

EASTER 5 *May 18, 2025 9am*

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. based on Psalms 148 and 150 Music: Laudte Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Easter Acclamation

People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Celebrant continues

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.**



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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

A LMIGHTY 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 of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

People

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

Psalm 148:1-6

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- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the | heavens; * praise him in the | heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you | angels of his; * praise him, all his | host.

3	Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
4	Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.
5	Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were cre- ated

6 He made them stand fast for ever and | ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass a- |way.

The Second Lesson

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

Gospel Alleluia

People

All sing the Antiphon



Cantor: You are the Christ everlasting born for us all of a virgin, you have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

All sing the Antiphon

The Holy Gospel All standing

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself

Revelation 21:1-6

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Iohn 13.31-35

and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz All standing

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, and 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; Lord, keep them in your care.

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

John Rutter

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ has broken every chain. Hark, the angel shout for joy, singing evermore on high: *Alleluia!* He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our paschal lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say: *Alleluia!* He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: *Alleluia!* Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored, how the penitent

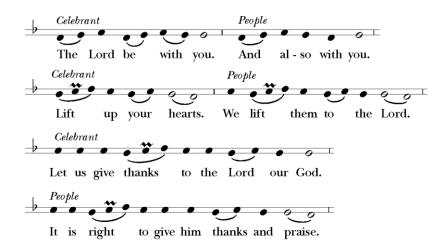
forgiven, how we too may enter heaven: *Alleluia!* Christ, our paschal lamb indeed, all your ransomed people feed! Take our sins and guilt away: that we too may sing for aye: *Alleluia!*

The Doxology with Alleluias

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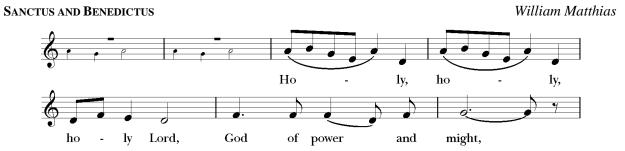
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, Alleluia!

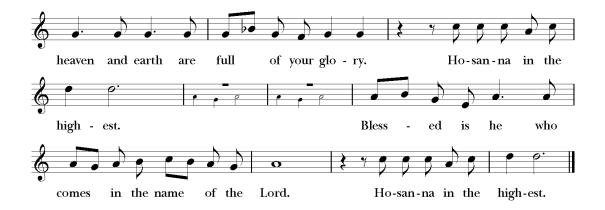
The Great Thanksgiving



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:





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:

Celebrant and People

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.

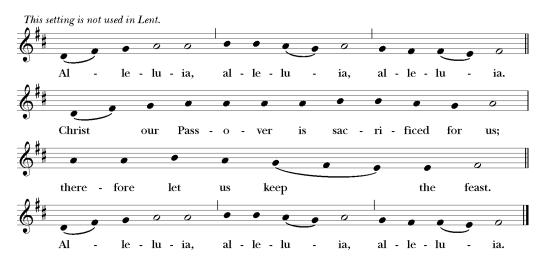
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people will be instructed how they will be receiving the Sacrament

Communion Music

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth For the beauty of the skies For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies Over and around us lies *Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise*. For the beauty of the hour Of the day and of the night Hill and vale and tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of light Sun and moon and stars of light *Lord of all, to thee*... For the joy of human love

Brother, sister, parent, child Friends on earth and friends above For all gentle thoughts and mild For all gentle thoughts and mild *Lord of all, to thee*... For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given Graces human and divine Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n *Lord of all, to thee*...

