

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

April 26th, 2026 — 10 A.M. Sunday

*The Mission of Holy Trinity Church, Tiverton, under Jesus Christ,
is to further the spiritual growth of all; love, minister to, and
affirm one another; and be a force for God in our community.*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE SERVICE

PRELUDE Introspection

David Lasky

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 174: At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

Celebrant **Alleluia. Christ is risen.**

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant 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 IN EXCELSIS [S-280] - Robert Powell

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *[Please be seated.]*

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:42-47

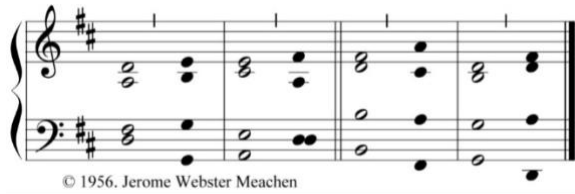
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they

broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23



Dominus regit me

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- 1 The Lord is my | shepherd; |
 therefore I can lack | nothing. ||
- 2 He shall feed me in green | pastures |
 and lead me forth beside the waters of | comfort. ||
- 3 He shall refresh my | soul |
 and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's | sake. ||
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no | evil, |
 for you are with me; | your rod and your staff | comfort me. ||
- 5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who | trouble me; |
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be | full. ||
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my | life, |
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for | ever. ||

THE EPISTLE: 1 PETER 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** [*Please stand.*]

GRADUAL HYMN 343: Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

[*Verses 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel; Verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel*]

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:2-10

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

THE REV. K CASENHISER

NICENE CREED *All stand and together say*

**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

Intercessor Risen Christ, on the first Easter morning, you appeared in a garden, showing us that your death and resurrection have implications for all of creation. As flowers bloom and trees come to life, as grass springs from the ground and birds signal the morning, may we rejoice and sing with all living things that you have overcome death and the grave. You have risen from the dead, and so will all the earth.

Resurrected God,

People **Grant us new life.**

Intercessor Risen Christ, be with your church throughout the world. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Nicholas, our Bishop, for the Church of Nigeria, for our diocese and for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket, and St. Mark's, Warwick. In your mercy, empower the preaching of your Word and enable in us acts of love as they point to new life in you.

Resurrected God,

People **Grant us new life.**

Intercessor Merciful Christ, your resurrection is framed in the knowledge that you care for all who live in despair. Draw close to those facing times of terror, set free those who live in tombs of fear and regret, guide and protect those who seek refuge from violence. Be with the innocent victims of war in Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Israel-Palestine, Gaza, and places un-named to us, but always known to you.

Resurrected God,

People **Grant us new life.**

Intercessor Compassionate Christ, we pray for the leaders of the world at large and those leaders closer to home, especially our President, Vice-President, members of Congress, and our local and state officials. Guide them in their decision-making, that they may know your compassion and act in righteousness. We pray for all those who work to bring reconciliation and peace.

Resurrected God,

People **Grant us new life.**

Intercessor Caring Christ, you understand fully the pain of rejection and indifference. Draw near to those whose human rights are not met and who live under systemic oppression and discrimination. We pray especially for refugees, the hungry,

those who are unhoused or housing insecure, those seeking asylum.....Give them assurance and hope in their struggles.

Resurrected God,

People **Grant us new life.**

Intercessor Healing Christ, you have experienced the depths of human suffering, and you know the uninhibited joy of healing. Bring restoration to those who suffer this day; Be near to those who grieve; Bring health to those whose bodies are struggling; Bring peace to those who are living with the reality of mental illness and addiction; Bring comfort and hope to those who face the end of this earthly life. We pray especially for the Mogilnicki family, Kristen, Wayne, Richard & Nancy, Kathy & Brian, Sheila & Steven, Karen, Brayton, Joan, Cathy, and those we name....
Resurrected God,

People **Grant us new life.**

Intercessor Loving Christ, we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Connie Anderson, Kate Peterson, Pat Tremblay, and Sandy Cook.
Resurrected God,

People **Grant us new life.**

Intercessor May we live with courage, knowing that through your death and resurrection, you have erased the power of the grave, giving hope to all of creation; and may our lives share your life-giving love with the world. **Amen.**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrant and People **Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN 664: My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

from *Enriching Our Worship*

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.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy...

Celebrant Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

SANCTUS [S-130]

Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... After the consecration of the bread and wine the Celebrant says:

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

and the Celebrant and People together say:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant concludes the Eucharist Prayer: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant & People **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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI [S-164]

Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Eat This Bread

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR GROWTH

Celebrant Triune God, empower us to open wide our doors to be your hands and feet in our community so that our membership may grow. May our little church with a big heart be a beacon of your love, welcoming all people and assuring them that they belong in this family of faith. Renew our hope in the dreams you have for our church that we may be one body with many members, faithfully responding to the Spirit at work within and around us. **Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 663: The Lord my God my Shepherd is

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE Jubilate

David Lasky