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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Holy Eucharist

April 28, 2024, at 8:00am and 10:30am



Welcome to Trinity!

Trinity is an open and affirming congregation, where we believe every person is created in God's image and all creation is sacred. Our deep values are **Diversity** and **Inclusion, Community, Engaging our Neighbors, and Sacred Place, Holy Space.**

The 10:30am service is being broadcast and recorded. By attending, you consent to your likeness and voice being broadcast, recorded, and published on the Internet and telephone broadcast system.

Whether you are joining us in person or livestream, we are so glad you are here to worship with us on this holy day.

We acknowledge that we worship on the unceded ancestral land of the Duwamish People past and present, the first people of Seattle, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe, to whom we pay Real Rent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE (10:30)

Canzona Terza

G. Frescobaldi

WELCOME


HYMN #109 (10:30)

People of God, gather together


Earth and All Stars



1 Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - ge - ther, come, let us
2 Hear - ing God's word, heed - ing the mes - sage, come and re -
3 Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us
4 Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the




sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad
joice as we an - swer the call. With one ac - cord,
share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts,
cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain




praise to the Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.
made in God's im - age, come in com - mu - ni - ty, wel - com - ing all.
heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
thanks ne - ver end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.

Refrain



Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,



prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

GLORIA

(8:00)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,


Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.


(10:30)




1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



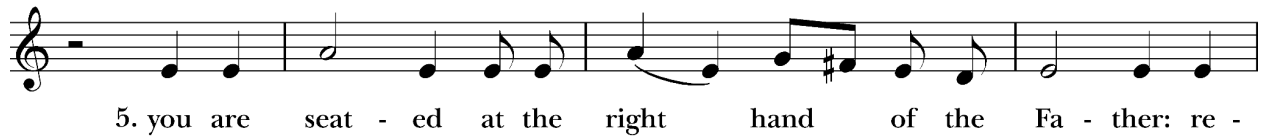
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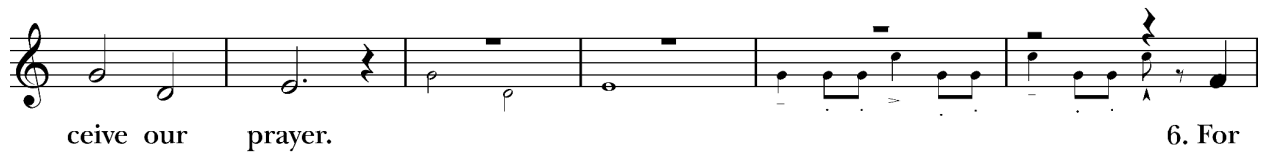
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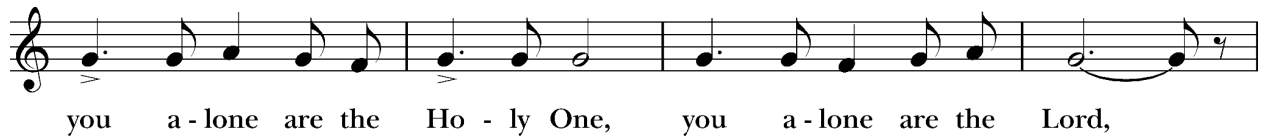
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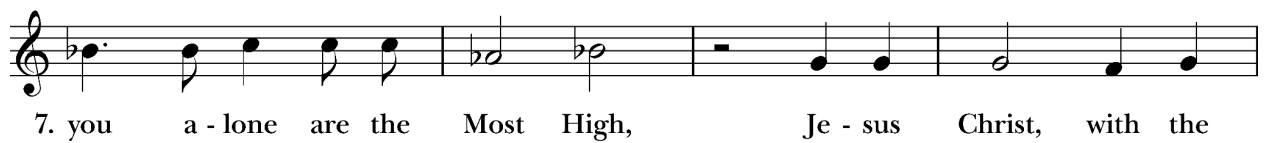
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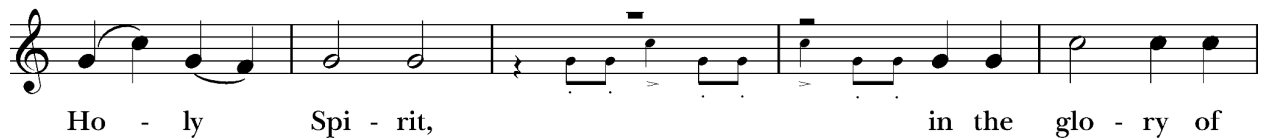
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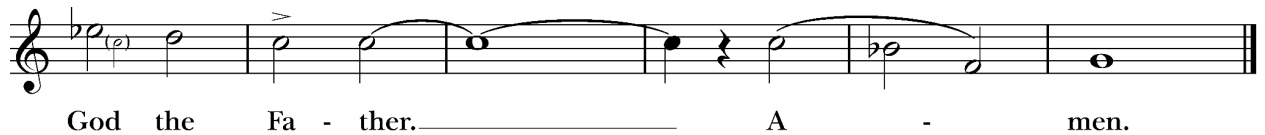
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7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty 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 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON



- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!" *Antiphon*
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him. *Antiphon*
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done. *Antiphon*

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O wheat, whose crushing was for bread

New Life

1. O wheat, whose crush - ing was for bread, O
 2. O fruit whose crush - ing was for wine, O
 3. O life whose crush - ing was for love, O

bread whose break - ing is for life, O life, your seem - ing end is
 wine whose flow - ing is for blood, O blood, your pour - ing out is
 love whose spend - ing was to death, O death, your mourn - ing is our

seed, a seed for wheat, our bread and life.
 life, our life in you, O fruit - ful vine.
 joy, full joy and birth to last - ing life.

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GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Kristy Messler

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

Please stand as you are able

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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,
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Submit your prayer request here: <https://rb.gy/erserv>

Presider or deacon

In joy and hope let us pray to God, the source of all life, saying, “Hosanna in the highest!”

Intercessor

That our risen Savior may fill us with joy for his holy and life-giving resurrection and gratitude for *write-in thanksgivings and ministries* and for the blessings and gifts we now name (*silence, in which the People may add their own petitions of thanksgiving*), let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

That church communities and clergy here at Trinity, in our Diocese *especially diocesan prayer list*, and around the globe may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

That God’s spirit of grace and peace may inspire humility in all of us, that we may live fully into Jesus’ commandment to love one another, let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

That, recognizing our interdependence as members of the same body of Christ, God’s spirit may empower us to see and respond to the needs of our neighbors, let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

That by God's glorious power, wars, violence, human trafficking, and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

That the light of God's presence may be revealed to those who are sick , especially *parish prayer list* and those we name now (*silence, in which the People may add their own petitions*), that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

That, according to Christ's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, especially *parish prayer list* and those we now name (*silence, in which the People may add their own petitions for those who have died*), let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

That the fire of the Holy Spirit may enliven all God's holy people, that we may bear faithful witness to Jesus' resurrection, let us pray together.

Hosanna in the highest!

Presider

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Love arisen and alive. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please be seated while the table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

You may make an offering at any time, before, during or after the conclusion of the service using our “Virtual offering Plate” (<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now>).



To contribute via text: Text MYTPC \$25 (or any amount) to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel. Privacy Policy: <https://legal.acst.com/privacy-policy> Terms of Service: <https://legal.acst.com/terms-service-use>

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A new commandment

Mundy

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord, that ye love together, as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Please rise as the monetary offerings are brought to the altar

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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:

(8:00)

**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.

(10:30)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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:

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(8:00)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(10:30)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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For those participating remotely at 10:30am, please join us in spiritual communion by praying from wherever you are:

O Christ, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

INVITATION AND COMMUNION

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

- *Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.*
- *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat.*
- *Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time.*
- *To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.*
- *If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please notify an usher.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ego sum vitis

Handl

I am the true vine, and you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world;
May the risen Savior draw the sting of death bringing all to life in him;
May the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith;
And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!

