

EASTER 2

April 11, 2021 9am

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Thank you for joining our community in worship today. Morning Prayer - pages 76 - 100

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 228:24

The Invitatory and Psalter

OfficiantLord, open our lips.PeopleAnd 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. The Lord is risen indeed. Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

- 1. Alleluia! Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ Is now our Passover indeed And has been sacrificed; So let us keep the feast No more with enmity But with the new unleavened bread Of true sincerity.
- 2. Christ being raised from death Will never die again, For he has died to death and sin And now death cannot reign; The life that he now lives, He lives to God on high, So also you are dead to sin Through Christ eternally.
- 3. The first fruits of the grave Is Christ our living head, For since by one came death, by one Came new life from the dead; For as in Adam all Must die under the law, So now shall all be made alive In Christ. Alleluia.

Words: A New Metrical Psalter; Christopher L. Webber Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1894)



- 1 Oh, how good and | pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in | unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the | head * that runs down upon the | beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of | Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his | robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of | Hermon * that falls upon the hills of | Zion.

Psalm 133

The First Lesson

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

People

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



Words: Revelation 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980) Music Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (1923-2010)

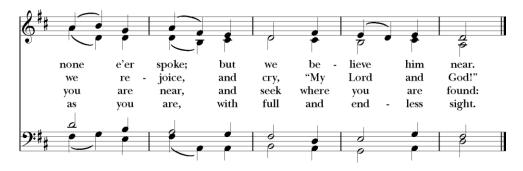
The Second Lesson

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

People

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





Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

The Third Lesson

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

	The Word of the Lord
People	Thanks be to God.

Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Denzil Luckritz

BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, L 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 Lord's Prayer

Let us now pray in the words our Lord taught us:

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 Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O GOD, THE KING ETERNAL, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O GOD, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

LORD GOD, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

HEAVENLY FATHER, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Paula our Bishop-Elect, for all priests, and deacons. *Silence* Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for all those essential workers, putting their lives at risk, that they may be kept safe. *Silence* Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Help us to look for ways to reach out and connect. *Silence* Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence* Risen Lord, **hear our praver.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially, we pray for those on pray list. Petitions are offered aloud or in silence.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, remembering especially those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week; additionally, we give thanks for our community of Trinity and the technology that allows us to gather from home. Silence

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Forgive us for failing to love you, O God, with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, and for failing to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those who have lost their lives to Covid-19, gun violence, and their loved ones, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence Risen Lord, hear our praver.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Solo

This Joyful Eastertide Melissa Athos, soprano

Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow! My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now hath Christ arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trumpets east to west shall wake the dead in number. Refrain Death's flood hath lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. Refrain

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

LMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, Awe your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Celebrant Life is short and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you now and always. **Amen.**





Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1954)

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Officiant Thanks be to God. People

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✤ This week we pray for ✤

Our parish friends in need: Chuck A., Bridget, McKenna, Balde, Connie, Char, Andrea, Mary, Arlene, Eben, Judy, Amy, Mike, Elsa, Chuck, Abby, Maureen, Debi, Rita, Shirley, Carol, Ann, Marion, Ryan, Vicki, Cassandra, Hannelore, Janet, Bill, Dolores, Nancy, Liz, Rob, Joe, Mother Debra, Tammy, Fr. Tom, Eileen, Marilou, Steve, Darlene, Susie, Robert, Sr., Carol, Bob, Kevin, Val, Chireen, Rick, Sr. Jean, Andrew David, Richard, Kenneth, Maryann, Bella, Gary, Mark, Michael, Eleanor, Cecil, Elizabeth, William (in Afghanistan), Danielle, Rob L., Betty, Jane, Edelma, Sandy, Carol, Diana, Virg, Don, Tom, Maidell, Dick, Nan, Rosie, Alvin, Pat, nieces, ages 18 & 22, of a friend of Trinity, Fr. Jim, Maria, Susan, Georgia, Bobbie, Diane, Thomas, Joyce, Wanda, Cathie, Irene, Millie, Cecilia, Andrea, Robert, Dan, Joseph, Wally, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Jeanette, Kris, Connor, Anne, James, Roberta, Bryan, Brianna, John, Rose, Talon, Taylor, Ty, Linda J, Malcolm, Isaac, Rodney, Leo, Ted, Denise, Lauren, Greg, Nicholas, Andrew, Dennis, & those suffering from Covid-19.

✤ The Flowers are given to the Glory of God

The 2021 Easter Memorial List

♦ The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God ♦

In Thanksgiving for Trinity Parishioners

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP ONLINE @ ZOOM https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3889192038

OR JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AURORA, IL GROUP MORNING PRAYER 9AM – EVENING PRAYER 7PM MONDAY-THURSDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It is our hope to have a Brass Quintet for our first celebration when we return to public worship in the church building. The cost is \$750.00. If you would like to make a donation to the Music, please write a check and mark Easter Brass in the memo line. Thank you for your support.
- **Sanctuary Candle** 2021 Sanctuary Candle Sign-Up is now available. Please contact Fr. Denzil if there are special dates which you would like to have the candle lit in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. Donation for the candle is \$5.

✤ SERVING TODAY

Lector – Lesson 1:	Lisa Luckritz
Lector – Lesson 2:	Cathie Patterson
Intercessor:	Cathie Patterson

✤ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Lector – Lesson 1:	Mary Jacobsen
Lector – Lesson 2:	John Heath
Intercessor:	John Heath



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