

Trinity

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please consider filling out a “Walk With Us” card in the pew and put it in the offering plate so we can get in touch with you. It is a joy to welcome children to worship with us here at Trinity. There is an activity table in the front of the church with Bible based coloring pages and other activities. Children’s programming takes place every Sunday at 9:45 am in the Ogden Room. Again, welcome!


Welcome

The Rev. Jonathan Radtke


Prelude “Let All of Creation Rejoice”

Michael Burkhardt

Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth”



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!


The Collect for Purity

Priest & People:


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.

The Gloria “Sing Out Earth and Skies” (vs. 1 & 3)


Verses



Cantor: 1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin- kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show- er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our

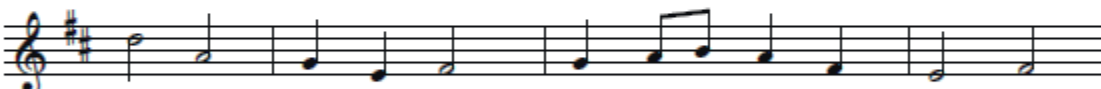


Cantor:
Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:




All:
In the glo - ry of your Son.
May our lives your love con - fess.
In your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy - ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The Lessons

Acts 2:42-47

Read by Bryan Lewis

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: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Led by Bryan Lewis

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 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.

Sequence

“Touch the Earth Lightly” (vs. 1, 2, & 4)



1. Touch the earth light - ly, Use the earth gen - tly,
2. We who en - dan - ger, Who cre - ate hun - ger,
3. Let there be green - ing, Birth from the burn - ing,
4. God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



Nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
A - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
Wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



Gift of great won - der, Ours to sur - ren - der,
We who would fos - ter Clouds of dis - as - ter—
Health in God's gar - den, Hope in God's chil - dren,
Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



Trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
Re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
Us - ing us gen - tly, and mak - ing us one.

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:1-10

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill

Affirmation *From the DAILY PRAYER FOR ALL SEASONS*

**We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met
as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated
with them in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and
who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.**

Prayers of the People

Led by Tom Keating

The Leader and People pray responsively

People's responses in bold

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Silence

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the dark valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Giles, Jefferson and Trinity, Saco. This is my prayer; **this is our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. This is my prayer; **this is our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. This is my prayer; **this is our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially Ralph Parady, Rose Chukwu, Maizie Argondizza, Angelika Schechter, Lee, William Young, Edna Flaherty, Jennifer Larkin, Nancy, Dickie and his family, Christina Siravo, Elizabeth, William Young, Deborah Galaneau, Kathy T., Kent Thurston, Brian & Nancy Plourde, Annie Garman, Toby, Luna, Maddie White, Lee Lowell, Susan, Phyllis Greene, George Clarence Frost, Nate, and all the children and staff at the Glenburnie Primary School. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. This is my prayer; **this is our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Help us see your abundance in our midst and share it with joy. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

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Leader: Please say the names of those who would benefit from our prayers. *Please add your own petitions at this time.* This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

General Confession

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence to reflect on the ways we have turned away from God in our actions and places of inaction.

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.

The Absolution

Priest: 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 Peace

Priest: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem **“The Earth is the Lord’s”**
Sung by the Trinity Choir

Don McAfee, arr. Douglas Wagner

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

(BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER—369)

The Great Thanksgiving:

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The People remain standing. The Priest faces them and says:

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

People & Priest sing the Sanctus together on p. 8

Sanctus

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The first two staves are for the Cantor, and the remaining six are for the All. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est." The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Cantor:
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

All:
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Cantor:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

All:
Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

Cantor:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

All:
Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

The Priest continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our fathers and mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer - *Please pray in whatever language is your native language*

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread

A Period of silence is kept.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem "Come to the Banquet" (Refrain & vs. 2)

Refrain / Estribillo

Come, come to the banquet. Come,
come to the feast. Here the hungry find plen -
ty, here the thirst-y shall drink, here at the

1.-6. To verses

sup - per of Je - sus, come to the feast.

7.

feast, come to the feast.

Verses

1. Like the child whose fish - es and loaves fed the
 2. 'Til the seed is giv - en to earth, it is
 3. In the stran - ger by our side, in the

mul - ti - tude, in the Lord the
 just one grain; but once sown its
 least and last, in the thirst for

lit - tle we have, the bro - ken and shared, be -
 death brings new birth, the har - vest is rich; what's
 jus - tice we share, the Christ is here in the

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comes a - bun - dant food.
 lost is raised a - gain.
 break - ing of the bread.

The Invitation to the Table

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The priest will place the host in your hands. If you would like to receive the consecrated wine, approach the Eucharistic minister who will share the chalice with you. There are two ways to receive the wine. You may sip from the silver chalice or dip in the pottery chalice. If you would rather not receive the wine, simply return to your seat. The Choir receives communion first, then all others are invited to receive as directed by the ushers beginning at the front of the church. If you would prefer to remain at your seat and receive there, the priest will come to you at the end of Communion. Please be sure to tell an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Gluten free host is available for any who would like it. Simply tell the Priest when you come forward for communion. All are welcome and all are wanted at Trinity.

