Trinity Buckingham Church

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



Easter Day March 31, 2024 10 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 are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card with the usher/greeter.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priority. If you are not feeling well, we ask that you keep some distance from others and refrain from taking the common Cup.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

Children are always very welcome at worship services. Please pick up a "Sunday Paper" from the ushers and some crayons. Puzzles and quiet toys are available in a basket in the rear of the church. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery.

Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service from September to early June.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy, Music and Spirituality: Martha Dudich

Diocesan Intern: Jim Massey

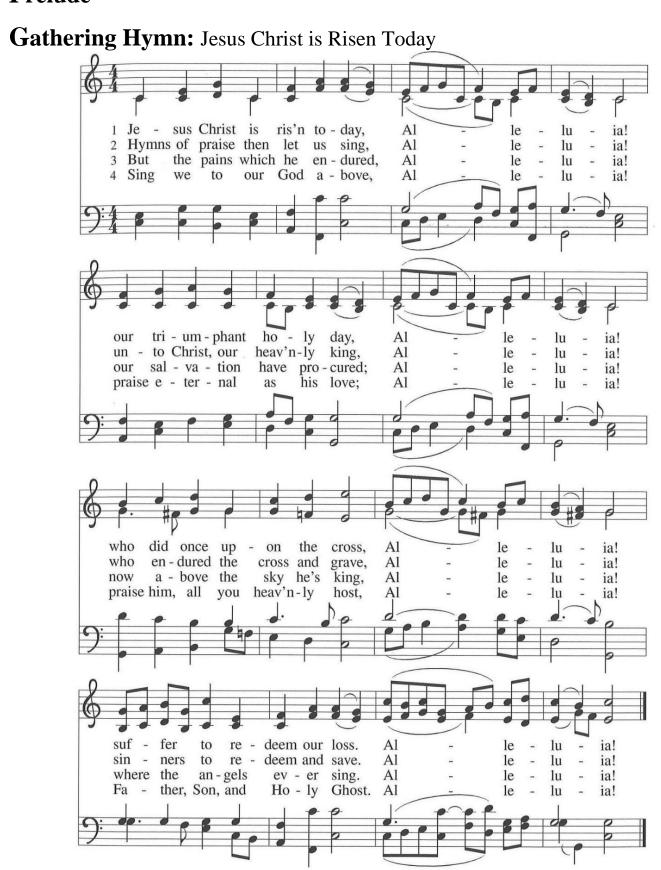
Greeter/Usher: Natalie Welker-Marx Chalice: Joanne Welker & Jim Massey

Lay Reader: Jeff Kroberger Psalmist & Intercessor: Joe McLean

Altar Guild:Meg Perry & Joanne WelkerAcolyte:Sue SnyderOpen/Close:Steve Downs & Jill UngerA/V:Ewan Swidorski

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude



Salutation: *One:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: There is one Body and one Spirit;

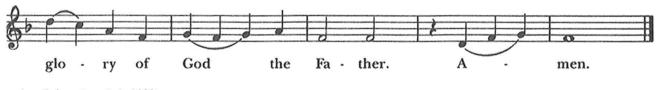
Many: There is one hope in God's call to us;

One: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

Many: One God and Father of all.

Gloria:





etting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect of the Day

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

More than seven hundred years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah looks forward to the final coming of God's s reign and calls all people to rejoice. The Lord will make a rich feast for God's people. The Lord will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, the Lord will destroy death itself. Holy Communion is a foretaste of that banquet.

First Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1. Give thanks to God who is good, * whose mercy endures for ever.
- 2. Let Israel now proclaim, * "God's mercy endures for ever."
- 14. God is my strength and my song * and has become my salvation.
- 15. There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16. "The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; * the right hand of the Most High is exalted; the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"
- 17. I shall not die, but live * and declare the works of God.
- 18. God has punished me sorely, * but did not hand me over to death.
- 19. Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to God.
- 20. "This is the gate of the Holy One; * those who are righteous may enter."
- 21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22. The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23. This is God's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24. On this day the Holy One has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This passage, from Paul's letter to the Christians in Corinth, written about 54 c.e., is the earliest written account of Christ's resurrection appearances. The risen Christ, appearing to believers, embodies the living grace of God. Today, we gather with Paul and all witnesses to the resurrection to encounter the risen Christ in our midst.

Second Lesson

1 Corinithians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being

saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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John's account of the empty tomb uses a conversation between Mary Magdalene and Jesus to proclaim Christ's divine identity. Mary turns from the empty tomb and realizes that she is standing in a garden, with the Gardener--the One who first spoke the garden into existence. As Jesus calls Mary's name, she discovers the true power of resurrection—Christ is risen and creation's garden is restored.

