

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



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5th Sunday of Easter

9 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We welcome you to Trinity Church and to this service. Offering our thanks and praise to our generous and loving Creator is a joyous occasion.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis, however, presents some challenges. Your health and well-being is our highest priority.

Love God by loving your neighbor! We ask that you:

- Sit in the seat you to which you are directed by the usher
- Wear a facemask at all times
- Sing in your heart, but not with you voice
- Remain facing forward as much as possible
- Refrain from touching others. Exchange peace and greetings with your eyes
- Keep 6 feet distance between you and others whenever possible
- Observe the flow of “traffic”—use the center aisle to enter and exit by the side doors
- Take all bulletins and trash with you at the close of worship

For the time being, the nursery is closed. Children are very welcome in the sanctuary.

A Children of All Ages Service, intentionally hospitable to young children, will be offered outside at 10:00 am beginning on March 28, 2021.

Faith Hall is open for distanced and masked conversation following worship. We will not be sharing food fellowship at this time.

Worshipping during a pandemic is new for all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact Nancy our rector, Cynthia, our parish administrator, or any member of the vestry to share your comments, questions and suggestions.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant and Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Organist: Martha Dudich

Greeter: Joanne Welker

Usher: Heather Carbo

LayReader: Morley Ewing

A/V: Ewan Swidorski

Sanitizer: Natalie Welker-Marx

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Martha Dudich

Salutation

One: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Many: **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

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.**

Collect

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: 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.**

Please be seated for the Lessons

First Lesson

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22: 24-30

24. My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
27. For yours is the royal power, O God; *
you rule over the nations.
28. To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before you.
29. My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you; *
they shall be known as yours for ever.
30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that you have done.

Gospel Alleluia:

Martha Dudich

Gospel Lesson

John 15: 1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

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

Gospel Reflection:

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

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,
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 for Eastertide

Let us pray for resurrection throughout the world.

Loving God, through his death and resurrection your beloved Son Jesus has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

Lord, in your love: **Hear our prayer.**

The Risen Jesus said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to our hearts, to our homes, to our neighbourhoods and to the whole world. We pray for Joe, our president, Tom, our governor, for our assemblies, councils and courts.

Lord, in your love: **Hear our prayer.**

The Risen Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are ill, sad, lonely, or grieving. *We pray especially for.....and for those we name now, silently or aloud.....*

Lord, in your love: **Hear our prayer.**

The Risen Jesus met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Daniel our bishop, for the diocesan canons and staff, for Nancy our Rector and for our staff.

Lord, in your love: **Hear our prayer.**

The Risen Jesus strengthened the faith of Thomas by allowing him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

Lord, in your love: **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus conquered death by *his* death and resurrection. We remember those who have died *especially.....in whose name the altar flowers are given today...and those we name now, either silently or aloud....*

Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever.

Lord, in your love: **Hear our prayer.**

For what else do God's people pray?.....

Loving God, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us open our hearts and our lives to God and ask for forgiveness and grace.

For those times when we have kept your resurrection as a past event rather than a present encounter: **Lord have mercy.**

For those times when we have been blind to your presence: **Christ, have mercy.**

For those times when we have failed to live as those who have risen with Christ. **Lord have mercy.**

To all who turn to him, Christ says, "Your sins are forgiven." As his representative, I therefore declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins.

Christ also says, "Come, follow me."

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please exchange the peace by bowing to your neighbors, but without touching.

The Offering of our Common Lives

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you and about entering fully into the life of Christ and the Church, please speak to our rector, Nancy. We will receive only the bread today. Please come forward, row by row, one side of the church at a time, allowing 6 feet of space between you and your neighbor. Take a cup containing the consecrated wafer and return to your seat. When all who desire have received a piece of the bread, we will all consume it together, facing forward. If you prefer not to receive bread at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A Prayer for Unity

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. Give us grace to respond this day, and in the days to come. Nourished for service, may our hearts be made ready, our eyes be made open, our hands be made strong and our feet be made willing to do your will in all the places to which you call us. We long to unite ourselves wholly to you and to one another, and in all things remain a Eucharistic people, the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift 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 our 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you

for the glorious resurrection of you 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:

**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.

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 all 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.**

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Communion of the People

Music: Ar Hyd Y Nos arr. Penny Rodrigue, 2007, Lorenz Publishing

Prayer following Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

One: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Many: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Martha Dudich

Sources: The Book of Common Prayer; Enriching Our Worship; The St. Helena Psalter;
Liturgy for the Whole Church by Susan K. Bock; *Fire and Bread*, ed. Ruth Burgess

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