



Fifth Sunday of Easter | 10:30 a.m. May 2, 2021

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CELEBRANT, THE REV. MICHAEL KOEHLER
Vestry Person of the Day PATTY ZAPALAC

Prayer List

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Ann Naegele

Kim Hamilton

Jan Stubblefield

Jason Landry

Trey Miller

Randy Lindsey

Ada Sutherland

McLeod family

Gloria Denison

Marilyn Lange

Hymn “Good Christians all rejoice and sing” *Standing, as able*
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hymnal 205

The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Hymnal 178

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.

The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

First Reading

Acts 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

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!”

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.

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.

Second Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn "In Christ there is no East or West"

Hymnal 529

***In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.***

***Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.***

***In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.***

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

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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.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Koehler

The Nicene Creed *Read by all, standing, as able*

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those affected by the global pandemic, and for all frontline workers in the fight against Covid-19, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, for St. Philip's, Uvalde; and St. James', Del Rio, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace *All stand, as able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

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

Greetings & Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your these your servants 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 lives; and the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever more. AMEN.

Birthdays

2 *Doug Scott*

4 *Peni Gietz*

Anniversary

7 *Larry and Jo Norman*

Offertory “*Come to Jesus (Untitled Hymn)*” Chris Rice, arr. Mark Hayes

The Presentation of the Offering *All stand, as able*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.***

Then the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S125

***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. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as able. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Hymnal S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

The Communion of the People

All God's people are welcome to share in the banquet of the Holy Eucharist. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. If you would prefer a blessing on your behalf, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Voluntary

Fughetta

J. Pachebel

Hymn "Bread of heaven, on thee we feed"

Hymnal 323

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is meat indeed;

ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread;

day by day with strength supplied, through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;

Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live:

Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Post Communion Prayer *Kneeling, as able*

BCP 365

Let us Pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn “I come with joy to meet my Lord” *All stand, as able*
I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

Hymnal 304

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Fugue in B flat

J. S. Bach

The flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of Margaret Duff Anderson by Doug Anderson.

Announcements

May Milestones and Graduates

May Milestones and Graduates will be honored on May 16th. You are invited to document your milestones before or after service on Sundays. You are encouraged to contact the church office to share the name or names of you or your graduate from the Class of 2021. Please mark your calendars to celebrate with us!

Save the Date

SATURDAY MAY 22

Celebration of New Ministry/KickOff CookOut/Work Day Marking our new season of life together with a reconnecting event of fun and productivity! More information to follow!

Bishop's Visit

Sunday May 23 @ 10:30 am

Trinity is excited to welcome back to Victoria the Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas. Bp High will preach and celebrate at our 10:30 service for the Feast of Pentecost. If you are interested in being Confirmed or officially Received into the communion, please contact Fr. Michael at the office or by email (rector@trinitywelcomesyou.org).

Summer Camps

Summer Camps registration is OPEN! Camp Capers, Duncan Park, and Mustang Island Family Camp registrations are now live. Visit www.dwtx.org/events for a full listing of camps and conferences offerings for growth and fellowship available around the diocese. FYI - Fr. Michael and the Koehler Family will be serving at Mustang Island Family Camp Session 6, July 8-11!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study has started again on Wednesdays at 11 am. They welcome all women of the church. If you would more information, please contact the church office at office@trinitywelcomesyou.org