

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Christ Church UCC

TRINITY

Episcopal Church



*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
\*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

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### The Liturgy of the Word

✠ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.*

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Robert Hebble

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*The strife is o'er*

VICTORY

*(See hymn on opposite page)*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** *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

Hymnal S278

*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 OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

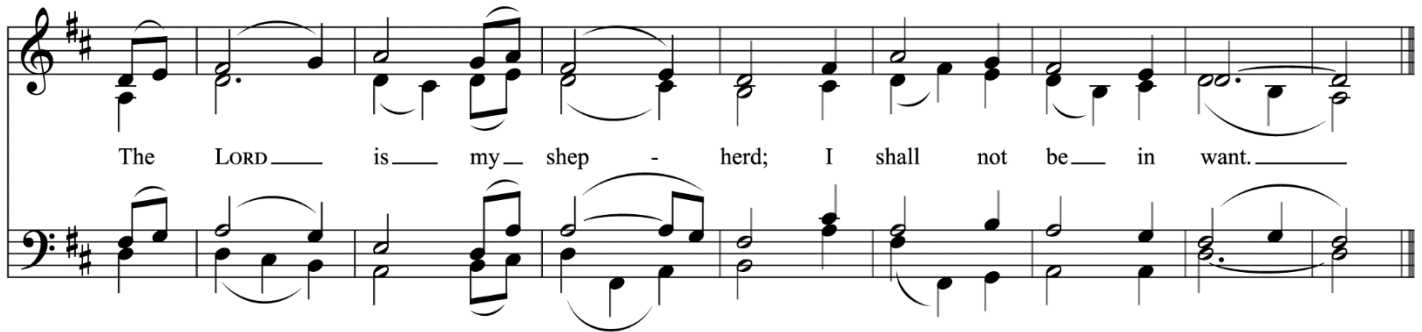
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

#### FIRST READING

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

*ANTIPHON*

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

*ANTIPHON*

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.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*ANTIPHON*

## THE EPISTLE

## Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

THE CALL



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector

## 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:  
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

*Intercessor* Gathered before the throne of the Lamb, let us give God the glory and pray for the needs of all God's flock, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania, that we may hear the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd and allow our lives to be shaped and guided by Jesus. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that by our witness we may lead others to follow the Good Shepherd to green pastures and still waters. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For peacemakers, that the Holy Spirit will inspire all who are working to end violent conflicts, open pathways for the safe movement of the vulnerable, and help everyone to recognize the dignity of every human life. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have shepherded us, especially parents, spouses, teachers, clergy, and mentors, that God will continue to work through them and lead us to wholeness. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all mothers and those who have been like a mother to us, that God will bless and strengthen them and inspire us to greater love by their example. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who walk through the dark valleys of life, remembering especially Randy, and others we now name, that they may find places of healing and refreshment. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name, that they may rejoice forever around the throne of the Lamb. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*



*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God, the fountain of joy and peace. Hear our prayers and grant that we may never become separated from Christ our Good Shepherd who guides us to springs of life-giving water. Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*

## The Liturgy of the Table

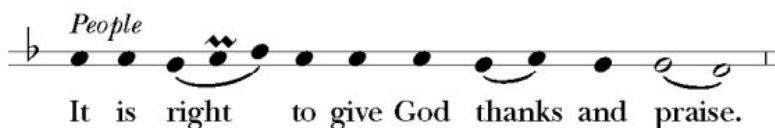
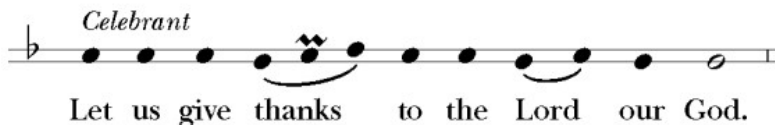
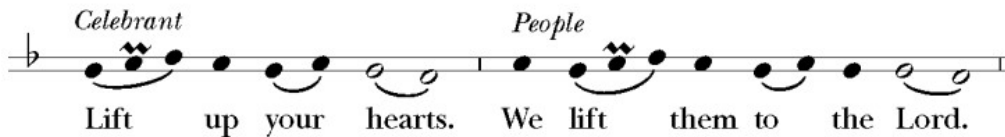
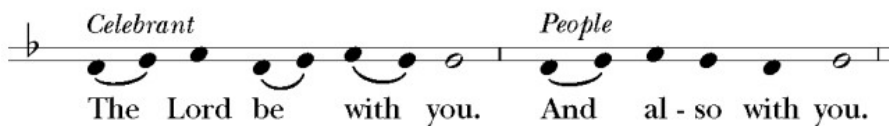
### OFFERTORY

