TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.

Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

Hymn in Procession # 304 (standing as you are able)

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

 That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

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 Hymn # 210

- 1 The day of resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad;
 the Passover of gladness,
 the Passover of God.
 From death to life eternal,
 from earth unto the sky,
 our Christ hath brought us over
 with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

The Collect

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*.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my **shepherd**; * I shall not be in **want**.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green **pastures** * and leads me beside still **waters**.
- 3 He revives my **soul** * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's **sake**.
- 4 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.
- 5 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**.
- 6 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**.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for usand we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn # 645 (standing as you are able)

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

- Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 10:11-18 (stand as you are able)

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev. Sarah Carper Morris

The Nicene Creed (standing as you are able)

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 (standing as you are able)

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Blessed are you, O Holy God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

(8:30 service only)

Offertory

Celebrant **People** All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given Thee.

(10:30 service only)

Offertory and Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

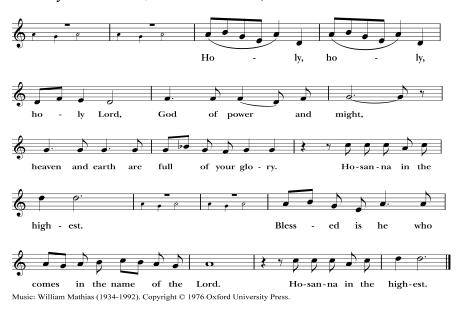
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #128



Stand or kneel as you are able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

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

People and Celebrant

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.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover Hymnal S155



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Music at Communion # 664

- 1 My Shepherd will supply my need,
 Jehovah is his Name;
 in pastures fresh he makes me feed
 beside the living stream.
 He brings my wandering spirit back
 when I forsake his ways,
 and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
 in paths of truth and grace.
- When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.
- 3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.

 There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Communion Meditation Eat this Bread by Taizé Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Hymn in Procession #518

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
 Christ the head and cornerstone,
 chosen of the Lord, and precious,
 binding all the Church in one;
 holy Zion's help for ever,
 and her confidence alone.
- All that dedicated city,
 dearly loved of God on high,
 in exultant jubilation
 pours perpetual melody;
 God the One in Three adoring
 in glad hymns eternally.
- 3 To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs: Kitty Martin Mary Couture Kenny Matthews Melissa Roth Culver A.G. Emily Arba Montgomery Roger Danley Esme Craig New Paul Derrick Clara Powell Marv Ron Doerschug Charlie Allen Lorene Ramsey Linda Doerschug Martha Allen Kerry Reagan Mark Donnell Erin Apperson Joni Robbins Barbara Embry Nicole Baker David Rodden Donna Fargo Cindy Blackwell Helen Roop Johnnie Gunter Bobbie Bledsoe Locke Rowe Betty Hooven Bert Bond, Jr. Stephanie Serika Kelly Jarvis Greta Brown **Emily Jarvis Simmons** Carrie Krahn Angela Shur David Kroupa Marie Carl Eva Smith Mazie Chilton Angelia Lawrence Wade Smith Rebecca McNabb Anne Cox Bishop Michael Curry Rose Mary Smoot John Moore Summer Stage Pam Dickenson Michael Morgan Sharon Sutphin Liz Dillev Wade Nichols Arlis Thomas Debbie Dockery Angie Nolfo Celeste Tsaklis Carmen Eldridge Bill R. Pendleton Scarlett Vaughn Michael Flannigan Rev. Bill Pendleton Carroll Vick Carol Ford Sylia Poggi Evan Wagner Marcus Ford Beverly Putynkowski Tracy White Katie Freeman Victoria Rogelin Henrietta Williams Forrest Gallimore Candace Sammons Larry Wirick Gus Galloway Evedene Schafer Betty Wright Jimmy Gravely Susan Slate Jerry Wuenscher Polly Hall Sid Spencer, Jr. Long Term Needs: Steve Hines Levania Tillotson Jean Amburn Melissa Hopkins Betty Town *Anonymous Ronald Hull Vicky Town Beatrice Attuah &

TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Lailaity

Jane Carper

Kat Cook

Ann Cochrane

John Townsend

Stacev Turnmire

Jack Woltz

Fred Johnson

Cynthia Light

Kay MacAllen

Joy King

Gus Lewis

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Mark's, Halifax All Saints', Hamlet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please plan to join us this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. as the First Presbyterian choir of Pilot Mountain will join our Trinity choir to perform the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah. It will be held here at Trinity.

The United Thank Offering UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. Boxes should be turned today or as soon as possible.

The new edition of *Forward Day by Day* devotional is available in the narthex.

Altar Guild booklet inserts for 2024 are in the sacristy for those who have not picked up your new copy.

Book Group-Announcing our book for discussion on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-12, continues on April 24th: *Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End*, by Atul Gawande. We have ordered 8 copies of the book so please let Wendy Tatman know if you would like to buy one. The books will be \$6.50 for a used copy. All are welcome to join us.

Prayer List-In an effort to condense our prayer list, unless we hear from you about names to keep-all names will be removed at the end of April.

BIRTHDAYS

20th Charlotte Wuenscher, 23rd Jill Borders

ANNIVERSARIES

12th Mark & Kate Appler, 21st Tom & Mary Fawcett, 22nd John & Karen Springthorpe

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our fathers, Coy Mikeal and Robert Borders, by Ross & Jill Borders.

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Nancy Dixon	LECTOR	Jessica Simandle
Mike Wilson	CHALICE BEARER	Vicky Town
Benny Combs	GREETER	Bruce Strohl
Mike Wilson	ACOLYTE	Jim Couture

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Margie Martin	LECTOR	Lucinda Fallin
Brenda & Jackie	CHALICE BEARER	Wendy & Jesse
Pat & Morris	GREETERS	Sandy & Ann
St. Elizabeth's	ALTAR GUILD	St. Elizabeth's
Jessica Simandle	VESTRY	Wendy Tatman
Aleigha & Jackie	ACOLYTE	Nemo & Jesse

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	1:00 p.m.	Art Group
	3:00 p.m.	Loan Closet
	4:00 p.m.	Caregiver Support
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TRINITY VESTRY

Ross Borders, Roxann Moore, Jessica Simandle, Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers No matter where you come from or where you're going No matter what you believe or what you doubt No matter what you feel or just don't feel today No matter whom you love You are welcome into this space to be met by a God Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...

Who wants to have a relationship with you