

The Third Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II April 14, 2024 | 8:00 AM & 10:15AM

Voluntary

Entrance Hymn Welcome, happy morning! H 179, verses 1-3

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

All say

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.

Hymn of Praise

8:00am

Pascha nostrum

All say

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.





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 eyer. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

The people sit.

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 4 Saint Helena Psalter

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.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the Holy One does wonders for the faithful; when I call, God will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Most High.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, O God, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

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Sequence Hymn

Christ is alive!

H 182, verses 1-3

You may stand.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

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

The Sermon Mother Rhetta

The Creed

Please stand, sit, or kneel as best helps you pray.

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 human.

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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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

Intercessor You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your

healing presence. Heal us, raise us so that we may serve you.

We are amazed at your creative genius—how you have stretched the

heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us

People We are amazed, God. We raise our hearts in awe.

Intercessor Our world and our lives need healing and direction. Guide your church

and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead

the church: bishops, priests and deacons; all those in positions of

leadership. We pray especially for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New

Zealand, and Polynesia; St. John's, Western Run Parish, Trinity, Long

Green, St. James', Parkton.

People We ask for direction. Raise our hearts to you, God.

Intercessor We ask you to heal the relationships between nations, and neighbors.

Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak

peace as an example for the world.

People We ask for healing. Raise our hearts to you, God.

Intercessor Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. We pray especially

for Hugh, Dolores, Mike, Anna, Reginald, Barbara, Catherine, Joreka, Krissy, Meghan & Josh, Judy, Mya. Break their chains which bind them and heal them, God. Surround them with supportive people, the resources

they need, and a tangible sense of your love.

People We ask for healing. Raise our hearts to you, God.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your

love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love which knows no

limits of time or space.

People We ask for assurance of your love. Raise our hearts to you, God.

Celebrant Finally, we offer to you our Trinity Mission Prayer.

People Loving God, we give you thanks that you have called Trinity Church to

be a caring, Christ-centered community, empowered to worship, serve,

and grow in faith. Guide us and strengthen us to be ever more

welcoming and inclusive, and to encourage all people to love God and

one another. Amen.

The Peace

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements and Blessings

Birthdays: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant/s as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries: O God, who has given us the sacrament of marriage that we may know you through the intimacy of married love; send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and kindness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Travelers: O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel especially these your children; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11



The Offertory is when we make a sacred gift to God as part of our worship. You can give by putting cash or checks in the offering plate as it comes by or make an electronic offering by texting Trinitytowson to 73256 or using the QR code provided.

If you give electronically, please participate in the liturgy by placing one of the e-giving cards found in your pew into the plate. Because not everyone can make a financial contribution, you can acknowledge your offering of time and talent to Trinity by using one of the "I give my heart to God" cards found in the Narthex of the Church.

Offertory Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

H 174

Doxology

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing and pray.

8:00am

All say.

All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee. Amen. Sing we to our God above; Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia! Praise God, all ye heav'nly host; Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing as able.

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

8:00am

All say.

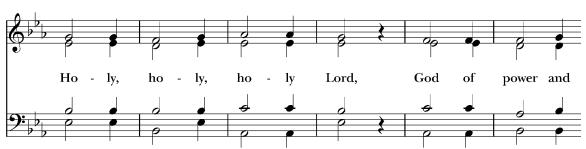
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

10:15am *All sing.*







You may remain standing or sitting, or you may kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant raises the bread, breaks it, and following a period of silence

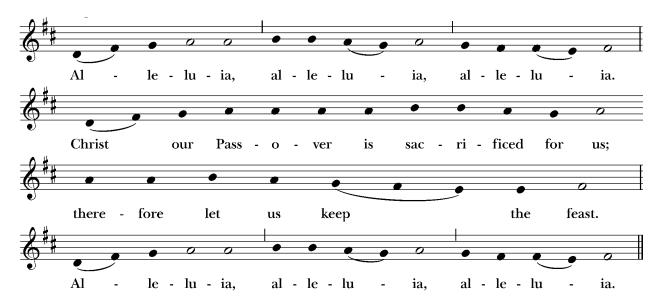
8:00am

All say.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

10:15am *All sing.*



The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the People of God. This is the Table not of the Church but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come, for it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who wish to meet him should find him here.

What follows is Holy Communion or the Eucharist, the Christian faith's sacred meal of thanksgiving. The Episcopal Church affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, but no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, Trinity Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you.

When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or request a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive the wine also, our normative practice is to drink from a larger common cup. If you would prefer to intinct, please use one of the shallow chalices. If you would prefer not to receive communion at all for any reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

Distribution

The Bread and the Cup are given to communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

Communion HymnSing praise to our CreatorH 295Communion HymnI want to walk as a child of the lightH 490

Post-Communion Prayer

You may stand. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn That Easter day with joy was bright H 193, verses 1-3

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sunday Service Schedule

8:00am: Holy Communion Quiet Service (No Music) 9:10am Adult Formation 10:15am: Holy Communion Service with Music 4:00pm: Evening prayer and Communion

Weekly Services & Bible Study

Wednesdays: 6pm, Evening Prayer with Sykes & Wiley (YouTube and Facebook Only)
Thursdays: 11:00am Bible Study, grab your lunch and log on (Zoom Only)