3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,

4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!

2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;

4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, _____ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, proclaiming the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Canzona La Spiritata

G. Gabrieli

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

8:00AM

Acolyte: Marshall Bilderback

Lector: Melissa Wood

Intercessor: Betsy Severtsen

Eucharistic Minister: Marshall Bilderback

Usher: Mary Johnstone

Preacher: Kristy Messler

Deacon: the Rev. Lisa Graumlich

Presider: the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, Rector

10:30AM

Acolyte: Lauren Sharma

Lectors: Frank Greenman

Intercessor: De Lise Hartzell

Eucharistic Minister: Marvin Taylor

Ushers: Anne Tennis, Dick Willy

Organist/Director of Music: Sr. Jo Baim, Ph.D.

Director of Trinity Choir: Markdavin Obenza

TRINITY CHIMES: NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Coffee Hour

TODAY, after both services

Please join us in the Parish Hall (across the courtyard) for coffee and conversation after the service.

Vestry Meeting

TODAY, at 12:30PM in the Trinity Library, or the 2nd Floor Vestry Room

All regular Vestry (leadership council) meetings are open to the congregation.

Beautiful Individuals AA Meeting

TODAY, at 7:30PM in the Trinity Library

An AA meeting specifically for women, trans, and non-binary individuals. Meetings are every Sunday at 7:30PM in the Trinity Library.

Meet the Bishop Candidates

Our diocese is electing a new bishop on May 18. Trinity will be represented by its clergy (Sabeth+ and Lisa) and four elected delegates (Mary Johnstone, Peter St. John, Susan Secor, Raj Sundar) at the electing convention. The 4 candidates, all from other places in the country, will be visiting the week of April 29 for a series of Meet and Greet sessions around the diocese. **Join clergy and delegates at a Meet and Greet on Thursday, May 2, at St. Thomas, Medina, from 7:00-9:00PM.** Learn about the candidates and election process at olympiabishopsearch.ecww.org. To carpool on May 2, contact sabeth@trinityseattle.org

TANBIR AA Meeting

Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Trinity Library

The Trans And Non-Binary In Recovery AA group is an open meeting every Thursday at 8:00PM.

Compline with Trinity Choir (1st Thursdays)

Thursday, May 2, 8:15PM – 8:45PM

This brief service led by the Trinity Choir provides a beautiful contemplative experience at the end of the day.

Celebration of Life: Barbara Vann (7/20/1943 - 2/9/2024)

Saturday, May 4 at 1:00PM

A service in celebration of the life of Barbara Vann will be held at Trinity on Saturday, May 4 at 1:00PM in the Sanctuary, followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF EASTER

Easter is the great feast of the Christian year, stretching across the fifty days from the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost (May 19, 2024).

+Every Sunday

8:00AM Holy Eucharist (quiet, no music)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist with Choir and Hymns

Litter Pickup: Beautifying our Neighborhood (1st Sundays)

May 5, after both services

Last year Trinity adopted a street! Join us after both services to pick up litter in the neighborhood. Supplies (vests, grabbers, etc.) provided. Close-toed shoes recommended.

Bookmarks! (1st Sundays)

May 5, at 12:15PM in the Trinity Library

Bookmarks! is a purposeful book group that selects books as springboards for personal growth and exploration. Join us the 1st Sunday of every month--you may come and go depending on your interest in the books we read each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Vestry

Trinity's Vestry met for the regular March meeting on Palm Sunday 3/24/24, the usual 4th Sunday meeting. The Vestry would like to share with the congregation the following information from the February and March meetings:

