



***The Third Sunday of Easter***  
***Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:30am***

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Trinity virtually today! If this is your first time to worship with Trinity, we are especially glad you joined us. We hope you will join in again! Please know, whatever your tradition, that there is a place for you here. We want you to make yourself at home, and participate in the service as you feel comfortable.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in bold print. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the \*).

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***Welcome***

Opening Hymn 208

The strife is o'er

Victory

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

***\*Opening Acclamation***

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***\*Gloria in excelsis***

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

***\*The Collect of the Day***

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ***The Lessons***

***First Reading***

***Acts 2:14a, 36-41***

A reading from Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

***Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17***

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.**
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.**
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.**
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the Lord'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

***Second Reading***

***1 Peter 1:17-23***

A reading from First Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

***\*The Holy Gospel***

***Luke 24:13-35***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

***The Sermon***

***The Rev. Matt Babcock***

### *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 Transition Collect*

O God, whose Spirit moved the waters of Creation, move us now with a renewed resolve to greet the future with courage and optimism as a committed community of faith and action. We pray for wisdom, guidance, and direction as we seek to discover your will in finding a Rector who will support us in your mission for Trinity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### *\*Prayers of the People*

Let us rejoice in the living hope that has been given to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

In thanksgiving for the fellowship, we share with Christians throughout the world, who hold high the light of Christ that overpowers death and reveals the promises of God's eternal reign, let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

For all who exercise leadership, that their actions may reflect the ways of Jesus, whose obedience to God released the power to overcome every darkness, and whose sacrifice opened the gates to eternity; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Direct the Church on the road to mutual respect, fidelity, and peace honoring different cultures, languages, races and peoples, so that we may discover the beauty of the global community for which Christ stretched forth his arms of love; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Grant us your abiding and merciful presence, so that in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic we will not be shaken but may walk the path of your glory to the fullness of your joy; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In thanksgiving for our merciful Jesus, who loves us beyond our shame and guilt, frees us from the tombs of our past, and invites us to receive his gift of overwhelming forgiveness; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

With the freedom of an enlightened heart, we join in the inheritance of the saints as we continue our prayers and thanksgivings.

*Silence follows as the people add their own prayers and thanksgivings.*

O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to your for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*\*Prayers of the People adapted for Eastertide from Planning for Rites and Rituals, A Resource for Episcopal Worship, Year A 2019-2020*

**\*The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

## ***The Holy Communion***

**Offertory**

*We come now to the part of worship where we offer our financial gifts to God. As a means of faithful stewardship, please continue to give generously on-line through Vanco, there's a link on our website, or by mailing a check to Trinity in support of the ongoing work of God in and through us, especially in this time of COVID-19. A special Easter Offering may also be made that will be shared with Covenant to Care and Off the Streets, organizations in Danbury that care for those in need.*

**Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our live and labor to God.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God 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 adds a proper preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## ***Sanctus***

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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 Maker 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. 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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. 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.**

## ***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.**

## ***Fraction***

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

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

***Prayer for Spiritual Communion***

Let us pray. In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

*As a symbol of our unity in community during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the bread and the wine will be returned to the earth.*

***\*Blessing***

*The Priest will give a blessing.*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

**\*Dismissal**

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

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