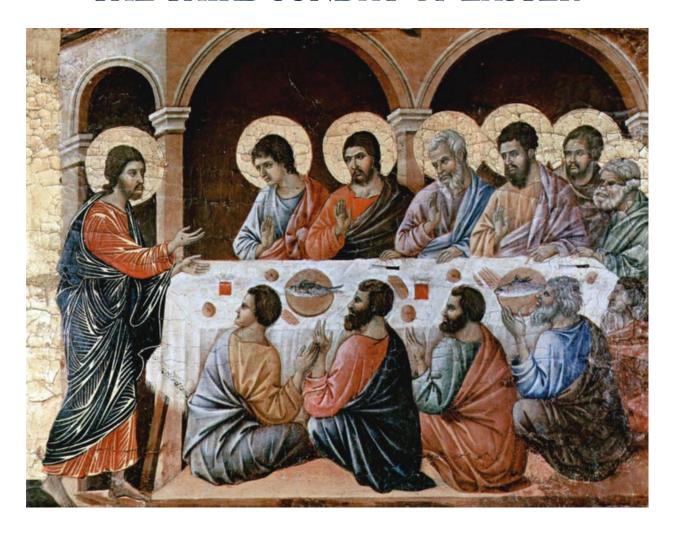
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 14, 2024 8:30 a.m. at Christ UCC

TRINITY

Episcopal Church



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Holy Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Word

• Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.

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PRELUDE Elegy G.T. Thalben-Ball HYMN IN PROCESSION That Easter Day with joy was bright PUER NOBIS 1 That Eas ter day with joy was bright, the 2 His ris flesh with diance glowed; en his 3 O Jе King of tle - ness, dosus, gen O Lord of all, with us a bide in 5 All praise, O ris Lord, en we give to with their long - ing shone out fair light, when, sun er to 2 wound - ed feet showed; their sol - emn hands and he those scars thy - self hearts 3 thou pos - sess that may give thee our we 4 this our joy ful Eas - ter - tide; from wea - pon ev ery dead, God the Fa - ther thee, who, a gain dost live; to eyes re - stored, the a pos tles their ris en Lord. saw wit ness gave that Christ was ris en from the grave. 3 all our days the will ing tri bute of our praise. thine 4 death wield re - deemed shield. can own for ev er

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

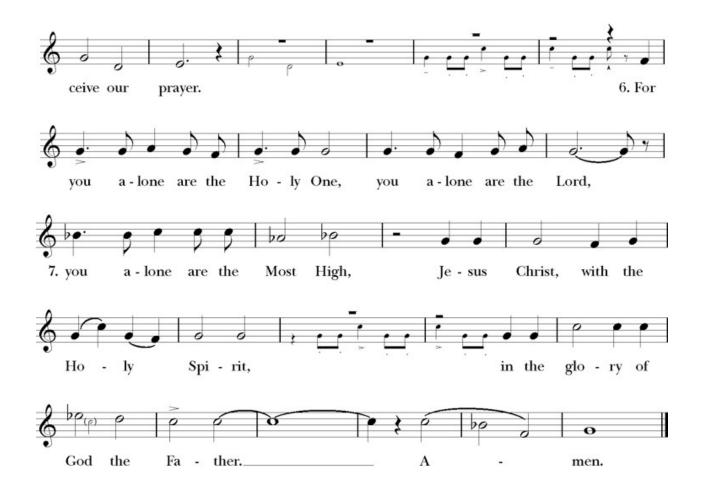
People And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

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.*

GLORIA





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 forever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his

name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

THE PSALM Psalm 4



Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

ANTIPHON

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *

when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; *

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices *

and put your trust in the LORD.