- The **2023 Parochial Report** for the congregation was approved (and submitted to The Episcopal Church on 2/29/24). Compared with 2022, Trinity held steady in membership and Christmas service attendance. We saw increases in average Sunday attendance (up 16%) and mission activities, and added a deacon! Trinity's future financial outlook remains challenging as revenue has decreased which increases reliance upon income from endowment investments.
- On 2/24, the Vestries of 2023 and 2024 and Sabeth+ met with the Rev. Arienne Davison for an annual **Mutual Ministry Review**. Together, we identified some values of Christian leadership that emerged from our ministry together this past year, including the importance of prayer, communicating mutual expectations, listening, patience, and love.
- **Accounting firm Battershell and Nichols**, who have a division for church accounting, will take charge of bookkeeping and payroll functions, as of April 1, 2024.
- The Vestry is investigating options for **increasing revenue from the Skyline Parking Garage**. Frank Greenman presented some options at the February meeting, and the Vestry is pursuing more information from two vendors.
- Trinity received applications for the position of **Sexton** for two weeks, ending April 4.
- The Vestry has begun **identifying route options for Road Trip 2024**, in which the congregation will learn more about who we are as a congregation and in our neighborhood through gathering information with one another and with our neighbors. The route will be selected in April.

See more information from the Vestry at the new bright blue information board in the Parish Hall. All regular Vestry meetings are open to the congregation.

Music Notes for Sunday, April 28

Sr. Jo Baim, Music Director

Today's hymns center around themes of interdependence, cultivating abundance, bearing fruit, and leaning on God's ever-abiding presence in our lives.

Patricia Blaze Clark (1938–2009), the author of the text for our opening hymn, *People of God, Gather Together*, was born into the Roman Catholic tradition, and spent some years as a member of a Congregation of Sisters. Later, she joined the Episcopal Church and received a Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. She served on the staff of Good Shepherd church in Austin, Texas, working in the areas of communication, spirituality, liturgy, and formation. She also taught many workshops centered around spirituality, liturgy, and music, and was a prolific writer of hymn texts. Many of her texts include the women who are so often left out of the church's stories. Her writing is described as economical in words but powerful in description. Today's hymn is a joyful call to exuberant and active worship encompassing everything from song, service, and welcome to healing, praise, and dance. The tune is David Johnson's *Earth and All Stars*—that wonderful, fun hymn we sing every so often that includes boiling test tubes, clashing cymbals, pounding hammer, athletes, singers, and rushing planets, as well as wind and rain (and mentions in every verse that they should all be LOUD)—an ideal choice whose energy pairs perfectly with Clark's text.

Our middle hymn sets a completely different mood. The contemplative text of *O Wheat, Whose Crushing Was for Bread* is by Delores Dufner (b. 1939). Sr. Delores is a Benedictine nun at Saint Benedict's Monastery in Saint Joseph, Minnesota. She has served on the faculties of Saint Benedict's College and Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN. Her hymn texts have appeared in the hymnals and collections of more than twenty publishers. In 1994, she was commissioned to write the libretto for the oratorio *Choose Life, Uvacharta Bachayim*, an interfaith commemoration of the Holocaust. In 2017, she received the *Christus Rex* Award from Valparaiso University. The text of *O Wheat...* comprises three verses that each described the endless circle of life, death, and rebirth using the communion elements of bread, wine, and Christ's death and rising.

Our closing hymn, *How Firm a Foundation*, is an old favorite, and one we sing fairly often. It is one of the best texts I know of to remind us of God's unshakeable faithfulness and presence. This well-known and beloved hymn contains a musicological mystery. At its first publication by John Rippon in his 1787 collection *A Selection of Hymns From the Best Authors*, the hymn was attributed only to K—. Various possibilities have been suggested from among hymn writers of the day such as Keen, Knight, and Kirkham, but each was sufficiently well-known in their time for their other hymns that leaving their name off this one seems very odd. Despite this mystery, the hymn has been a favorite since its publication, with both the north and south singing it frequently before the Civil War, and presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson both requesting its inclusion at their funerals. Full of nearly exact Biblical quotes, the text draws from Deuteronomy, Isaiah, 2nd Corinthians, and Hebrews. All the stanzas are filled with the many reasons we have to trust in and rely on God, who will never desert us. Although we at Trinity usually sing this hymn to the tune *Lyons* (#637), I urge you to take a moment on your own and turn back a page to #636, where you will find this text set to a beautiful folk tune originally called *Protection* but now known as *Foundation*.