THE COMMUNION

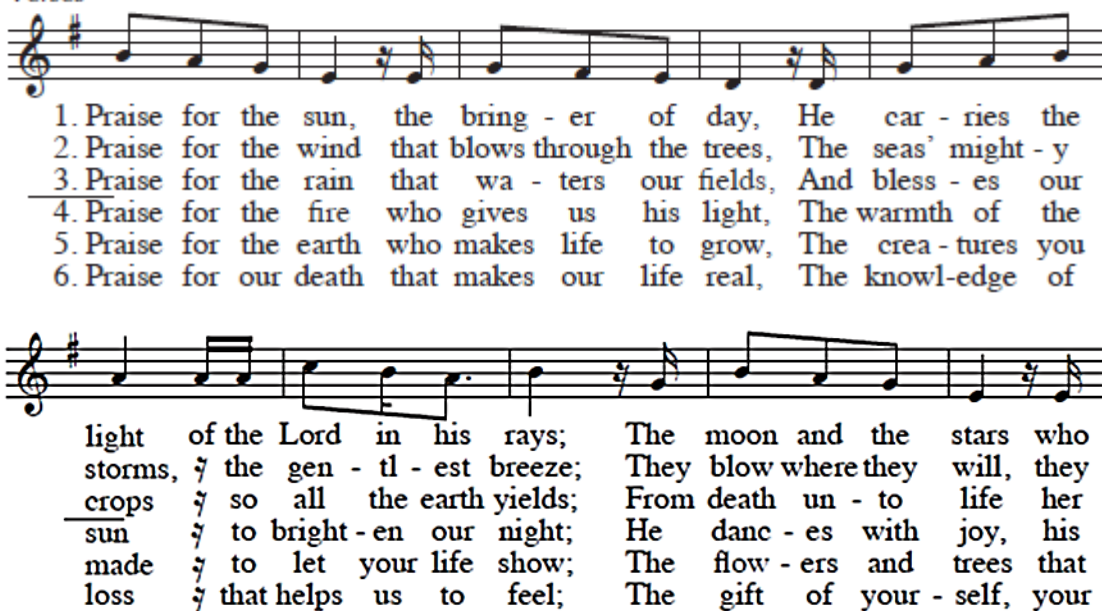
COMMUNION HYMN "Canticle of the Sun"

Refrain

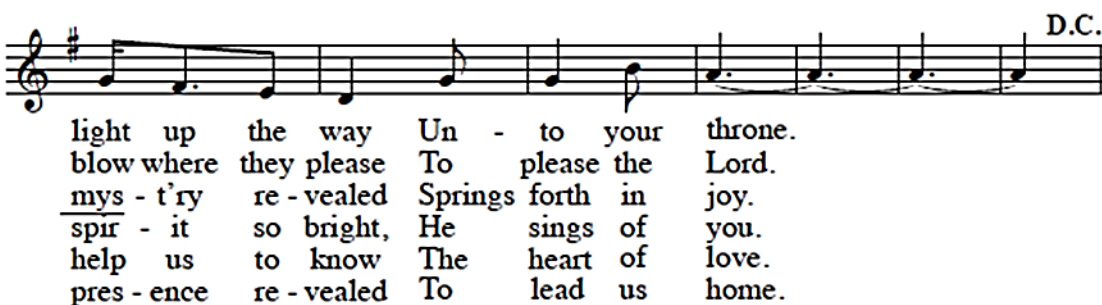


The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, ♪ the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops ♪ so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
sun ♪ to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made ♪ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss ♪ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

Sung by the Trinity Choir

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray

People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children’s Song by The Grateful Hearts

The Blessing

Priest: Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.
So...be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us,
and who travels with us be with you now and forever.

People Amen.

The Closing Hymn “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”



1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There’s not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e’er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude “Thine is the Glory”

Gordon Young

Today’s Ministers

The People of Trinity Church

Celebrant	The Rev. Peter Swarr
Associate Priest	The Rev. Jonathan Radtke
Guest Priest	The Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill
Minister of Music	Dr. Mary Frances Fest
Lector & Layreader	Bryan Lewis
	Tom Keating
Ushers	Susan Hicks
	Russ Hicks
Livestream Ministers	Alice Moisen
	Steve Brown
	Emmanuel Vincent
	Bill Green
Coffee Hour Host	Pam Cleghorn & Ida Connolly
Flower Guild	Donna Downing
Altar Guild	Dibbie Appleton
	Karen Spear

Trinity Choir

Kathleen Albert
Lynne Gammon
Pam Green
Bryan Lewis
Cindy McLellan
Michael Morin
Marty Resotko
Terry Quinn Tisdale
Stuart Tisdale

This Week at Trinity

Sun., April 26	8 & 10 am Services 9:45 am Children's Programming in the Ogden Rm. 11:00 am Coffee Hour & Conversation with The Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Outreach in Ogden Rm. 12:30 – 1:30 pm friends of Glenburnie mtg. in Ogden Rm. 5 – 7:30 pm Renaissance Voices in Sanctuary
Mon., April 27	9 am – Noon Monday Morning Crew 3 – 8 pm AK Music in Church Transept 7 - 8pm AA in Lincoln Hall
Tues., April 28	5 - 8pm PCO in Sanctuary
Wed., April 29	3 – 6:30 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm.
Thurs., April 30	6 – 7:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 – 7:30 AA in Lincoln Hall
Fri., May 1	1 – 5:30 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm. 7 – 8 pm AA in Ogden Rm.
Sat., May 2	1 pm Funeral Service for Julia Rancourt

Scheduled Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 3, Bishop Visitation, Baptisms

