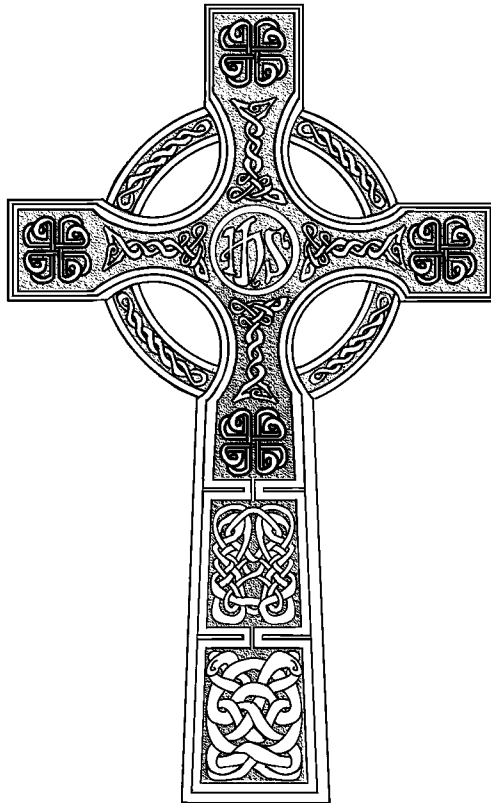


Trinity Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist Rite II

May 21, 2023 – 10:00 AM

The Rev. Pete Wright, Celebrant

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

We are blessed that you have come to worship with us today.

Our service, based on the practice of the early church, is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, and other sources approved for our use by the Episcopal Church USA. Please enjoy the drama of our worship, watch to see what others do, and follow this service bulletin. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers, and join us in celebrating God's love for us all.

Episcopalians consider all baptized persons to be members of Christ's Church. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are invited to come to the Lord's Table and receive the Lord Jesus Christ in the consecrated Bread (or Host) and Wine. To receive communion, accept the Host in the palm of your hand, consume it, and guide the chalice to your lips. For intinction (dipping the Host into the Wine), leave the Host in your palm for the minister. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come to the altar for God's blessing through a priest. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest. If you cannot come to the altar rail, the ministers will gladly bring communion to you in your pew. Just let an usher know.

If you enjoy your time with us, consider coming back and asking about our ministries in the areas of worship and music, prayer, community outreach, women's and men's spirituality, communications, and Christian education.

Birthday Blessing

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be, keeping *them* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Marriage Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: 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 true godliness, 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 forever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary	Jeff H. Rickard, organ
Choral Introit	“Christ, the Glory” J. F. Lallouette
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 215
Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355
Christ our Passover	Page 4
Collect of the Day	BCP 357 / Page 5
The Lessons	Pages 5-6
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 483
The Holy Gospel	Page 7
The Sermon	Father Pete
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People	Written and lead by Joseph Christopherson
Peace	BCP 360

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	“Clap Your Hands O Faithful People” Alfred V. Fedak
Presentation Hymn	Hymnal 214

After receiving the offering the celebrant says the following

All things come of you, O Lord

People And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymnal S125
Lord’s Prayer	Hymnal S149
Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Page 4
Communion Hymn	Hymnal 324
Communion Anthem	“If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments” Thomas Tallis
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365/366
The Blessing	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn	Hymnal 544
Dismissal	BCP 366
Closing Voluntary	Jeff H. Rickard, organ

Christ our Passover

Congregational Refrain *f Forcefully*

Al - le - lu - ia | Christ our Pass - o -

6 ver has been sac - rificed for us: Therefore let us

10 keep the feast. Al - - le - lu - ia,

13 al - le - lu - ia, *poco rit.* al - le - lu - ia!

Choir Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of Sincerity and Truth. Alleluia.

Refrain.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor *All*

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass-o-ver is

sa - cri-ficed for us. There - fore let us keep the feast.

All

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sa - cri-

ficed for us. There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia!

Lessons for May 21, 2023

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The readings today are taken from The Message, a contemporary translation of the Bible by Eugene Peterson.

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Dear Theophilus, in the first volume of this book I wrote on everything that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he said good-bye to the apostles, the ones he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. After his death, he presented himself alive to them in many different settings over a period of forty days. In face-to-face meetings, he talked to them about things concerning the kingdom of God. As they met and ate meals together, he told them that they were on no account to leave Jerusalem but “must wait for what the Father promised: the promise you heard from me. John baptized in water; you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. And soon.”

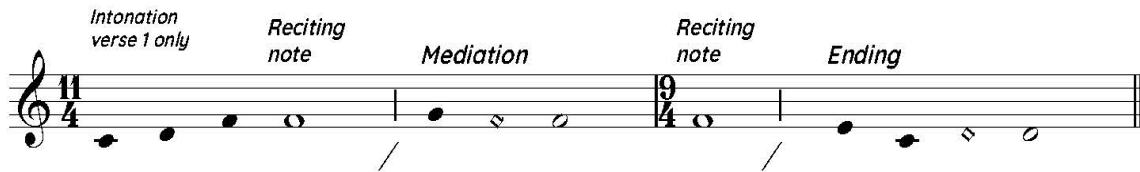
When they were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?” He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.”

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

Psalm 47

Tone II, 1



- 1 Clap your hands, all you / peoples; *
shout to God with / a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be / feared; *
he is the great King o-/ver all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples / under us, *
and the nations un-/der our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for / us, *
the pride of Ja-/cob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a / shout, *
the Lord with the sound of / the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing / praises; *
sing praises to our King, / sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the / earth; *
sing praises / with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the / nations; *
God sits upon / his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered to-/gether *
with the people of the God / of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to / God, *
and he is highly / exalted.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies

to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but *forever*. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled." He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high. "He then led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, made his exit, being carried up to heaven. And they were on their knees, worshiping him. They returned to Jerusalem bursting with joy. They spent all their time in the Temple praising God. Yes.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Mission Statement

The mission of Trinity Parish is to bear witness to God's reconciling love, to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and to seek and serve Christ in all persons.