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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Holy Eucharist

May 12, 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

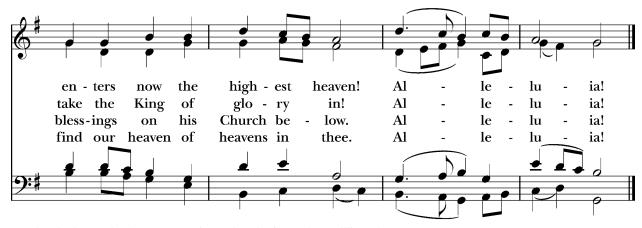
PRELUDE (10:30)

Voluntary in C Major

W. Boyce

WELCOME





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

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.

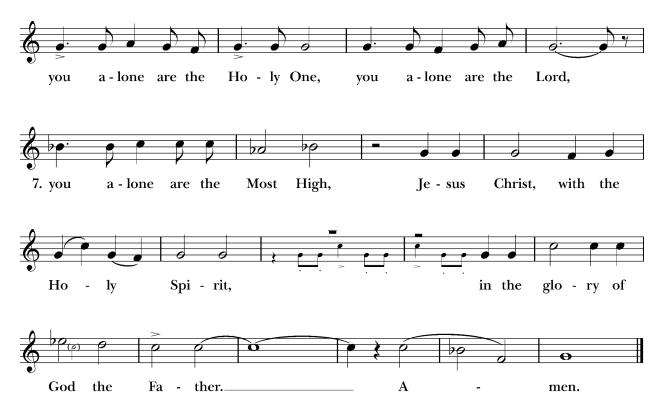
For you alone are the Holy One,

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.





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COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

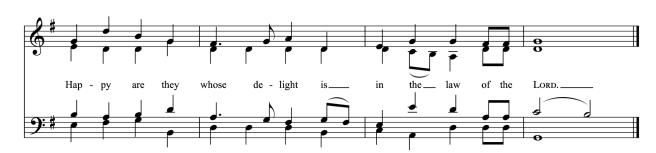
READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 21-26 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from

us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 Hymn Tune Psalter ANTIPHON



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1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and they meditate on his law day and night. Antiphon

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed. Antiphon

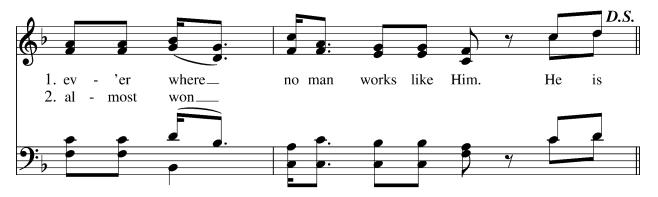
READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arr. Copyright © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer.

GOSPEL READING John 17:6-19

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord. / Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

Please rise 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

Not belonging to the world, we intercede for the world. Let us offer prayers to God for all persons everywhere.

Prayer leader

For this holy gathering, for all who encounter you through the testimony of our lives, and for all the blessings of our lives.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all the holy people of God in every place, sharing good news in their every day lives. For the clergy and congregations of *diocesan prayer list*. For our clergy Sabeth and Lisa. For deacons, military and healthcare chaplains, and all who serve God's people around the world.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Presiding Bishop Michael, and our bishops Melissa and Brian. For bishop candidates Hillary, Phil, Jordan, and Kate, and all the clergy and lay delegates who will attend the electing convention on Saturday.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Joseph our president, Jay our governor, Dow our county executive, and Bruce our mayor. For the members of the United Nations, and the US Supreme Court. For the leaders of all nations, and for peace to prevail in all the world.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this city and the community around us. For the women who live at WHEEL and all Coast Salish people. For the will to create a community where all people have their basic needs for shelter, food, and medical care met.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For *prayer list followed by written-in names* and those we name now. *Silence.* For all in any pain and all who sorrow.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who have died, remembering *prayer list followed by written-in names* and those we name now. *Silence*.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all mothers: for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose dream to have children has gone unfulfilled; for all mothers who have lost children and pregnancies; for all who have mothered others in any way; for the earth that bore us and provides for our sustenance.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Lifting our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son into the world through the womb of Mary and called him back to you when his work on earth was handed over to his disciples. Hear our prayers for all your creation, offered with faith in your healing and saving grace made known to us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

PEACE

Amen.

'Why do you stand looking up to heaven?' Jesus comes to us again, in the body of his people, in the bread and wine of his table and the communion of 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:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM Glorious and Powerful God

Stanford

Glorious and Powerful God,

We understand thy dwelling is on high above the starry sky.

Thou dwellest not in stone temples made with hand; but in the flesh hearts of the sons of men to dwell is thy delight,

Near hand, though out of sight.

We give of thine own hand, thy acceptation is very life and blood, to all actions good.

Whenever here or hence our supplication, from pure and with unfeigned hearts, to thee ascends, be present with thy grace, shew us thy loving face.

O down on us full showers of mercy send; let thy love's burning beams dry up all our sin's

streams.