Gospel Lesson John 20: 1-18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

THE HOLY BAPTISM

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Avery Schmellick

Audrey Josephine Schmellick Adalyn Lucille Schmellick

to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this family in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Let us join with the Schmellick family in committing ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the

breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in

Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for Avery, Joey and Adalyn who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism & Anointing

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

N., receive a lamp burning and without fault;
Guard your baptism; Keep the commandments,
And when the Lord comes to that heavenly wedding feast,
May you meet Jesus with the saints and live forever in the love of God. Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants Avery, Audrey Josephine and Adalyn Lucille the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, spirits to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

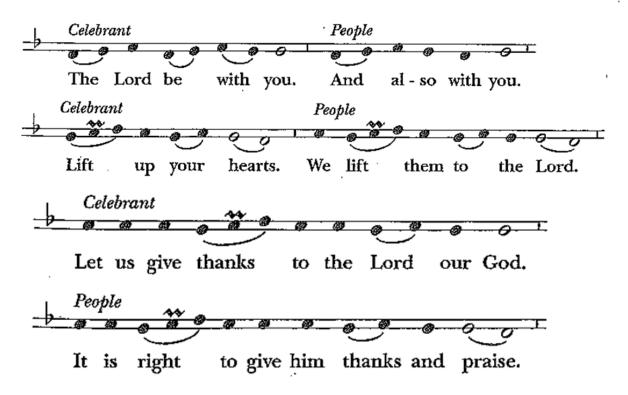
The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

The Offering of our Common Life

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 please speak to our rector, Nancy. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, please ask the server if you desire either. You may sip from the chalice, or dip your bread using careful hands. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing, or remain seated and honor Communion in your heart.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

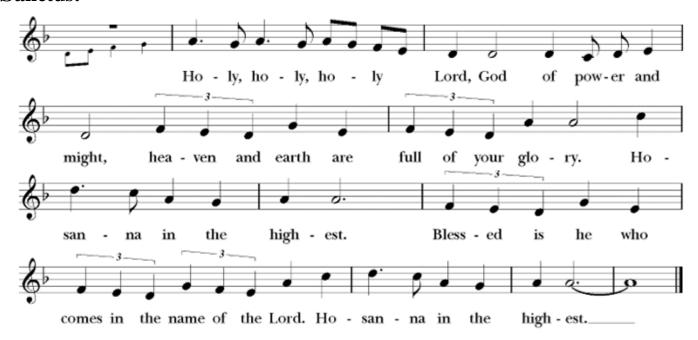
Eucharistic Prayer A



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:

Sanctus:



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,

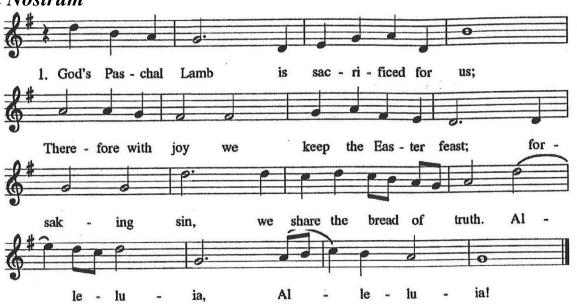
for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Pascha Nostrum



The Communion of the People



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.**

Sending Hymn: The Day of Resurrection!



- 1. The day of res ur rec tion! Earth, spread the news a broad;
- 2. Our hearts be free from e vil That we may see a right
- 3. His love is ev er last ing; His mer cies nev er cease;
- 4. Now let the heav'ns be joy ful, And earth her song be gin;



- 1. The Pas chal feast of glad ness, The Pas chal feast of God.
- 2. The Sav ior res ur rect ed In his e ter nal light,
- 3. The res ur rect ed Sav ior, Will all our joys in crease.
- 4. The whole world keep high tri umph And all that is there in;



- 1. From death to life e ter nal, From earth to heav-en's height
- 2. And hear his mes-sage plain ly, De liv-ered calm and clear:
- 3. He'll keep us in his fa vor, Sup ply ing ho ly grace,
- 4. Let all things in cre a tion Their notes of glad-ness blend,



- 1. Our Sav ior Christ has brought us, The glo rious Lord of Light.
- 2. "Re-joice with me in tri-umph, Be glad and do not fear."
- 3. To all his pil-grim peo ple Who seek his heav'n-ly place.
- 4. For Christ the Lord is ris en, Our joy that has no end.

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Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784, alt.; adapt. fr. Würth's Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863.

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

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop The Right Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez, Bishop The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane, Rector rector@trinitybuckingham.org

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