ANTIPHON

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, *

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *

for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

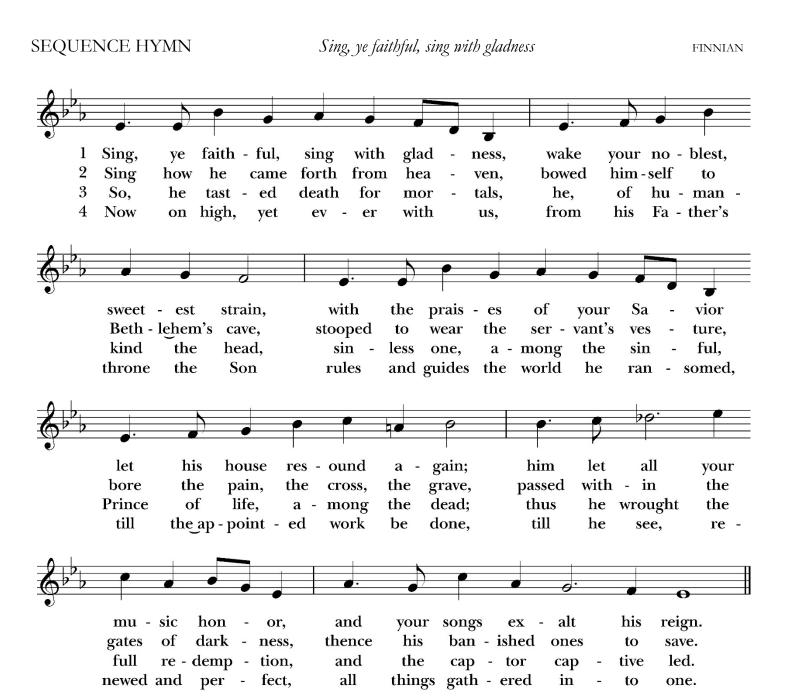
ANTIPHON

THE EPISTLE 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's

children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.



THE GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector

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

Intercessor To the God of our ancestors who has glorified his servant Jesus, let us pray for our own needs and those of the world, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may be signs of Christ's forgiveness to a broken and sinful world. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that the Spirit of God will give us courage to share the Gospel and our experience of God's love and action in our lives. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are broken and wounded, that we may recognize Christ in them and help them to see Christ in their lives. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the people of God everywhere who live daily in fear of war, hunger, and homelessness, that God will watch over them and keep them safe. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

That people of good will may come together to work for justice and the welfare of all, and that peace may prevail, especially in places threatened by storms of rage and violence. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who are commended to our prayers, remembering especially Eli, Judi, John, and others we now name, they may put their trust in the Lord who makes them dwell in safety. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name, that they touch Christ and be one with him for all eternity. *Alleluial Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors in the faith, you have glorified your servant Jesus, and made him the source of peace and reconciliation for the world. Hear the prayers we offer this day and send us forth as heralds of that peace and forgiveness. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

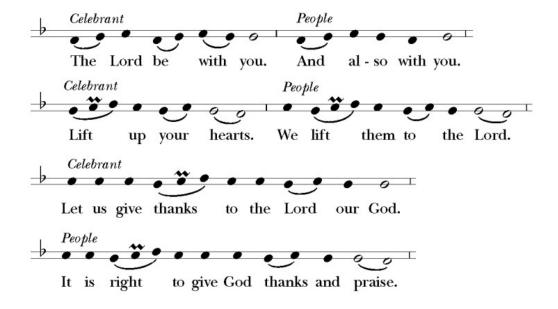
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni

O sing ye to the Lord. Sing ye a new song. O praise Him in the company of His saints. Let all of Israel rejoice now in Him who made all. The sons of all Zion, and daughters of Zion, be joyful and praise God on high.