Arise, O Lord, and come into thy rest.

Both now and evermore thy name be blest, founder and foundation of endless habitation.

Please rise as you are able 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)

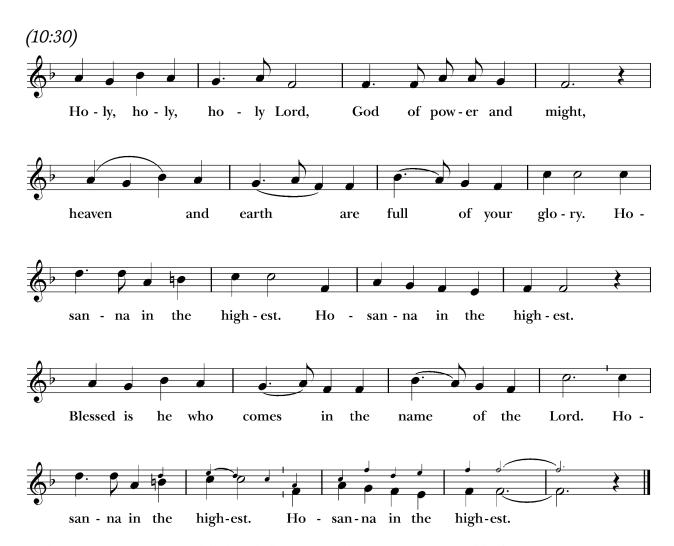
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

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.



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The Presider continues, praising God for the salvation of the world through Jesus the Christ.

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

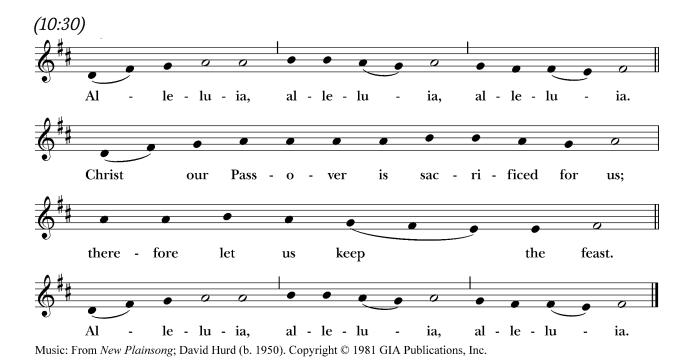
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(8:00)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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 Blessed are those that be undefiled

Tallis

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness: walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged: that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

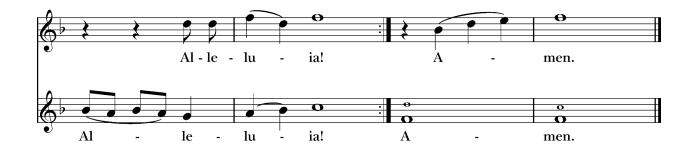
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

May the one who goes from our sight prepare a place for all creation in the wideness of his grace and bring the powers of every quarter to worship at his feet; And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**





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Go in peace to proclaim the peace of Christ, risen and ascended. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Major

J. Stanley

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

8:00AM

Acolyte: Ronald Johnson Lector: Mary Johnstone Intercessor: Melissa Wood

Eucharistic Minister: Ronald Johnson

Usher: Betsy Severtsen

Deacon: the Rev. Lisa Graumlich Presider & Preacher: the Rev. Sabeth

Fitzgibbons, Rector

10:30AM

Acolyte: Nathan Clark

Lectors: Franklin Greenman, Lauren Sharma

Intercessor: CIndy Johnson-Garnett Eucharistic Minister: Marvin Taylor Ushers: Mahalia Kahsay, Steven Walker 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.

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.

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.

Bishop Election

Saturday, May 18 livestreamed on https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/ (only delegates & clergy may attend in person at Saint Mark's due to space limitations)

The Diocese of Olympia is electing a new diocesan bishop on Saturday, May 18. Dioceses elect new bishops about every 8-15 years, so this is an exciting event in the life of our diocese. The electing convention begins at 9:30AM and will be livestreamed: https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/. Here are three ideas for how you can participate:

- Please pray for the candidates (Hillary, Phil, Jordan, and Kate: https://olympiabishopsearch.ecww.org/bishop-nominees/) and all voting delegates and clergy, including Trinity delegates Mary Johnstone, Peter St John, Susan Secor, Raj Sundar and Trinity clergy Revs. Sabeth and Lisa.
- 2. If you're curious to know more about the candidates, check out their resumes https://olympiabishopsearch.ecww.org/bishop-nominees/), application Q&As, video introductions, and recorded Meet & Greet sessions https://olympiabishopsearch.ecww.org/bishop-transition/).
- If you want to watch the convention it will be livestreamed
 (https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/) for everyone except voting delegates and clergy because of limited capacity at Saint Mark's.

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

Community Lunch (3rd Sundays)

May 19, at 11:45AM in the Parish Hall

Every 3rd Sunday of the month we host a FREE hot meal for our community and neighbors. All are welcome!

