

# Trinity Church

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*Rogation Sunday*  
May 25, 2025



**We are glad you are here today.**

If you are looking for a place to say your prayers, seek God, and discover companions for the journey, you are invited to be at home here. If you are new, please complete a pew card and place it in the collection plate. Anyone sitting near you will be happy to tell you about life at Trinity.

# PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 537

*Christ for the world we sing*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

GLORIA HYMNAL 5280

(8:00 am said)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### ACTS 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### PSALM 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 544

*Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun*

## THE GOSPEL JOHN 5:1-9

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

Tom Hobin

## THE NICENE CREED

(EOW53)

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 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: We are called to live a life of love, in God, in Jesus, and with others. Let us respond in faith with our prayers for others and ourselves, saying, hear us, Risen Lord.

Leader: That the Church throughout the world, birthed by the death and resurrection of Jesus, may proclaim the hope and power of the resurrection to a weary and divided world, we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, La Iglesia de la Ascension/The Church of the Ascension, Cranston; and the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

That Donald our President, the Congress, and all those who hold authority in our common life may be strengthened and led to wise and just decisions, we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

That the reconciling love of God may overcome war and conflict, poverty and racism, and lead to justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

That we will care for creation as the stewards God calls us to be with courage and joy, we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

In thanksgiving for all our gifts from our gracious and loving God, which we name now either silently or aloud (*pause*), we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us Risen Lord.*

For all who are ill and have asked for our prayers: *Katie, Jeff, Judy, Marie, Carl, Lee-Ann, Jim, Patrice, Barbara, Bev, George, Ginny, Becca, Bruce, Cory, Gabi, Henry, Tim, Sandy*, and those we name at this time, (*pause*), that they may know the healing presence of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For those celebrating birthdays, Piers Curry (5/26); John McAllister (5/26); Greg Spears (5/26); Bob Knowles (5/27); Jeff Lanphear (5/27); those celebrating anniversaries, and those we now name (*pause*), we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially the men and women in service to our country, and those others whom we remember now, (*pause*), that they may be drawn ever closer to the heart of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Hear us, Risen Lord.*

With confidence in Jesus who calls us into new life through the power of the resurrection, let us continue to offer our prayers, either silently or aloud.

*Presider concludes with a Collect*

THE PEACE (*Please stand*)

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 719

*O beautiful for spacious skies*

(8:00 am said)

THE DOXOLOGY

All things come of thee O Lord.  
*And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

(10:00 am sung)

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP *Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Presider inserts the Proper Preface*

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:

*Presider and People*

(8:00 am said)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10:00 am sung

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The Presider continues*

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: *(together)*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

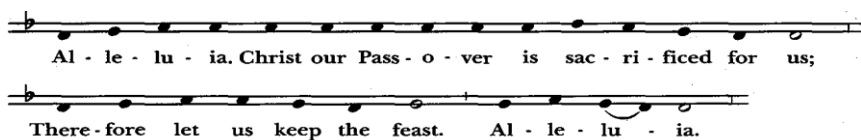
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending 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.



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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, forever and ever. Amen.



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## COMMUNION

*All the baptized are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. Please come forward to receive communion or to receive a blessing. You may intinct the wafer (dip the wafer into the wine), or you may receive directly from the cup. Those who are unable to come forward for communion are served first, then the congregation is invited to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION HYMNS 178 *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP365)

Let us pray.

*Presider and 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.

## THE EASTER BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN 204 *Now the green blade riseth*

## EASTER DISMISSAL

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*Please follow the procession outside where we will bless the gardens.*

*Childcare provided in the nursery for the 10:00 am service.*

*Please join us for coffee & conversation in the Bay room following each service.*

PARTICIPANTS

Altar Guild: Angela Butler, Wayne Barnes, Kelley Elderkin, Dawn O’Hara  
Presider: The Reverend Susan Wrathall

8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Chalice: Margaret Thomas	Chalice: Tom Hobin
Lector: Nancy Dorsey	Lector: Rob Duncanson
Acolyte: Becca Seamans	Acolytes: Rob Duncanson; Norah Duncanson; Violet Umstadter
Usher: Tom Hogan	Usher: Bill Caldwell
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*Altar flowers courtesy Golden Gate Studios*

THIS WEEK

Monday, 5/26	Christian Meditation, Church, 6:00 pm AA, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, 5/27	Men’s Group, Education Room, 9:30 am Knitters, Bay room, 9:30 – Noon Perspectives, Parish Hall, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.
Wednesday, 5/28	The Village, Parish Hall, 9:45 am Pawtuxet Rangers, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 5/29	A Look at the Gospel, Education room, 9:00 am Music Together, 9:30 am, church lawn Perspectives, Parish Hall, Noon to 3:00 pm AA, Big Book, women’s group, Bay room, 7:00 pm AA, Big Book, men’s group, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm



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