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

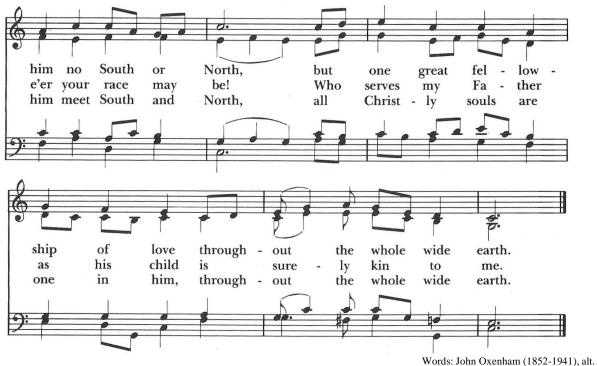
Brothers and Sisters, remember that life is short, and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing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

Closing Hymn 529

In Christ There Is No East or West

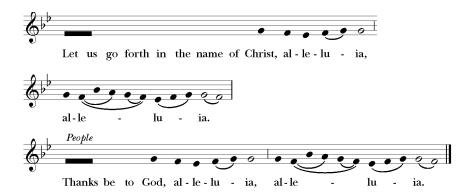
MCKEE





Music: McKee, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

The Dismissal



VoluntarySymphony I: FinalLouis VierneYou are encouraged to remain and listen to the Closing Voluntary.Louis Vierne

Unless otherwise noted, all music is printed with permission from Church Publishing. ©1985 Church Publishing, Inc. Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from OneLicense.net #A-729730. All rights reserved. **TODAY'S MUSIC:** *In Christ There Is No East or West* John Oxenham, an English Congregational Church layperson, based this hymn of Christian unity on Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." They hymn speaks of the barriers of geography, race, slavery, and gender that prevent unity and peace. He points out that without the belief that Christ is the force that makes unity possible, the Church will not be able to carry the gospel to others.

† This week we pray for **†**

Our parish friends in need: Jared, Shannyn, Rita, Terry, Carol, Nicole, Maria, Gail, Devon, Paul, Mary, Margaret, Cassie, Dick, Willia, Leah, Wendy, Nigel, Pam, Bernie, Debbie. Amy K., Marion, Jeff, Michelle, Dave, Marrianne, Sue, Rick, Cindy, Alondra, Sara, Aiden, Danna, Ashley, Bruce, Deb, Dee, Paula, Judy, Marnie, Patrick, Peggy, Kenzie, Jerri, Barb G., Tim, Tom, Francis, Matthew, Sandy, Nikki, Melanie, George, Cathy, Ken, Sasha, Jamie, Janet, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, Maggie, Shirley, Daneal, Inga, Gary, Al, Anita, RJ, Larry, Bobbie, Elaine, Connie, Tammy, Mary Ellen, Marilou, Tom M. Eileen, Amy, Abby, Joyce, Becky, Josh, Bud, Cathie, Fr. Tom, Bob, Robert, Sr., Kevin, Val, Chireen, Mike, David, Richard, Danielle, Talia, Rob, Paulette, Jane, Thomas, Wanda, Irene, Joseph, Wally, Alex, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Don, Virg, Kim, Kris, Connor, Anne, Sr. Jean, James, Phyllis, Ella,, Bill, Talon, Taylor, Linda J, Ty, Roberta, Malcolm, Signe, Charles, Charlene, Denise, Greg, Phil, Lynn, Gloria, Lauren, Leo, Karen, Ralph, & Rodney.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Bill & Elizabeth Stephens

✤ The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God ✤ In Loving Memory of Bill & Elizabeth Stephens

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Judy Stafanick, Janet Stephens, Bob Hansen 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 Friday Morning Prayer 9am

- **Flower Charts** 2025 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** 2025 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.
- **Fellowship/Coffee Hour** A sign–up is located on the bulletin board in the hall. Please consider signing up if you would be interested in hosting some Sunday.

† SERVING TODAY **†**

Serving:	Linda Ba
Lector – Lesson 1:	Melissa
Lector – Lesson 2:	Wendy S
Intercessor:	Wendy S
Ushers:	Dick & O

Linda Barber Melissa Athos Wendy Stewart Wendy Stewart Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg

✤ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

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



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Vestry

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