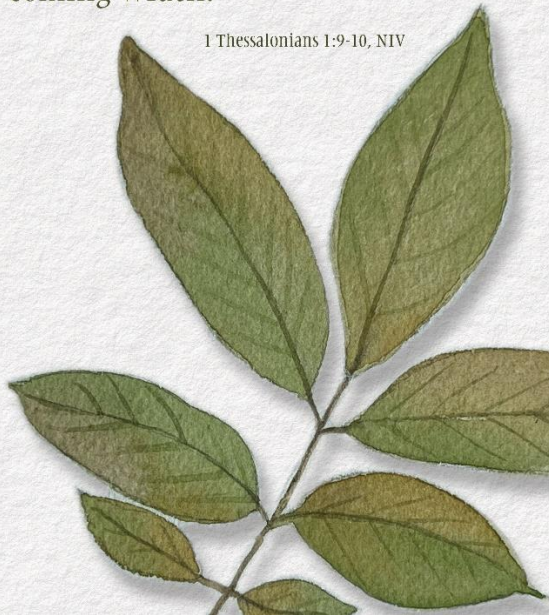


... you turned to God from idols to serve

THE LIVING and TRUE GOD,

and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead —
Jesus, who rescues us from
the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, NIV



4th Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

9:30 AM

Also on Sunday: Radio
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Becoming a SHARING community:

The Church in Thessalonica

Our Purpose Statement:

***A Christ-centered church sharing faith, hope, and love with
each other, our neighbors, and the world.***

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!* ELW 369 (pg. 15)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near
and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you
have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near
and far.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon

Bible Verse of the Month: Acts 1:8

Let us remember the witness of Scripture as we say our verse of the month
together:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

First Reading: Acts 17:1-9

¹After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." ⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." ⁸The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has

chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: *refrain from I Love to Tell the Story*

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Gospel: Mark 13:9-11

The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: *This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 677 (pg. 16)

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence as the peace candle is lit.

God of love, your word teaches that peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice. Peace is what happens when those who have much do not have too much and those who have little do not have too little. The very old and the very young feel safe and supported. Parents can feed themselves and their children and all have the opportunity for meaningful work in their community. Let us pray and work for this kind of peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict in the Holy Land and Ursula. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

Peace

The ministers and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



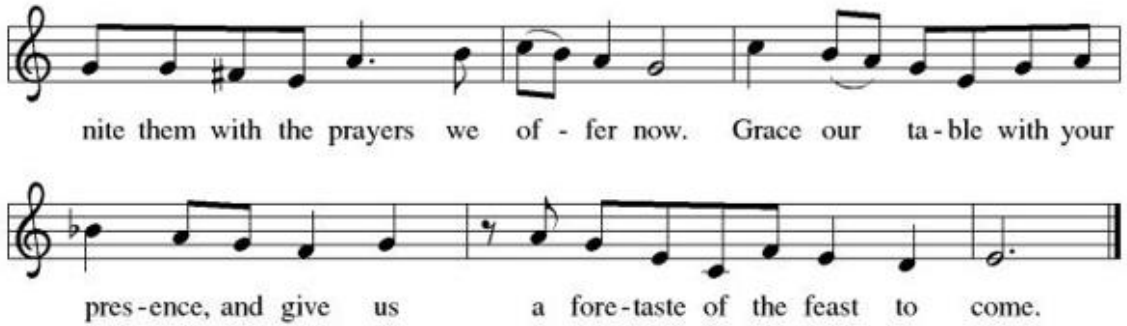
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offering Prayer

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

**May the gifts that we offer here
 be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
 through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

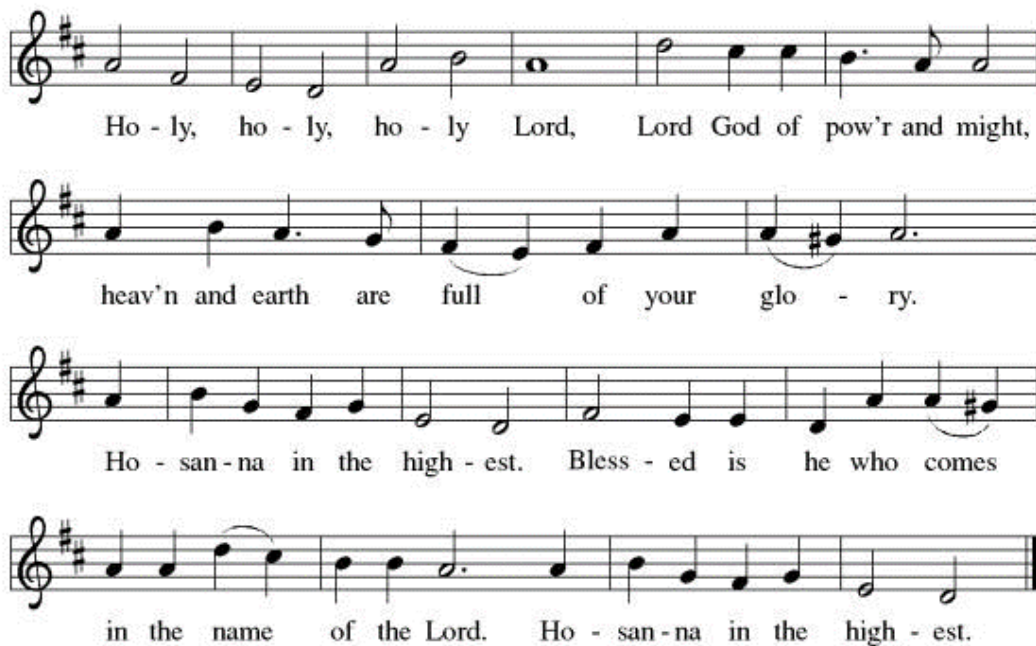
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table: Easter

