

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II; BCP 355 9:00 AM Church School

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **OPENING SENTENCES** 

"Praise to the Holiest in the Height"

Blue Hymnal 446 White Card

**GLORIA** 

Blue Hymnal S280

# + THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 148** (Congregation invited to sing bolded 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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Choir) If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord, God will protect us from fire and sword, Fill us with love and the peace of his word.

#### 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.* 

#### **HOMILY**

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed Prayers of the People, Form VI White Card BCP (Red Book) 392

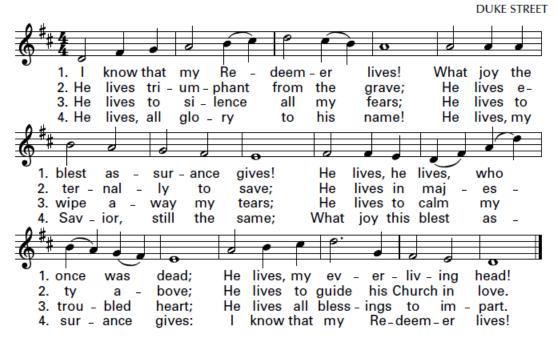
**Confession** White Card

#### THE PEACE

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

#### THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



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#### **DOXOLOGY** (Sung to Lasst uns erfreuen)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Eucharist Prayer B** 

BCP (Red Book) 367

Sanctus Blue Hymnal S125

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem:

Blue Hymnal S119 BCP 364

Blue Hymnal S151

# (gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request)

All are invited to come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing. If you do not want to receive the wine, please know that just receiving bread is a valid form of taking communion. If you do not want to receive communion, please come up and cross your arms over your chest. This is the signal for you to receive a blessing. Please stay at the rail until all have been served and then return to your seat.

#### THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn "God is Love"

Blue Hymnal 576

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP (Red Book) 365

THE BLESSING

**RECESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High The Cross"** 

Blue Hymnal 473

The altar flowers this morning are given by Lois Dudla in thanksgiving of our talented musicians and in celebration of our recent confirmands and those being received into the Episcopal Church.

Clergy
Intercessor
Lectors
Organist & Choirmaster
Usher

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar Simon Howes Joanne Deluce, Jackie Mullady Herb Lazration Christian Medina, Antonio Medina

# \* Parish Announcements \*

# **№PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, Deacon Knute, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Al, Cherie, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Dave, Georgeann, Walt, Betty, Gary, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Sandie, Stacey, Drewseller, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin, Mason, Russ, Renate, Pat, Sam, Renay, Mike, Sharon, Chuck, Lou, Catherine, Michael. Please also pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

Please pray for Dave Erhardt and his family. We have been notified by Georgeann that Dave has been placed on Hospice care in their home.

#### **№** WORSHIP

Please note, we will hold Morning Prayer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

# **№** PARISH LIFE

Come celebrate our confirmands and those who were received into the Episcopal Church yesterday at the service in Westport. We are having a special coffee hour in their honor today!

**LABYRINTH PATH:** Construction has begun! The brick memorial pathway to the labyrinth is getting under way. Step outside and take a look!

**Name Tags** - Rev. Kate and the Vestry have been reviewing information regarding successful, growing, parishes and have learned that one thing almost all of these parishes have in common is the use of name tags which send a message of a welcoming environment, especially to guests and newcomers. This idea is not new to Trinity as name tags were used many years ago as well as just a couple of years ago before COVID. We have purchased new magnetic name tags which we think will work better than the pin-on or lanyard type. Look forward for them in another week or two.

#### **6.** CARING CONNECTIONS

Birthdays – Beth Langhammer (the 19<sup>th</sup>), Pat Robson (the 23<sup>rd</sup>).

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In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 475-265-0654 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. *Thank you!*