

CONNECTED TO CHRIST, CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER, CONNECTED TO
COMMUNITY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

† Welcome

*† Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)

P: Holy God,

C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen

*† Hymn: "Come and Go with Me" TFBF 141

*1 Come and go with me
to my Father's house,
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.
Come and go with me to my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*2 It's not very far to my Father's house,
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.
It's not very far to my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*3 Jesus is the way to my Father's house,
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.
Jesus is the way to my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*4 Jesus is the light in my Father's house,
in my Father's house, in my Father's house.
Jesus is the light in my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*5 All is peace and love in my Father's house,
in my Father's house, in my Father's house.
All is peace and love in my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*† Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***† Kyrie**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy,

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

***† Hymn of Praise**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*† Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

~God's Word~

† First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house

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and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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: Psalm 148; refrain Psalm 148:13**

Refrain: The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heaven.

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
- ²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- ³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- ⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- ⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**
- ⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- ⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- ⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- ¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. R**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all |
faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

† **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.” ⁶Then 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.”

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***† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th Chapter

C: Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord

***† Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35**

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to you, Praise be to you, Praise be to you, O Christ

† Children's Sermon: Vicar Dianne Lewis

Children's Prayer

God in heaven, hear my prayer.

Keep me in your loving care.

Be my guide in all I do.

Bless all those who love me too.

† Choir Anthem: "The Lord Is My Light"

† Sermon: Vicar Dianne Lewis

† Hymn: "Love Lifted Me" TFBF 188

*1 I was sinking deep in sin,
far from the peaceful shore,
very deeply stained within,
sinking to rise no more;
but the master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

Refrain:

Love lifted me! (even me!)

Love lifted me! (even me!)

When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me.

*2 All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling,
in his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing;
love so mighty and so true
merits my soul's best songs;
faithful loving service, too, to him belongs. [Refrain]*

*3 Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
he will lift you by his love out of the angry waves;
he's the master of the sea, billows his will obey;
he your Savior true will be: be saved today. [Refrain]*

~ Prayer ~

*† 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

***† Prayers of the People**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for
the church, people in need, and all of creation.

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A brief silence.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (*local natural areas may be named*). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

***† Offering Cantic**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,

and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all;

unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence.

Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

~ Meal ~

***† The Great Thanksgiving**

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

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.

***† Words of Institution**

***† Lord's Prayer**

**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,
forever and ever. Amen**

† Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

† Communion Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu"

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. [Refrain]*

*2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. [Refrain]*

*3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]*

*4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. [Refrain]*

***† Post Communion Blessing**

(After all have returned to their places:)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

***† Post Communion Canticle**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. 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.

***† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

C: **Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.**

***† Benediction**

† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements

***† Hymn: "God Be With You" TFBF 160**

*God Be with You
God Be with You
God Be with You*

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Until we meet again

God Be with You

God Be with You

God Be with You

Until we meet again

(If we never meet again)

(If we never meet again)

God Be with You

Until we meet again

***† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every Thursday at 10AM. Next session will be Thursday, May 19th – Zoom Meeting ID: 876 7884 5281 | Passcode: 033460
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, June 5th
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** is offered the second and fourth Friday of the month. Next upcoming dates: Friday, May 27th from 2:30 PM – 4PM and then resumes Friday, July 22nd from 2:30 PM – 4PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** will celebrate their **38th Annual Women's Day**, today, Sunday, May 15th at 3PM via Zoom: Meeting ID: 844 2075 3370 | Passcode: 331961
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, June 11th
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be held Tuesday, June 14th at 7:30 PM
- ◆ Please join us for Vicar Dianne's Ordination on Saturday, June 4th at 1PM at the Chapel at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA
- ◆ Please join us for Vicar Dianne's Installation here at Trinity on Sunday, June 26th
- ◆ You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at <http://www.trinityjerseycity.com>
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