



***THE HOLY EUCHARIST***  
***THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***  
***SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026***  
***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. 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.

*Altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God.*

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

*\*Entrance Hymn 405            All Things Bright & Beautiful*

***\*Opening Acclamation***

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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.

***\*Hymn of Praise – S280***

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***First Reading***

*Acts 7:55-60*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### ***Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16***

*Spoken*

- <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- <sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- <sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- <sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.
- <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving kindness save me.

*Second Reading*

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**\*Gradual Hymn 181      Awake and Sing the Song**

*\*Holy Gospel*

*John 14:1-14*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus told his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are

going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Sermon*

*Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt*

### *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.

*\*Prayers of the People*

Brothers and Sisters, once we were not a people, but now we are God's people. Let us pray to our good God, saying, "Make your face to shine upon us, *and in your loving-kindness save us.*"

In you, O Lord, does your Church take refuge. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to do great works in Jesus' name. May your Church glorify you in all our doings.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,  
*And in your loving-kindness save us.*

Ancient of Days, rescue the innocent from the hands of those who persecute them. Hold in your strong hands the oppressed and the abused.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,  
*And in your loving-kindness save us.*

God, our strong rock, give us eyes to see your hand at work in our world. Lead us and guide us that we may be good stewards of your creation.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,  
*And in your loving-kindness save us.*

Tower of Strength, assure those who are unemployed or living in poverty that they are precious in your sight.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,  
*And in your loving-kindness save us.*

Merciful God, incline your ear to those in need of deliverance. Calm the troubled hearts of the suffering and the sorrowful, of the sick and the anxiety-plagued. Today we pray for Maureen, Marie, Jennifer, Jacky, Gail, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Caroline, Brent, Judy, Peter, Abby, Rich, Paula, Annmarie, Cherie, L. Bertha, Michael, Lindsey.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,  
*And in your loving-kindness save us.*

God of truth, we commend the dying and the dead into your hands. We rejoice in Jesus' promise that he has prepared for us a place in your eternal home.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,  
*And in your loving-kindness save us.*

*Presider*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Announcements**

## ***HOLY COMMUNION***

**Offertory**

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

**Offertory Music**

**Canon of Praise – Psalm 103**

**Based on Pachelbel's "Canon in D"**

*All within me bless the Lord, all within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me, bless his holy name. O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good. With truth, with hope, he crowns with hope and truth. God the Lord is gracious, the same forever. The Lord our God loves, he loves his own. Those who know the Lord, they claim his ever-present help. O bless the Lord, O all within me bless his holy name.*

**\*Presentation of the Gifts**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money and food bank donations to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented.*

## **Doxology 380 (V 3)**

### **\*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 S130*

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 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***

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,  
therefore let us keep the feast.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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 304      I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord**

*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 Tom, Nancy, Helen, Leon and Marie. 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**

*Closing Hymn 410      Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven*

*\*Dismissal*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

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

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Jeanne Benedict - Trinity Cafe  
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#### **For those celebrating a birthday this week**

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