

TRINITY CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

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9:30 a.m.



WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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*Seeking God * Growing in spirituality * Serving all with compassion * Embracing courageous hope*

The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi, Rector

9:30a.m. Third Sunday of Easter – Holy Eucharist

The Invitatory

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, we are here (BWV 731)

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn #193

That Easter day with joy was bright

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Celebrant: Almighty 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.*

Gloria in Excelsis S 277 (*service music is found in the front section of the hymnal*)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of the Lord

Lessons of the Day

First Lesson:

Acts 3:12-19

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

(verses chanted by choir; congregation joins on the refrain)

Psalm 4



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I cry out, the Lord will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. **REFRAIN**
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #195

Jesus lives!

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Celebrant: Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Celebrant: Let us say together the Nicene Creed.

People: We 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.

Intercession Prayers

Reader: Alleluia! O God, may the empty tomb fill our hearts with faith. Alleluia! Loving God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive in our world, our church, and our hearts. Renew and strengthen us in the risen life we share in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Reader: In the work we do this day,

People: May the risen Christ teach us.

Reader: In the challenges we face this day,

People: May the risen Christ guide us.

Reader: Through the people we meet this day,

People: May the risen Christ renew us.

Reader: In our cycle of prayers, we pray for **The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; St. Martin's Church, Fairlee; the Rev. Neal Scott; the Rev. Deacon Geof Smith, partners in the Upper Valley Constellation St Barnabas, Norwich, St. Martin's, and St. John's, Randolph.** For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, our Bishop; and Sarah, our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers; through the church we worship God this day,

People: May the risen Christ empower us.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for: **Kathy, Joe, Kyle, Nanci, Jane, Gary & Elaine, Hawa, Tom, Ryah.** We pray that the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda receive those blessing's necessary to sustain their physical and spiritual well-being. For all the friends and family we care for this day,

People: May the risen Christ sustain us.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for those parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: **Christopher & Deb Creed, Olivia Pol, Glen Cousineau, Kathy Hall, Rich Carlson, Jessie Billings, Ben Huebner, Michael Muir, Steve Singiser, Yvonne Panarello.** In the celebrations we share this day,

People: May the risen Christ bless us.

Reader: We pray for all who have died. In the remembrances we recall this day,

People: May the risen Christ console us.

Reader: Guide us as we grow in spirituality, serve all with compassion, and embrace your courageous hope in the world. And, as we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world,

People: May the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen us.

Celebrant: O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your faithful stewardship helps us dare to dream alongside God's mission of Love. The offering plate is located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar.

Offertory Anthem

See what Love hath the Father (from "St. Paul")

Felix Mendelssohn

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving S 120

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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 S 124

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A (People stand or kneel as able.)

Celebrant: 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

*All: 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 Fraction Anthem

(sung by the choir)

Choir: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia!

Is the communion of the body of Christ.

One body we, alleluia!

For though many, we share one bread.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You are welcome at God's table! To join in this sacred meal, proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing. The inside rows go first up the center aisle and then the outside rows dismiss to the back of the church and then up the center aisle. If that's too far a walk, please come to the railing in whatever way you are most able, or alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. There are two options to receive the wine: by sharing from the common chalice (cup) or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the Communion Bowl. Please do not use the common cup for dipping. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Finally, those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal 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.

Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn #205 (omit st. 2)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude

Prelude in G major (BWV 541.1)

J. S. Bach

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.