

**\*Table Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion:** L: Let us pray: C: **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**\*Benediction:** P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. C: **Amen**

**\*Closing Hymn:** *On Our Way Rejoicing* ELW 537

1 On our way rejoicing, gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

**Refrain** On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father, joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior, thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit, bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing, now and evermore. **Refrain**

**\*Dismissal:** L: And now may Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has satiated all your needs and caused you to drink from the waters of eternal life, lead you forth to love and serve God and God's people with great joy. Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** *The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19)*

B. Marcello, arr. Bish

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# Fifth Sunday of Easter

**April 28, 2024**

**10:45am Worship**

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!** Our worship is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook and YouTube, with full sanctuary video coverage of all leaders and worshippers.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All are invited to the table!

*Please fill in the Blue Form inside this bulletin so we may record your attendance, know your desire to be involved in our activities, receive your prayer requests and record your contact information.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Easter Greeting:** P: Christ is Risen! C: **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach, arr. Rawsthorne

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

L: Most merciful God, C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* ELW 385

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!

To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory, that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

L: 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!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** (ELW Setting 10)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*Prayer of the Day** L: Let us pray. **C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer** **C: 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.**

*To receive communion, come forward using the center aisle. A communion assistant will place the bread in your hands. Then take an empty cup to be filled with wine or grape juice. If you would like the assistant to hold the cup for you while filling it, just point to the empty cups rather than taking one. Wine is in the silver chalices, and grape juice is in the tan chalices. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the silver tray on the pedestal. Children are welcome at the Table to receive the Sacrament or a blessing, as parents indicate. If your mobility is limited, notify us and assistants will bring the elements to you. Please note that Christ is fully present in each element, so you can take only the bread if you wish.*

**\*Lamb of God** (ELW Setting 10)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Communion Hymn:** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* ELW 403

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,  
to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Offering: *My Savior*

D. Besig and N. Price

Offertory: *Doxology* ELW885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Offering Prayer:** L: Let us pray. **C: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy** (ELW Setting 10)

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*Words of Institution:** P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**First Reading: Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**



**\*Psalm 22:25-31**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

## Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** (ELW Setting 10)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*The gospel is announced:* P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter.

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

## Gospel: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*After the gospel is read:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children Gather at the Altar

**Hymn:** *Abide With Me* ELW 629

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**Sermon**

**Pastor Kerri True**

## A Time of Silence for Meditation

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession** *Each prayer concludes:* Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*The Exchange of Peace** L: The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you!**