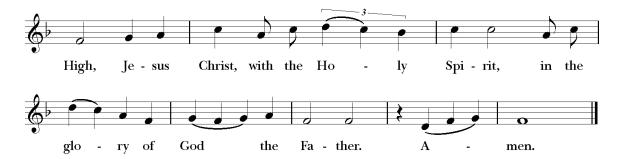
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The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.





The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

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 Lessons

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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People **Thanks be to God.**

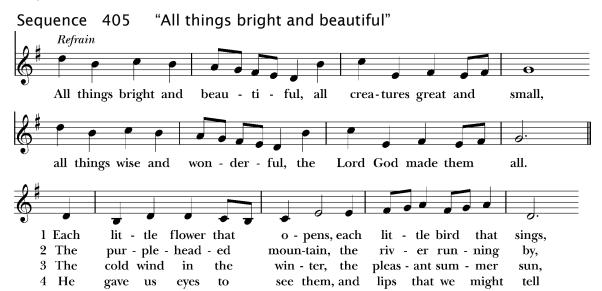
Gradual Psalm 66:7-18

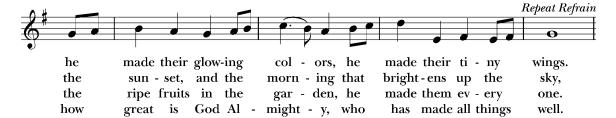
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 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.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of lesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People **Thanks be to God.**





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Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 14:15-21

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Mark Rutenbar

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 Caring God,

We thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world

the heavens tell of your glory

for our land, its beauty, and its resources for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may use your gifts responsibly.

for those who work on the land and the sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation.

for artists, scientists and visionaries, that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life for all who enrich our experience.

We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life

for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick, especially Lee, Ginny, Joana, Bruce, Ruth, Sue, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Joyce and Jim.

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your church,

for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;

may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us, your people, know that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ.

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.

Offertory

Doxology (Old Hundredth, Hymn 380 v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low, Praise God above, ye heav-'nly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

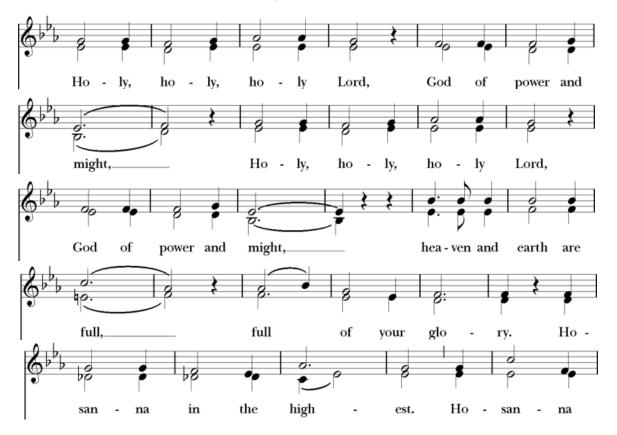
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

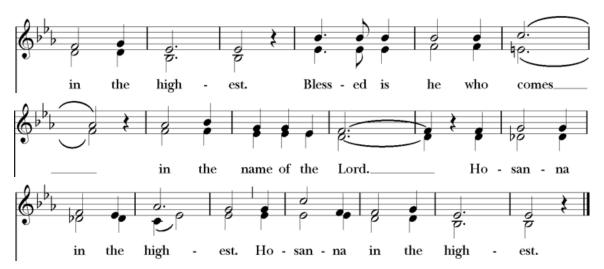
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:





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

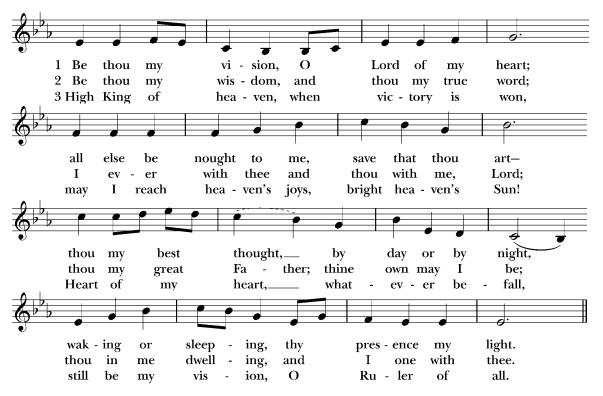
A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

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.

Hymns During Communion

Hymn 488 "Be thou my vision"



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After Communion, all say

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as

faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest bestows the blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing 400 "All creatures of our God and King"



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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: Music Ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Lee Harris, Ginny French, Joana Jackson, Bruce Connon, Ruth Kapala, Sue Linke, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce and Jim Gilmet

Homebound: Shirley Carr

Birthdays: Sue Jackowiak (15), Norma Hanna (19), Terry Rosbeck (20),

Michelle Rosbeck (21)

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

John Hartman

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

Africa.

The Flowers At The Altar

Given to the Glory of God and In Honor of All Mothers by Sue Jackowiak

The Flowers At The Font

Given to the Glory of God and In Celebration of the 5th Birthday of Liberty Rose by Her Grandmother, Lisa Rhea

Announcements

THANK YOU

Thank you to The Rev. Mark Rutenbar for being here this morning and leading us in worship.

KITCHEN SHOWER FOR TRINITY

A kitchen shower will be part of the Episcopal Church Women's last meeting before a summer break on May 20th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be a BRUNCH and small group discussions evaluating this past year's activities and proposing next year's calendar.

Attendees are asked to bring items for our kitchen. Suggested items include: large metal whisks; small rubber spatulas (can fit into a mayonnaise jar); sturdy, kitchen towels; metal measuring spoons; meat thermometer; 12 inch insulated commercial pot pads (not oven mitts)with straps, available at Gordons; pot cleaning "scrungees" - usually red or blue; large metal mixing pans; large cutting board; meat basters; metal measuring cups; regular boxes of plastic wrap and aluminum foil; wooden spoons; paper towels; Dawn dishwashing liquid; Brillo pads. etc. Happy shopping!!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

2023 Scholarship Applications are now available. Please contact the church office (989-356-0576) if you would like a copy (available to be picked up, mailed or emailed). **Deadline to apply is July 1, 2023.**

THANK YOU

The children and teachers of Worship Center thank you for your generous donations of snacks!

CAMP CHICKAGAMI

Summertime is almost here and that means Camp Chickagami will be open for campers! If you have a child, grandchild, or neighbor child who might be interested in attending summer camp, please contact Bronwyn Woolman at 989-356-1045. Camp is fun!!



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 21

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, May 28

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

Sunday, June 4

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, June 11

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

Wednesdays, May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Readings for May 21

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

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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

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