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sharing the meal

All are welcome at Christ's Table. Please come up to the communion rails, either kneel or stand as you are able.

Blessing after Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor	Rev. Dave Daubert
Vicar	Andrea Delaney
Director of Music	Matt Wahl
Radio Host	Frank Imhoff
Live-stream Tech	Beth Quathamer

Pastoral Care: If you need pastoral care, please reach out to Vicar Andrea at 847-504-7029 (cell) or vicar@holytrinityelgin.com

Special Offerings: This weekend's Altar Flowers are in memory of **Helen Borows** on her April 20th birthday, given by her son Noel Borows.

Our Tithes & Offerings

When we practice gratitude, we begin to understand that everything is a gift from God and we can praise God for the gifts we have received which, in turn, leads us to be generous stewards of those gifts. As we seek to gather an offering for the mission of Holy Trinity in these times, we thank you for your sustained giving and support!

Ways to Give to Holy Trinity

1. Drop your donation in the offering plate before or after worship.
2. Mail a check to the church.
3. Give online through our website: holytrinityelgin.com.
4. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP).
5. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering.

The regular offering for last week was \$3,756.00

Please join us next weekend in Worship * All are Welcome!

Saturday at 5:00 pm & Sunday at 9:30 am

Also on Sunday:

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Gathering Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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| 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia! | 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife.
Alleluia! |
| 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled,
Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia! | 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia! |

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Hymn of the Day

This Little Light of Mine

- 1** This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 2** Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 3** Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Sending Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1** At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!

- 2** Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

- 3** Where the paschal blood is poured
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

- 4** Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

Trinity Times Express

Pastor Dave's Bible Study – meets on the 4th Monday of every month via Zoom. Our next study will be on Monday **April 22** at 7:00 pm.

Quilting Group – meets the 1st and 4th Tuesday morning of every month. Our next work session will be Tuesday **April 23** at 9:00 am. No quilting or sewing experience required.

Alzheimer's Support Group – meets the 4th Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday **April 24** 10:30am. Contact Chaplain Dave at dwrohlwing@att.net or 847-695-2745 for more information.

Vicar's Book Study – Vicar's 4th Thursday Book Study will resume on Thursday **April 25** at 10:30 am. The book for April/May is "A Covenant of Water".

Youth Group – for grades 6 – 12 will meet the 1st Sunday each month after worship in the Youth Room downstairs. Our next meeting will be Sunday **May 5**.

Better Together Café - happens on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come join us at 11:30 for friends, food and fun! Our next Café will be **May 15**.

Garden Party – time to spruce up the outside of Holy Trinity (before the Historic Holy Hill Church Walk)! Please join the Property Team on Saturday **May 11** from 9 – Noon. Bring your gardening tools and your love for the beauty of God's earth. No experience necessary!!

Historic Holy Hill Church Walk – Saturday **May 18** from 1–4:00pm. Holy Trinity will be one of the historic churches on display!

Special Offerings: If you wish to sponsor the weekly bulletins (\$25), altar flowers (\$25) or the Radio Hour (\$100) please contact the church office. If they are in honor or memory of someone, please include the information with your payment. All monies collected will help offset the cost of the paper, ink, postage, flowers, and cost of radio airtime.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Mon 4/22

12:00 pm – AA**

6:00 pm – Cub Scouts**

7:00 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor Dave via Zoom

Tue 4/23

9:00 am – Quilting Group

10:00 am – Holy Trinity Staff

12:00 pm - AA**

6:00 pm – Scout Leader Meeting**

Wed 4/24

9:00 am - Golden K Meeting**

10:30 am - Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting

Thu 4/25

10:30 am – Vicar's 4th Thursday Book Study

10:30 am - Grief Support Group

12:00 pm - AA**

2:00 pm - Soup Kettle** - dinner at 5:30 pm

Fri 4/26

12:00 pm - AA**

2:00 pm - Soup Kettle** - dinner at 5:30 pm

Sat 4/27

5:00 pm – Worship Service

Sun 4/28

9:30 am – Worship Service

10:30 am – Coffee Hour

2:00 pm - Soup Kettle** - dinner at 4:30 pm

7:00 pm – AA**

Garden & Garage Party Time



**Come out and join
the Property Team on
Saturday May 11th
from 9am to noon
and get your hands dirty!**

**Come have fun with your Holy Trinity Family as we
give our flower beds and Garage some much
needed TLC.**

Coffee & Donuts will be provided.