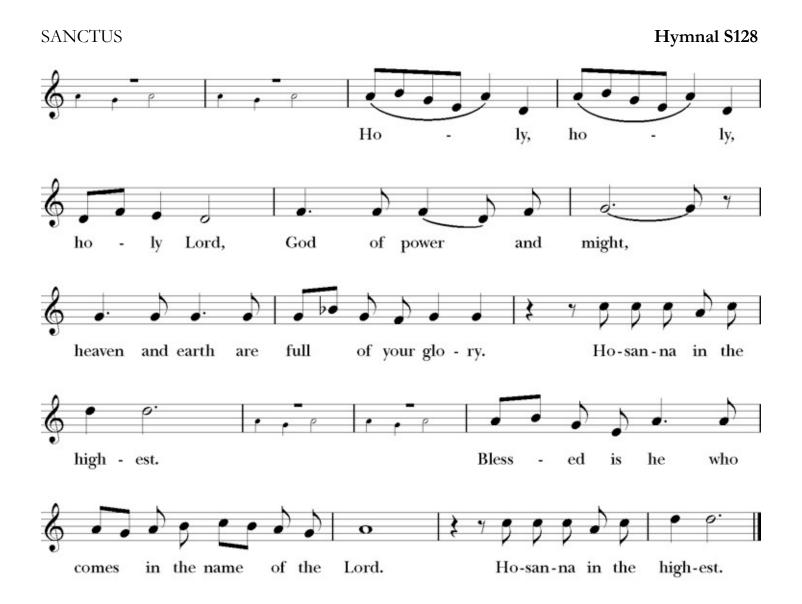
The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



Celebrant

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.

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.

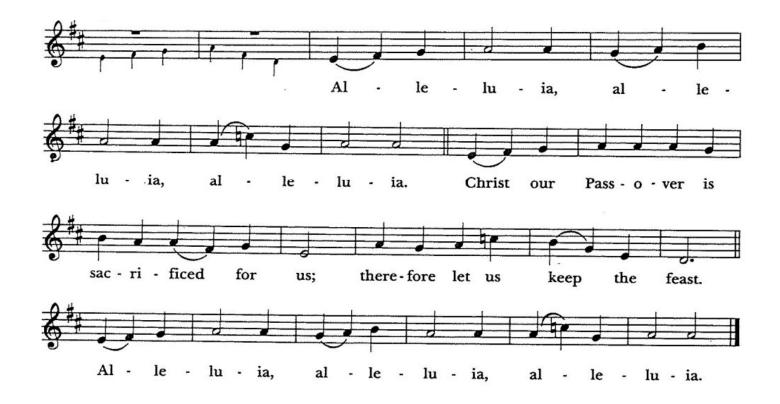
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION



HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Come, risen Lord

Leo Sowerby

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; Nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; Thyself at thine own board make manifest in this our Sacrament of Bread and Wine. We meet, as in that

upper room they met; Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand: "This is my Body"; so thou givest yet: Faith still receives the cup as from thy hand. One body we, one Body who partake, One Church united in communion blest; One name we bear, one Bread of life we break, With all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

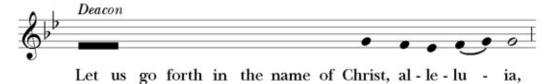
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Empower us by your Spirit
always to proclaim
your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



BLESSING

DISMISSAL







POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Nicholas Bowden



Liturgical Ministers

April 14, 2024 The Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Sheri Majczan Altar Guild

Ann Szmania Eucharistic Minister

Sue Ditterline Reader

Dick Ditterline Intercessor

Steve Filko Usher
Susan Martin Usher
Sandy Mescis Acolyte

Choir

Jody Miller

Garry Applegate
Jonathan Boksan
Bailey Fulginiti
Stacy Gabel
Hattye Magee
Joyce Meinke
Sebastian Paff
Christina Shoemaker
Mark Shoemaker
Stephan Taylor

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK April 14, 2024

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of Bethlehem:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop Trinity, Easton; and Clergy Widows and Widowers

In the Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Please pray especially for:

- ❖ Eli (son of Marcie Lightwood), for unspoken needs.
- ❖ Judi (Marcie Lightwood's friend), who faces end of life care.
- ❖ John Duff (son-in-law of Cindy and Rob Baser) as he awaits a diagnosis.

Please pray for others in need:

Michael Agwunobi, Harold and Pam Basmadjian, Susan Bennett, Loretta Brobst, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Mark D'Angelo, Joan Dawson, Connie Evans, Eileen Gianguzi, Rheta and Dick Matthews, Margaret McIntosh, Jody Miller, Patti Pasda, Liz Roche, Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Leah Stotter, Carol and Jack Vickrey.

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to: **prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.**Names will remain on the list for a month.



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Appointments: Flexible scheduling available. Please contact the

Rector to schedule an appointment.

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The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

The Rev. Canon Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Priest Associate

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