



***THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER***  
***THE HOLY EUCHARIST***  
***HOLY BAPTISM***  
***SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024***  
***9:30AM***

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A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the "Hey There" Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. The nursery is intended for children younger than kindergarten. An activity cart is located at the back

for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in **bold print**. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the \*). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

***Prelude***

***Welcome***

***\*Entrance Hymn 174***

***At the Lamb's High Feast***

***\*Opening Acclamation***

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

**One God and Father of all.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### **\*Collect of the Day**

God with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

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 LESSONS***

### ***First Reading***

**Acts 4:5-12**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>5</sup>The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is  
    'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
    it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 23***

*Spoken*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

## **Second Reading**

**1 John 3:16-24**

A reading from First John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gradual Hymn 664**

## ***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need***

## **\*Holy Gospel**

**John 10:11-18**

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt**

## ***HOLY BAPTISM***

### **Presentation of the Candidate**

*Priest* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents* **I present Margaret Petrice to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents* **I will, with God’s help.**

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents* **I will, with God’s help.**

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

**We will.**

Let us join with Margaret, being committed to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **\*Baptismal Covenant**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

### ***\*Prayers for the Candidate***

Let us now pray for Margaret who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray today for those known to us and beloved, and for those we entrust to your care, especially Arlene, Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Elaine, Judy, Cheryl, Shirley, Dan, Brian, Barbara, Lucille, Caroline, JM, Marie, Erin, Jean, Thomas, Beth, Megan, Jim, Beatrice, Matt, Eric, Rose Marie, Larry, Jenny, Patty.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Thanksgiving Over the Water***

*Please be seated.*

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to God.

#### **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Baptism***

Margaret Petrice, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Margaret Petrice, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Margaret Petrice, receive the Light of Christ, a sign of new life enkindled within you. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

\*Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### ***\*The Peace***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### ***Announcements***

# HOLY COMMUNION

## **Offertory**

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[www.trinitynewtownct.org](http://www.trinitynewtownct.org)



Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Music**

**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

**Virgil Thomson**

## **Doxology 380**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The priest prays an appropriate preface.*

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:

## **Sanctus S125**

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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 consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### ***Fraction Anthem S155***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

**May we become what we receive.**

### ***Communion***

*If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.*

### ***Communion Music***

# Communion Hymn

# O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:  
3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

## ***Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors***

*(LEV: A trained lay person who provides the sacrament to those who are hospitalized, homebound, and in nursing homes. LEV's are trained to lead a brief prayer service before sharing the blessed bread and wine of Holy Communion.)*

In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with Alveta, Marie, Joyce and Helen. Let us pray. **You carry the prayer of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Postcommunion Prayer***

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**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.**

### ***\*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 God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's 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 Hymn 708                  Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

### ***\*Dismissal***

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### ***Postlude***

*Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.*

## ***Today at Trinity***

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Jessica O'Meara
<b>Lectors:</b>	Patrick Corrigan
<b>Intercessor:</b>	David Ericson
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	Patrick DeBrock, Joan King
<b>Ushers:</b>	Martha Dayton, Gordon Dunn
<b>LEV:</b>	Glenda Strother
<b>Trinity Driving:</b>	Theodora Jameson
<b>Tech Guild:</b>	Floyd Higgins, Marcia DeBrock
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Marcia & Patrick DeBrock, Nancy DiBattista
<b>Café:</b>	Jeanne Benedict
<b>Pianist:</b>	Jennifer Sisco
<b>Organist:</b>	Ruth Rolander
<b>Nursery Assistant:</b>	Abby Lye
<b>The Little Pantry:</b>	Joan King, Martha Dayton

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### ***STAFF AND LEADERSHIP***

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**For those celebrating a birthday this week:** Rafe D'Agostino, Philip Galletta, Lindsey Civitelli, Cherie Swetts, Henry Murphy, William Shier

**For those celebrating an anniversary this week:** Bennett & Kara Leake