



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist (April 26, 2026 10:00 AM)



We invite you to use the QR code or pew back card so that we might connect you to news, ministries and more.

Trinity welcomes all, including children and youth. A nursery, staffed with Safeguarded attendants, is available should you choose to use it. While wearing masks is optional, we affirm and respect those who choose to do so for their health or the health of loved ones. The hand sanitizers are available for your use, as you choose, but are not required. You are welcome to come to the altar rail during the Eucharist. You are welcome to the shared common cup. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. Episcopal worship is full of movement: we sit, stand, kneel, and move in worship. We believe in an [accessible altar](#) and are all here to worship God; every body does that differently. Our hope is that as we join in common worship, you will make choices that help you worship God in your particular body, which might mean you are doing different things than the people around you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is (v. 1, 2 & 6)



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-eth feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

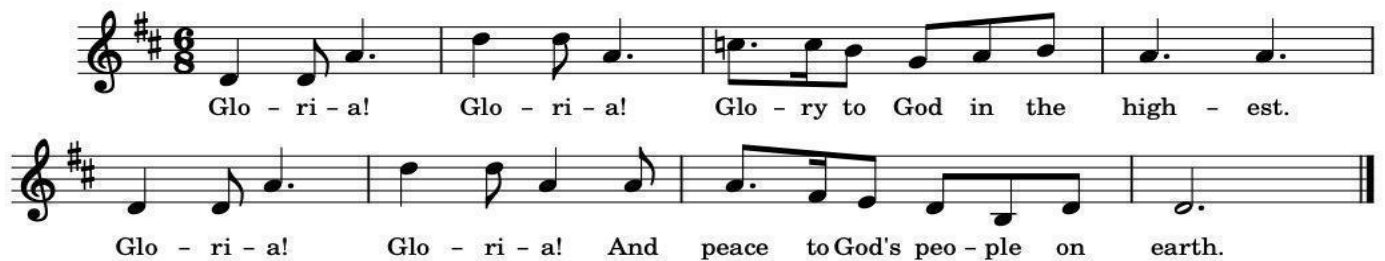
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.**

Children may follow the cross to Godly Play and return at The Peace.

GLORIA



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! And peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS Acts 2:42-47



In today's reading, we witness the church in a wondrous moment. The book of Acts is the second volume of a two-part set of Luke-Acts, traditionally attributed to Luke, who was a physician and co-worker of Paul (Col. 4:14), who offers an orderly perspective. The main character in the Acts of the Apostles is not the apostles (sent ones) but the Holy Spirit. We hear throughout the book, tales of the early church in the formation of communities and individuals who follow Jesus Christ.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and

goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Psalm 23*



Meditatio Moment

Psalm 23 is a well-known and loved song of comfort in God's presence. . The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poems, songs, and prayers originating from different times in ancient Israel's history, including the time of King David and exile to Babylon. The psalms are often sung, chanted, and used to worship to contemplate the character of God. Themes include praise, pain, prophetic promises, and more.

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25



Meditatio Moment

In today's reading, Peter reminds the faithful that even in suffering God is the shepherd of our souls. The book of 1 Peter is a short circular letter written by Peter to a number of churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) who are experiencing the sorrows and hostilities of persecution, reminding people that in the midst of suffering, Jesus is our hope. The values and actions of the Christian community are grounded in generosity, love, and joy, and not the values and actions of the world.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL ALLELUIA



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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 10:1-10



Meditatio Moment

In today's reading, speaking to Pharisees after Jesus has healed the man born blind on the sabbath we hear an I AM statement— I AM the gate, which comes directly before I AM the good shepherd. John (one of the four gospels that witness to Jesus's life) offers a theological perspective of Jesus as the great "I AM", the eternal Word (logos), and the one to whom the (seven) signs point so that the reader may believe Jesus is the Messiah and have life in his name (20:31). The gospel contains poetry, narrative, teaching, and more.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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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

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Risen Lord,

People

hear our prayer.

Leader

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Fill us with the joy of your holy and life-giving resurrection. Risen Lord,

People

hear our prayer.

Leader

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Risen Lord,

People

hear our prayer.

Leader

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its Resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Risen Lord,

People

hear our prayer.

Leader

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Risen Lord,

People

hear our prayer.

Leader Reveal the light of your presence to those who are in danger, sorrow, sickness, or any other adversity; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially those we now name silently or aloud _____ *intercessions and thanksgivings may be added here.*; that they may be comforted and strengthened in the love of Christ, Risen Lord,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud _____ *names may be added here* ; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your resurrection. Risen Lord,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We celebrate this day the birthdays, anniversaries, and blessings of _____ *names and Blessings may be added here* ; **Watch over these your Children, 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 hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

Leader Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people, enabling us to share that most Daring faith that is in us. Risen Lord,

People **hear our prayer and inspire us to tell the Story.**

Often during Eastertide, the confession is omitted in remembrance that all are forgiven through our risen Lord Jesus Christ. As always, the rite of reconciliation is available through an appointment with the priest.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give you; my own peace I leave With you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

We invite you, as able, to “offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vow to the Most High” (Psalm 50:14). Visit Trinity’s new online giving link:

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HYMN

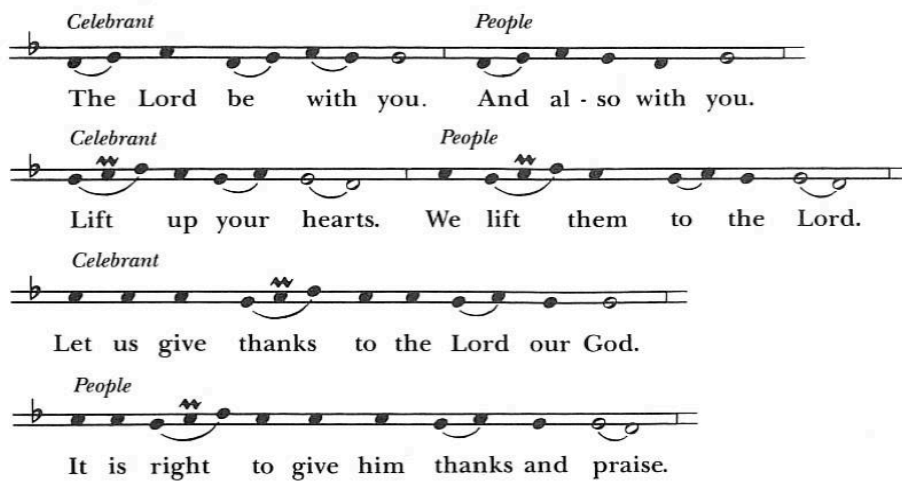
It is well with my soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!— my
4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound and the
Refrain
taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is
bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.
well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

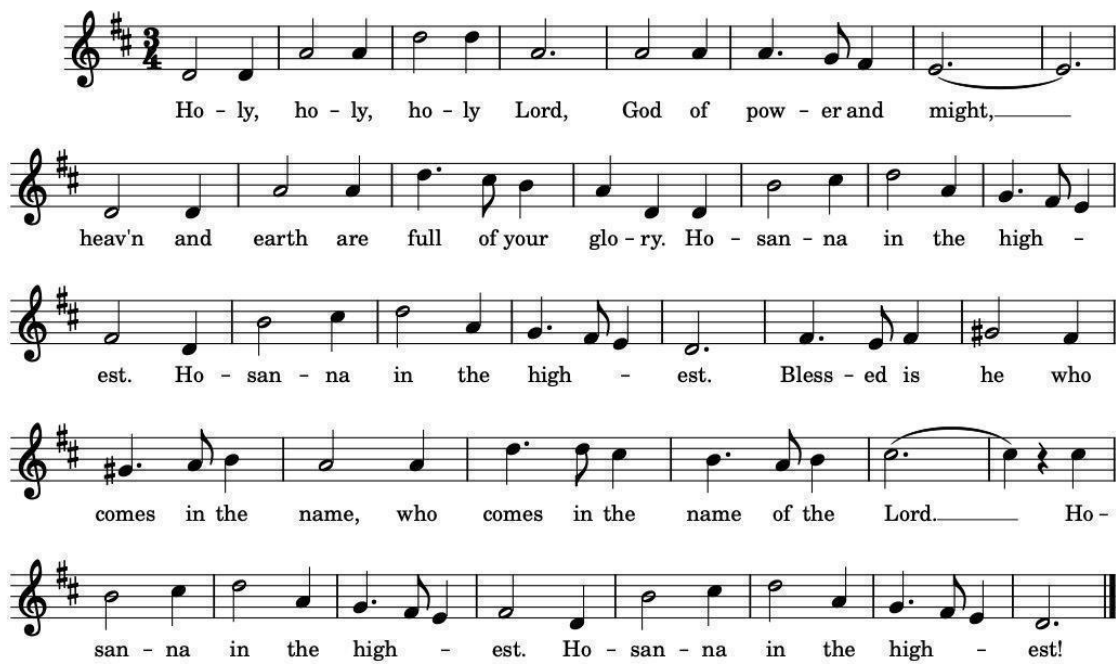
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

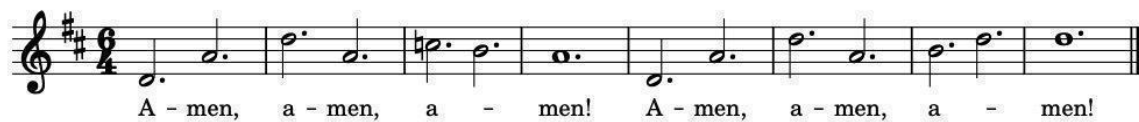
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and 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:



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.



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:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD A period of Silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

This is the feast - of vic - to - ry for our
God! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We invite all who are baptized Christians, including children of any age, to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to come toward the altar. Should you choose, you may use the hand sanitizer. You also have the choice of a shared common cup. Most choose by intinction (dipping your Bread/Body into the chalice in a way that your fingers do not touch the Blood/Wine), if you would prefer to drink, please let us know so that we may direct you to that chalice. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward with everyone for a blessing or a prayer. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will pray a blessing for you. If you would like communion but are unable to come forward, please advise an usher and we will come to you. This is God's table, not ours, and you are all very welcome here.

HYMN AT THE ADMINISTRATION

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Oh and You are mine oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God
I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN

I'll fly away

*I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

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

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