*The King of Love*

K. Lee Scott

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. 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. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

## The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*Celebrant* 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 many 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 forever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

## FRACTION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*My Shepherd will supply my need*

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways. He 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, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my 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.

PRAYER AFTER 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.  
Empower us by your Spirit  
always to proclaim  
your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,


for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

*Deacon*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE

*Toccata Festiva*

Richard Purvis



**Liturgical Ministers**  
**May 11, 2025**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 a.m.**

Sara Klingner  
Wayne Parr  
Ross Mangina  
Ken Grieshaber  
Michelle Mills  
Ken Grieshaber  
John Majczan

Altar Guild  
Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Intercessor  
Usher  
Usher  
Acolyte

**Choir**

Garry Applegate  
Jonathan Boksan  
Bailey Fulginiti  
Stacy Gabel  
Hattye Magee  
Joyce Meinke  
Jody Miller

Sebastian Paff  
Christina Shoemaker  
Mark Shoemaker  
Stephan Taylor



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**  
**May 11, 2025**

**Our Partner-Parish:**

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

**In the Diocese of Bethlehem:**

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop  
St. George's, Hellertown; and The Diocesan Staff

**In the Anglican Communion:**

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai



**Please pray for:**

❖ Randy Alderman (Joyce Meinke's son), recovering from surgery in California.

**Please pray for these friends in need:**

Susan Asbury, Nicole and Rodney Bailey, Gary Battersby, Harold and Pam Basmadjian, Loretta Brobst, Owen Brunner, Joan Dawson, Jonathan Decker, Sue Ditterline, Connie Evans, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Linda Friday, Rheta and Dick Matthews, John Majczan, Noah, Lauren Nowenstein, Patti Pasda, Robert R., Pat Sisson, Kathy Shockley, Barry Smith, Sandy Thompson, Carol and Jack Vickrey, Deb Zapf.

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

**[prayerlist@trinitybeth.org](mailto:prayerlist@trinitybeth.org) - by noon on Wednesday.**

Names will remain on the list for a month.

## Announcements

### *Trinity's Night Out at Coca-Cola Park*



Wednesday, July 2 @ 7:00 PM

Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

vs.

Scranton Rail Riders

\$13 per ticket

Must purchase tickets by June 2. For more information, please contact Steve Filko (267-736-1109) or Lynn Piccolo (610-462-2133).



Turning Point  
of Lehigh Valley

Our May collection for donations will be **on Mother's Day, May 11<sup>th</sup> (TODAY)**. We will be collecting children's items to be donated to Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter in the Lehigh Valley.

#### Items needed are:

Children's clothing from newborn size to size 12

Baby bottles and sippy cups

Baby toiletries

Diapers (sizes most needed: 4, 5 and 6) and Pull-ups

wipes

Crib sheets



#### ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

May 29—Ascension Day

June 8—The Day of Pentecost

June 15—Trinity Sunday: Parish Title Feast



# About Trinity Episcopal Church

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**Livestreamed Services:** [www.vimeo.org/trinitybethlehem](http://www.vimeo.org/trinitybethlehem)

**Office Hours:** Receptionist 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Appointments:** Flexible scheduling available. Please contact the Rector to schedule an appointment.

## Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector - [pam@trinitybeth.org](mailto:pam@trinitybeth.org)

The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

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Karen Ernst, Treasurer - [bookkeeper@trinitybeth.org](mailto:bookkeeper@trinitybeth.org)

Ministers: All Baptized Members

## Vestry

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Garry Applegate

Linda Cortis

Ken Grieshaber (Senior Warden)

Joanne Gulya (Junior Warden)

Marcie Lightwood

Ross Mangina

Ivan Martin

Sandy Mesics

Glen Walls