9:45 AM

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



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Whether you're new among us or you've been worshiping here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith here at Trinity.

Fill out the form at this link so we can get to know you better.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Join Team Trinity for the Virtual Walk For Hunger

Sign up here through Sun., 5/2

Although COVID-19 has curtailed Project Bread's "on the street" Walk for Hunger again, Team Trinity is supporting a virtual walk in 2021 by hiking, swimming, running or biking on our own time and terms, through May 2.

To join Team Trinity, donate or find out more, **visit this link**, or contact Team Organizer Katherine Hughes **via this contact form**. While we can't hold our beloved undercroft bake sale this year, all donors will receive an e-copy of the team's baking book — recipes to try at home during Eastertide!

WORSHIP

Choral Evensong

Wednesdays, 5:45 pm, on Zoom

The beloved Trinity Choristers lead and sing weekly Evensong on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm, as they have on Wednesdays during the program year since 2009.



Dial in with 1-646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID **854 5177 3311**.

FORMATION

Eastertide Launch of Home for Faith Small Groups

Sun., 4/25, 7 pm, on **Zoom**

Be with us tonight to learn about the launch of seven new "Home for Faith" small groups which will be



meeting in 3 one-hour Zoom sessions between May and mid-June. Home for Faith small groups empower parishioners to convene around shared interests — and our spring session will offer topics as varied as scripture, spiritual autobiography, faith and recovery, and grandparenting. More than 130 parishioners have joined a Home for Faith group during this past year — and made new connections and friendships across the parish. This evening we will introduce our final "trimester" of small group offerings and provide registration guidance too.



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Forum Series • Into *The Acts*: The After-Easter Lives of the First Disciples

Sundays, 7 pm, on Zoom

Adult Christian Formation gathers each Sunday at 7 pm this spring on Zoom for learning and conversation. Between Easter and Pentecost we'll explore the very beginnings of Christian identity by a close look at scripture and art.

May 2 Peter's Vision at Joppa May 9 The Conversion of Paul

May 23 The Pentecost

For more parish news about our ongoing commitment to anti-racism, please see the TrinityVoices section at the end of this document.







OPENING RITE

Prelude 'Give me Jesus'
African American Spiritual
arr. Marques L.A. Garrett (b. 1984)

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome

Hymn 577 'God is love and where true love is'





Sentences of Scripture

Worship at Trinity

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Leaders of the service will also lead these **bold responses** for the benefit of those worshiping from home.

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

Invitatory

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Canticle 'Pascha nostrum'

Richard Woodward (1744-1777)



Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once;

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

In celebration of Jesus' passage from death into life, we omit the Confession during the Easter season.

Sung by all.

The Lord is my shepherd;*

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:*

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:*

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:* thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE LESSONS

Reading Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 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, 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. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

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.

Canticle 'Jubilate Deo in B-flat'

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Sung by the choir.

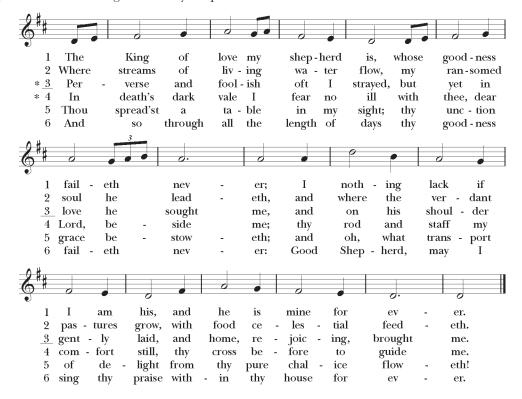
Reading John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 645 'The King of love my shepherd is'



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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth;

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.

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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Suffrages B

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day

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.

Collects & Intercessions

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in themidst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Hymn 343 'Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless'



Sermon The Rev. Patrick C. Ward, Senior Associate for Program

Collects are prayers that "collect" our intentions for any given occasion. In addition to the "Collect of the Day," the Officiant will pray additional collects appropriate for this Sunday.

Offertory 'God is why I am' June Nixon (b. 1942)

My God, I know that you are why all beings come to be, and you are why of all I am, and all I am to be. If this itself is praise to you, your bringing me to be, you still await some further praise from what I come to be. How little worth to you my God the little life I live, how little praise, and yet you want the little praise I give, my God be praised by all I am, by all you gave to me, find worth, find praise of you in all I come to be.

TEXT:BRIAN FOLEY (B. 1919)

Blessing

Hymn 708 'Savior, like a shepherd lead us'



All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support Trinity's ministry, empower our service to the community, and sustain our historic buildings.

To make a gift online, please click here and you will be taken to the secure form on our website.

Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Postlude 'Paean'

June Nixon (b.1942)



A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

April 20, 2021

Dear Trinity Church and friends,

Moments ago in Minneapolis, the twelve-member jury delivered a verdict of "Guilty" on all three counts brought against Derek Chauvin. After Judge Peter Cahill read the conviction, each member of the jury, in turn, confirmed their decision. With a note that he would meet them in the jury room, he instructed the court: "All rise for the jury." And everyone stood.

Earlier today, our Junior Warden, Barbara Dortch-Okara, readied a message to the parish to address our waiting for this decision from her perspective as a retired member of the Massachusetts judiciary. She wrote:

"When your thoughts inevitably wander back to that jury deliberating in Minneapolis, your first impulse may be to pray for justice. However, I suggest that absolute justice for George Floyd is unattainable. He can't be brought back to the life he had before he met Derek Chauvin. Within the American legal system, members of the judiciary adhere to the notion that justice is the honest and considered verdict of an impartial jury rendered after a fair trial. As a judge, I worked hard to offer litigants justice under the law. But justice under the law often is insufficient. Let us instead pray for a result that provides accountability. My earnest appeal to the Almighty is for an outcome that acknowledges the horror of what we observed and seeks to redress the wrongs committed in full view of the world ...

"Let us wait in hope that George Floyd has indeed changed the world, as his young daughter, Gigi, foresaw. We've seen some change already. We'll have to see if the action taken is fruitful and if any change endures. A verdict that provides full accountability would certainly be heralded as a change in the world of police aggression against Black citizens in this country."

With our Senior Warden, Mark Morrow, I now join my prayers to Barbara's – so powerfully named – asking that, with God's help, this outcome begins to acknowledge the horrors endured by Black Americans for 400 years; asking that, with God's help, we have witnessed a righteous shift in the soul of our country, one that will lead to meaningful action; asking that, with God's help, every American will live in the reassurance of being regarded with the same dignity and honor intended by our Creator.

To inaugurate this future, any relief of this moment must soon give way to resolve – loving, humble, and enduring as iron – that we will make antiracism our daily devotion. As that commitment at Trinity Church continues, I invite you to join us at 8:30 tonight for our **weeknightly Compline**, as together we pray:

Gracious God, you have bound us together in a common life. Send your holy and life-giving Spirit to move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect, until, our divisions being healed, we may live in the peace that you intend;

Amen.

With faith in the risen Christ,

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen Rector

