



## **EASTER 4**

*April 26, 2026 - 9:00 am*

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Thank you for joining our community in worship today.

If you are interested in baptism or wish to become a member of the parish, please speak to a member of the staff. We would be delighted to have you join our family. If you are not yet an Episcopalian, please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance during the worship service. Visitors, please sign the guest book.

The entire text for the Eucharist may be found in the **Book of Common Prayer**.

The Word of God – pages 355–358

Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer A – page 361

The Breaking of the Bread and Post-Communion Prayer – pages 364–365

All hymns and service music are included in the bulletin for your convenience.

The hymns with numbers are found in the **Hymnal 1982**.



# ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Sheep May Safely Graze *from* Cantata 208  
Guy Stephens, *English horn*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn 205

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice 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 - joice 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!

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b. 1923)  
Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

## Easter Acclamation

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**A**Lmighty 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.**

Hymn of Praise 417

This is the Feast of Victory of our God

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]  
4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]  
5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

**G**OD, 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson

*Acts 2:42-47*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd

*Howard Goodall*

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. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me, you will comfort me. 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 Second Lesson

*1 Peter 2:19-25*

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

**Cantor:** The sheep of my flock, says the Lord, Hearing my voice they will listen,  
They will follow me, for I know then, they are mine.

*All sing the Antiphon*

## The Holy Gospel *All standing*

*John 10:1-10*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz*

## The Nicene Creed

*All standing*

**W**E 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: Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Paula our Bishop, for all priests,  
and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list,  
and those whose names are offered at this time, either aloud or in silence;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The minister and people greet one another.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory

Forth He Came at Easter

*David H. Williams*

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

### The Doxology with Alleluias

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

*William Matthias*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The People stand and the Celebrant continues*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

HYMNAL S119

**O**UR 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 Breaking of the Bread

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people come forward as instructed to receive the Sacrament. The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized Christians of any age, regardless of denomination, to receive Holy Communion. Persons who have not yet been baptized and children who have not yet begun receiving Communion are invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms on your chest as a sign that you will not receive communion.*

### Communion Hymn 343

### Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

ST. AGNES

1 Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless thy cho-sen  
2 We would not live by bread a-lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break-ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di-vine, thy Bo-dy

pil-grim flock with man-na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de-part; Sa-rior, a-bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv-ing bread, that

wil-der-ness, with wa-ter from the rock.  
trav-el on to our a-bid-ing-place.  
us, and spread thy ta-ble in our heart.  
heaven-ly wine, be our im-mor-tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937),  
after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876);

### Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us now rise and pray.

**E**TERNAL 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

Brothers and Sisters, remember that 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.

### Closing Hymn 708

### Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

### SICILIAN MARINERS

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymn for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt.

Words: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Voluntary

Most Highly Praised Son of God *from Cantata 6 Johann Sebastian Bach*

***You are encouraged to remain and listen to the Closing Voluntary.***

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**TODAY'S MUSIC: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*** This Easter text might easily be mistaken for “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”, a translation of the fourteenth-century Christmas Carol “In Dulci Jubilo.” The text was written by the Dean of Durhan, Cyril Alington, when he was Head Master of Eton. It was written “in order to carry the tune GELOBT SEI GOTT.

✠ This week we pray for ✠

**Our parish friends in need:** Luna, Grady, Debbie, Sara, Jeff, Alex, Janet, Joy, Cindy, Joyce, Dustin, Bill, Kira, Ron, Bernice, Denise, Jean, Dorothy, Kaylyn, Judy, Marilyn, Talia, Roy, Rose, Ian, Doris, Chris, Michelle, Ed, Erick, Lily, Desmond, Alton, Chris V., Patti M., Linda, Sarah, Brian, Michael, Alison, Tim, Cheryl, George, Dick, Gale, Malcolm, Signe, Nate, Devon, Katie, Mary, Maggie, Bud, Cathie, Mike, Sue, Daniel, Jared, Marrianna, Cathy, Ken, Sasha, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, Inga, Gary, Otto, Jenson, Chaney, Julian, Bobbie, Mary Ellen, Jim, Jamie, Marilou, Tom M., Eileen, Chireen, David, Debbie, Bernie, Nigel, Barb G., Rita, Terry, Matthew, Amy K., Al, Rob, Lisa, Christie, Robin, Rainer, Don, Virg, Tawnya, Kim, Kris, Connor, Anne, Bob, Phyllis, Ella, Talon, Taylor, Linda J, Ty, Roberta, Paul, Dick, John, Bruce, Charles, Charlene, Greg, Lynn, Phil, Gloria, Jörg, Lauren, Leo, Rodney & Bonnie.

✠ The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God ✠

In Loving Memory of Marnie Pritchard

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

In Loving Memory of John Castelli

**Birthdays and Anniversaries this week**

Wayne Mueller, Catherine Baker

XiuXiu & Robert Herget

*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

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

**Flower Charts** 2026 Flower Charts are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please sign up if there are special dates which you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. (Suggested donation for flowers is \$40.)

**Sanctuary Candle** 2026 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 ‡

Serving:	Marianne Evans
Lector – Lesson 1:	Cecilia Seabrook
Lector – Lesson 2:	Karen Dolan
Intercessor:	Karen Dolan
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg

‡ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ‡

Serving:	Linda Barber
Lector – Lesson 1:	Lisa Luckritz
Lector – Lesson 2:	John Heath
Intercessor:	John Heath
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg



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