

Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, Trumbull CT

Sunday, May 15, 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Hymn: O Praise Ye the Lord! (H 432)

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen! *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria In Excelsis (S 280) *(sung)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

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.*

The First Lesson *Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same

gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 148 (*Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses*)

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the / heavens;*
____/ praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of / his;*
____/ praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and / moon;*
praise him, / all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of / heavens,*
and you waters a/bove the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the / LORD;*
for he commanded, and they / were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and / ever;*
he gave them a law which / shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the / earth,*
you sea-mon/sters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, / snow and fog,*
tempestuous wind, / doing his will;

Mountains and all / hills,*
fruit trees / and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all / cattle,*
creeping / things and wingéd birds;

Kings of the earth and all / peoples,*
princes and all / rulers of the world;

Young men and / maidens,*
old and / young together.

Let them praise the Name of the / LORD,*
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over / earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal / servants,*
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. / Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson *Revelation 21:1-6*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel *John 13:31-35*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The Homily

The 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: 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

The women came running to tell us: the tomb stands empty; the garments of death are cast aside. Our tears of mourning turn to astonished gratitude; our grief becomes healing strength. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For the whole, bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed; that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For all nations and peoples of the earth to whom God shows no partiality; that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For the holy Church, whose life is hidden with Christ in God, that in all our diversity we may bear witness to the unity that flows from our baptism. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For those in authority in every nation and in every place; that they may govern with equity and justice; bringing life to those in the shadow of death. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For all who suffer in mind, body, spirit, or any other adversity; that they may be comforted by Christ who rises with healing in his glorious wings. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For all who are dying and for all who have died that they may find the blessed assurance of light perpetual and everlasting life in Christ's triumph over death. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Be present, O Risen Christ, in this your church's Easter praise. May we, like Mary Magdalene, the other women and all witnesses to the resurrection see the tomb empty, and walk in newness of life. Grant that our anthems of joy may give honor to the mystery of your redeeming love and that our proclamations of your victory over death may reflect the majesty of your eternal glory. In your most holy name we pray. ***Amen.***

Prayer for Transition (*Officiant and People*)

Oh God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory Sentence

✠ **THE HOLY EUCHARIST** ✠

The Offertory

Hymn: I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord (H 304)

(to be sung)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.*** Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.*** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give God 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 (S 125) (sung)

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.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***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

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

Fraction Anthem: *Angus Dei* (S 161) (*sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

The Communion

Communion Hymn: *God is Love* (H 576)

Prayer After Communion

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.

The Blessing

Hymn: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

I know that my Redeemer lives; What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, to bless me with His love; He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives, to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Savior still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

The Dismissal

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

Clergy	<i>The Rev. Charles Kamano</i>
Intercessor	<i>Simon Howes</i>
Lectors	<i>Robert Pitzschler</i> <i>Donna Sutter</i>
Organ	<i>Herb Lazration</i>
Usher	<i>Joe Buzzeo</i>

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☛ Prayer Requests

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Marge, Bill, Doug, Kathy, Michele, Maria, Colton, Peggy, Pat, Tyler, Ashley, Sandy, David, Amy, M'lee, Dave, Kelly, Maggie, Willard, Catherine, Carolyn, Alison, The Trembly family, Michael, Charles, Mary, Kristen, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, John, Linda, Jane, Barbara, Al, Phyllis, Clint, Elizabeth, Beth, Fred, Xavi, Adam, Billy, Jane, Kelly, Paul, Robby, Suzie, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Lilly, Pat, Jodi, Rui, Mary Ellen, Manny, Susan, Rich, Lisa, Mike, Marilee, John, Donna, DJ, Deacon Knute, Fran, Suzanne, George, Chris, Jamie, Michael, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex.

☛ WORSHIP

THIS WEEK we welcome back The Rev. Charles Kamano.

☛ CARING CONNECTIONS

May Birthdays - Linda Ortiz (the 15th), Beth Langhammer (the 19th)

Cards of Encouragement - The Rev. Diane Peterson is out sick and will be back shortly. Cards may be sent to Diane's home at 76 Dogwood Drive, Bridgeport, CT 06606

☛ PARISH LIFE

COVID CAUTION: We continue to monitor the once again increasing number of COVID cases. For the time being, masking and the use of the common cup will remain optional. However, anyone who is highly susceptible to any infection should consider the use of a mask and receiving only the host at communion. Should the situation warrant it, we will return to masks required and only the host offered at communion.

ON MAY 21st, Bob and Doug will be representing Trinity at the special ECCT Election Convention to choose our new Bishop Diocesan. If you wish to learn more about the five candidates, go to <https://ctbishopsearch.org/nominees/> and learn about their qualifications. You are invited to let Bob or Doug know about your choice of candidates before the 21st.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH official position regarding abortion: https://www.episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/acts/acts_resolution.pl?resolution=1994-A054 . With all of the current +front page news regarding Roe v Wade, you might want to know how “we” feel about the subject.

☛ OUTREACH

ADDITIONAL HELP is needed for the First Friday Food Drives. Currently it is the same five parishioners that show up every month to assist loading and unloading the donated food. If you can give an hour of your time once a month for this important ministry, please let us know or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.