

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome! A few moments before the service, please calm and settle yourselves, breathe in the Spirit, and ready for worship. If, during the service, you need to get up and move about, please turn off your video and microphone, so as not to distract fellow worshippers, presider, or preacher.

PRELUDE

Spring Showers

Wilhelm Fink

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

† *Please mute your microphone for the reading of the Word.*

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

The psalm is read alternatively by the Lectors and Intercessor.

- Lector 1 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- Lector 2 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- Intercessor 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- Lector 1 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- Lector 2 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- Intercessor 29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- Lector 1 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Presider The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Anne Miner-Pearson

† *A period of silence follows the sermon. The Presider invites the confession of the Creed.
Please unmute your microphone.'*

THE NICENE CREED

Presider **We believe in one God,**
and **the Father, the Almighty,**
People **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

Leader Let the whole church rejoice, in city and in open country
in this land and throughout the world, for Christ is risen!
Let each congregation and fellowship rejoice,
let each heart and mind rejoice, for Christ is risen!
O Lord, may we and the whole church rejoice in your rising,
let us proclaim the Good News that death is defeated;
we are set free and Christ has won for us the victory.
May we reflect your glory and the power of your resurrection.
Lord, may we know you,

People and the power of your resurrection.

Leader We pray for all who are struggling for peace,
all who are longing for new hope and new life.
We remember war-torn cities and places that have suffered natural disasters;
we pray for all who are rebuilding communities and lives,
all who are bringing new life and courage to the people.
Lord, may we know you,

People and the power of your resurrection.

Leader Let the power of the resurrection be known in our homes:
in you, risen Lord, may relationships be strengthened and restored;
in you, risen Lord, may hurts be healed and well-being restored.
We pray for homes where there is violence or neglect.
Lord, may we know you,

People and the power of your resurrection.

Leader We pray for all struggling peoples that they may find hope in you.
We pray for the chronically ill, for all who are in pain,
those suffering from COVID-19,
and those who have lost hope,
for all distressed peoples,
for those who are terminally ill and those near death.
Lord, may we know you,

People and the power of your resurrection.

Leader We remember all who have lost loved ones,
who are deeply bereaved and in great sorrow.
We pray for loved ones departed, especially those we name now...
May we seek to know they rejoice where sorrow and pain are no more.
Lord, may we know you,

People and the power of your resurrection.

Presider Alleluia to our God, who has broken the power of death.
Alleluia to our God, who has won for us life eternal.
In love we give ourselves to you, holy Lord.
In joy we worship you, gracious Son of God.
In you is our hope, O Christ, who died and now is risen,
and lives with Creator and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

† *The Presider and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Please identify yourself by name, so the Presider may recognize you for an announcement, birthday, or anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, p. 830

All **Watch over thy child(ren), O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand, comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

God is love, let heaven adore him
Trinity Choir

ABBOT'S LEIGH

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider Splendor and honor are yours by right,
God of all being, your power sustains,
your endless love restores this broken world.
Always present with us,
you bring order out of chaos,
you fill our emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,
brings the dawn of hope.
His life in us
leads us to walk in your light.

Your Holy Spirit is fire in us,
your breath is power to purge our sin
and warm our hearts to love.

Children of your redeeming purpose,
freed when Christ burst from the tomb,
we offer you our praise
with Angels and Archangels,
and all the company of heaven,
singing your eternal glory:

People 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.

Presider All praise is yours, Savior of the world,
for by your cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.

On the night before Jesus was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
and having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.
At supper with the disciples
Jesus took bread, offered thanks to you,
broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body given for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
offered thanks, gave it to them and said:
"This is my Blood of the new Covenant
poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."
In the first light of Easter,
glory broke from the tomb;
the women's sorrow changed to joy.
In the garden Mary found the truth;
the One whom they had loved and lost
was restored to them in every place and forever.
So Christ renewed the promise of his presence:
known in the breaking of the bread,
bringing peace to fearful disciples.
The risen Christ proclaimed new birth in the Spirit
and consecrated your people to freedom.
And so we come, in obedience to Christ's command,
to proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider One in Christ, we offer you these gifts,
and with them ourselves,
a holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, merciful God:
send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ;
kindle in us the fire of your love,
renew us for the service of your kingdom.

Help us live and work to your praise and glory;
that we may grow together in unity and love
until, at last, in your new creation,
we enter into the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our sisters and brothers, the living and the dead;
through Jesus Christ our risen Savior
by whom, with whom, and in whom
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours
throughout all ages, now and forever.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Presider **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

& hallowed be thy Name,

People **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 Presider breaks the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The One whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. Jesus who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

✠ *A moment of silence is kept so each of us, in our own way, might take the sacrament into ourselves and allow it to feed our souls.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

People **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 BLESSING

Presider May you find in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord,
a companion for your journey, a sure ground for your hopes,
the peace that passes all understanding, and the joy that life is eternal;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ,
and Holy Spirit be with you this day, and always.

People Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

In the days ahead please keep these member, friends, and family of Trinity in your prayers.

Please pray for Mary Zelenak, Pat Sellers, Andy, Dean Davis, Matthew, Jeff Williams, Betsey Lippert, Marty McGlassen, Sarah and Sue, Debbie, Irene, Harry, Kristi Bahneman, Nancy Jones, Chris Williams, Alice Williams, and Megan Emery.

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