Trinity Vestry Meeting

May 19, at 12:30PM in Upstairs Vestry Room

Trinity's Vestry (the congregation's leadership council) typically meets on the 4th Sunday of the month. Vestry meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

Litter Pickup: Beautifying our Neighborhood (1st Sundays)

June 2, 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)

June 2, 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

Want to Listen to or Read a Recent Sermon?

If you missed a sermon—or want to revisit it—you are invited to check out our YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/c/TrinityParishEpiscopalChurchSeattle) or Rev. Sabeth's sermon blog: http://pulpitponderings.blogspot.com/.

Staff Transition: Sexton Position

After 8 months without a permanent Sexton, we have hired David Lepse to this position. David may be familiar to you, as he has been Assistant Sexton at Trinity since 2006. As Sexton, David will work closely with Junior Warden Betsy Severtsen to identify special cleaning and maintenance projects in addition to the routine cleaning and hospitality he has been doing. If you notice things that need cleaning or maintenance attention, please fill out a blue form (found on the Big Blue Board in the Parish Hall) and drop it in the envelope marked "Maintenance Requests" (also on the Big Blue Board).

Sponsor Sunday Flowers?

Did you know that you can sponsor Sunday flowers for worship? It's a lovely way to honor Moms, Grads, Dads, PRIDE, Juneteenth, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, or any other special date that is meaningful to you. Suggested donation \$30-50/week, and may be made through the usual avenues (indicate Flowers). Contact Marilyn Scott-Knutson masque@comcast.net to sign up for a specific date and to let her know your flower preferences and dedication message.

From the Vestry

Trinity's Vestry met for a regular meeting on April 28. The Vestry would like to share with the congregation the following information from the April meeting:

- 1. The Vestry is excited to get started on **Road Trip 2024**!! To help you start imagining all the interesting things we will see and find out about, they are asking everyone this question: **What would you say is Trinity's most important mission as a church?**
- 2. The Vestry spent some time in March and April talking about our values as Christian leaders, which led to a **Vestry Covenant** about how we intend to work together, communicate, and disagree (because we all will at some point!). The Covenant is on the Blue Board in the Parish Hall.
- 3. **Leadership Transitions** are happening in May and June:
 - a. Deacon Lisa Graumlich leaves at the end of May.
 - b. **Director of Music Sister Jo Baim** retires at the end of June.
 - c. Volunteer openings for: Coffee Hour Coordinator

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. The next Vestry meeting is **May 19**.

Music Notes

Sunday, May 12

Sr. Jo Baim, Music Director

Our opening hymn today, Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise, is another text by familiar and prolific writer Charles Wesley (1708–1788) of the very musical Wesley family. It was originally published in the 1739 collection Hymns and Sacred Poems under the title Hymn for Ascension-Day. Originally, the hymn had ten stanzas. Most hymnals today, including ours, use about four of them. If you would like to see the original ten, you can find them by going to www.wikisource.org and searching for the current hymn title. The full text of the hymn describes Christ's ascension to and reception in heaven, his reign over angelic beings, his full humanity, and his continual intercession for us to ultimately bring all into the presence of God. Slight revisions were made in an 1820 version, and the "alleluias" at the end of each line were added by E.G. White in the 1852 collection *Hymns and Introits*. This hymn is an interesting example of what can happen when later people change historic things. Many changes were made to the verses of this hymn over the years. Some were probably justified, given how language evolves and changes—for example, in the second verse, the opening line is "There the glorious triumph waits." The original text read "There the pompous triumph waits." Other changes seem like the kind of change that doesn't make anything better at all—in the first stanza, the second line reads "glorious to his native skies." The original, much more evocative, read "ravish'd from our wishful eyes." The change was made to avoid the pejorative meaning of "ravished" but at the time of the original writing, poetic phrases such as "ravished by beauty" were common and perfectly acceptable, and the change deletes the idea of our longing to be reunited with God. Most hymnals now use the tune *Llanfair* by Robert Williams for this hymn. "Llanfair" is thought to be an Anglicization of his hometown in Wales, "LLanfechell." This tune has been used since its appearance in the English Hymnal of 1906.

Our middle hymn, He is King of Kings, is a traditional 19th-century spiritual, and thus does not have a traceable composer. The text references Job 19:25 and Revelation 19:16. Joseph Jones (1902–1983) first published the hymn in his 1961 collection *Great Day*, in which he arranged the hymn for congregational use. Jones was the son of the Rev. A.A. and Mary M. Jones. Both his parents were formerly enslaved persons who went on to found a school in South Carolina. His father was also a pastor of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Joseph graduated in 1927 from Johnson C. Smith University, where he was deeply involved in music. After his graduation, he accepted a post based in Knoxville, Tennessee as a Sunday School missionary. He traveled extensively throughout the South, including many isolated places, to organize Sunday Schools for both children and adults. In the late 1940s, he became the supervisor of Sunday Schools in the south and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister after graduating from the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. Jones attended all General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church until his health declined in the late 1970s, singing and leading singing among the attendees.