

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025, 4 p.m.

Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you have joined us for this beautiful, restorative service. Choral Evensong is a contemplative service of music, readings, and prayers that takes place in the late afternoon or early evening. It allows listeners time to meditate and transition from the busyness of the day to the peace and quiet of the evening. Evensong's distinguishing feature is that it consists primarily of music.

PRELUDE

ANDANTE RELIGIOSO FROM SONATA NO. 4 IN B-FLAT, OP. 65 *Felix Mendelssohn*
III. ANDANTINO FROM VESPER VOLUNTARIES, OP. 14 *Edward Elgar*

All stand.

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 61

PRECES *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

Kenneth Leighton

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

All sit.

*WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, **
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
*Judah was his sanctuary, * and Israel his dominion.*
*The sea saw that, and fled; * Jordan was driven back.*
*The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.*
*What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? **
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
*Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams? **
and ye little hills, like young sheep?
*Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: **
at the presence of the God of Jacob;
*Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, **
and the flint-stone into a springing well.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

*Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise; **
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
*Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?*
*As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.*
*Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.*
*They have mouths, and speak not; * eyes have they, and see not.*
*They have ears, and hear not; * noses have they, and smell not.*
*They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not; **
neither speak they through their throat.
*They that make them are like unto them; **
and so are all such as put their trust in them.
*But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the LORD; **
he is their helper and defender.
*Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the LORD; **
he is their helper and defender.
*Ye that fear the LORD, put your trust in the LORD; **
he is their helper and defender.

*The LORD hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; * even he
 shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
 He shall bless them that fear the LORD, * both small and great.
 The LORD shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.
 Ye are the blessed of the LORD, *
 who made heaven and earth.
 All the whole heavens are the LORD'S; *
 the earth hath he given to the children of men.
 The dead praise not thee, O LORD, *
 neither all they that go down into silence.
 But we will praise the LORD, *
 from this time forth for evermore. Praise the LORD.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was
 in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

DANIEL 4:1-18

King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages that live throughout the earth: May you have abundant prosperity! The signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me I am pleased to recount.

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his sovereignty is from generation to generation.

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living at ease in my home and prospering in my palace. I saw a dream that frightened me; my fantasies in bed and the visions of my head terrified me. So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, in order that they might tell me the interpretation of the dream. Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not tell me its interpretation. At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods—and I told him the dream: ‘O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods and that no mystery is too difficult for you. Hear the dream that I saw; tell me its interpretation.

Upon my bed this is what I saw: there was a tree at the centre of the earth, and its height was great. The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth. Its foliage was beautiful, its fruit abundant, and it provided food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it, the birds of the air nested in its branches, and from it all living beings were fed.

‘I continued looking, in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and there was a holy watcher, coming down from heaven. He cried aloud and said: “Cut down the tree and chop off its branches, strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from beneath it and the birds from its branches. But leave its stump and roots in the ground, with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven, and let his lot be with the animals of the field in the grass of the earth. Let his mind be changed from that of a human, and let the mind of an animal be given to him. And let seven times pass over him. The sentence is rendered by decree of the watchers, the decision is given by order of the holy ones, in order that all who live may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdom of mortals; he gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of human beings.”

‘This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are unable to tell me the interpretation. You are able, however, for you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods.’

All stand.

HYMN 201 ON EARTH HAS DAWNED THIS DAY OF DAYS *Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT: THE SHORT SERVICE *sung by the choir*

Orlando Gibbons

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

JOHN 21:15-25

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, ‘Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?’ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’ So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?’

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

The people stand or kneel.

The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.

SALUTATION

Kenneth Leighton

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kenneth Leighton

Cantor Our Father,

Choir which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
 but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit.

*Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who knew that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sins?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
That very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding in the eventide,
Until the daybreak with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.*
Text by Peter Abelard

All stand.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

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HYMN 194

JESUS LIVES! THY TERRORS NOW

St. Albinus

OFFERTORY

PASTORAL SONG

Jean Langlais

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

For those who wish to participate in the Eucharist, come up to the choir pews as you are able, following the Offertory.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE DISMISSAL

PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

Officiant The Rev. Canon Chris Keller, III