Trinity Episcopal Church

April 26, 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter - 10am Choral Eucharist

Welcome to Our Parish

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please fill out a **Welcome Card** found in the pew racks in front of you; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our **website** at **trinitysb.org**.

For an explanation of why worship at Trinity looks and sounds like it does, scan the QR code for our **Guide to the Episcopal Liturgy.**

Open Communion. Whatever tradition you come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at our communion table. You will find simple directions on how to participate in the Holy Communion section of the program. Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask when the bread is presented to you.

Prayer Ministers. During communion at the 10am service, two prayer minsters are available at the back of the church to pray. The three of you will pray together in a circle and you will be offered anointing with oil.

Children. On Sundays, Trinity offers religious formation for our children (ages 3 to 12) through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. It takes place as early as 9am in the church school building behind the sanctuary. Children are brought into the church during the offertory hymn to join us for communion at the 10am service.

Nursery and Toddler Care is from 9:45am to the end of the 10am service on Sundays in the nursery upstairs. During the offertory hymn, you are welcome to gather your child from the nursery to join you for communion in the church.

Trinity's Youth Group (grades 7-12) meets weekly during the school year for fellowship and reflection.

Our ushers are always glad to be of assistance, including answering questions, providing hearing loops as needed, and giving directions to the church school building, the nursery, and other on-site facilities.

Hearing Loop installed in the sanctuary.

Easter: not a day, but a season...

...a season which runs from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, and is the oldest part of the Church Year.

It is directly derived from the fifty-day period in the Jewish calendar, which began with Passover and concluded with Pentecost (the Greek term for "fiftieth day").

Jesus' death and resurrection took place at Passover, and its completion—the empowering of the apostles by the Holy Spirit—took place on Pentecost. These are the church's original feast days, which in very early times were both moved to the Sundays following the Jewish festivals, because of the early church's intense reverence for the first day of the week as the Day of Resurrection.

The early Christians considered every Sunday to be a celebration of the rising of Christ and of the coming of the Holy Spirit—a repetition of Easter and Pentecost.

Ministers of Today's Liturgy

8am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector
Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector
Deacon: The Rev. John Draper
Director of Music: Thomas Joyce
Piano Assistant: Patrick Lindley
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Diana Buzerak
Reader: Michael Stivers
Intercessor: Jax Ranck
Acolyte: Nollie Lei Dawson
Ushers: Michael Dean, Sarah Degen

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechists: Mac McNeel, Mary Gibson, Vanessa Woods
Volunteers: Lee Anderegg, Ericka Sohlberg, Christen Foell
Director of Children and Youth: Theo Patterson

9am Nursery

Zoe George, Ella Ilman

10am Service

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Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector
Deacon: The Rev. John Draper
Director of Music: Thomas Joyce
Piano Assistant: Patrick Lindley
Conducting Assistant: Grace Wenzel
The Trinity Choir
Acolytes: Georg Rice, Carola Pisani, Cata Carey-Pisani
Readers: Jeannie Christensen, Carol Ann Manzi
Intercessor: Robert Adams
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Claydon, Cheri Young, Helene Gardner
Prayer Ministers: Anna Kokotovic, Georgia Noble
Stream Team: Austin Miller
Audio Guild: Ryan Kelley
Ushers: David Gartrell, Matthew Kramer, David Young, Emily Young
Greeters: John Spence, Daniel Craviotto, Steve Kriz
Welcome Table: Caryl Ann Casbon, RJ Plummer
Altar Guild: Cathi Speake, Norma Stuck, Sarah Degen
Flower Guild: Will Barring, Rachyl Pines
Coffee Hour Helpers: Carol Craviotto, Daniel Craviotto, Jim Goodner, Phyllis Goodner
Bouquet Blessing: Anne Howard, Betty Wenzel

Remember in Your Prayers

Men of Lompoc prison, people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, undocumented immigrants, all the war torn areas of the Middle East, and around the world, Griffin Arnold, Valerie and Andrew Arnold, Emmie and the Hoffman family, Don Zimmerman, Kevin and Liam Hess, Mac McNeel, Beth Miller, Kasurina, Sean and Aiden Ruskey, Candace Hartung, Brenda, the McPhee family, Michael and Nancy Harahan, Marjorie Woodward, Jack Azar, Dave Gorbet, Musette Profant, Roger Pettersen, Wayne Broderick, Cyndie Genzmer, Zeek Stevens, Steve Stuck, Patricia Ortiz, Tom Tierney, Hailey and Felix Benoist, Rev. Calvin Ward.

Those with Long Term Illness:

Rachel Roitman, Judy Boyd, Ellen Sherman, Stephanie Campbell, Royal Claydon, Greg Hawkins, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Wilds, Karen Myers, Johnny Mac, Karen McKenzie, Joan W., Cindy Sprague, the Rt. Rev. William Smalley, Ada A., Tim, Molly Ferro, Jane G., Gloria C., Scott Smallwood, Joaquin and Jan, Quinn Sellars, Jane Arnold, Billy Jones, Gina B., Nadine Wilcox, Jane Ramshaw, Travis Stockstill, Virginia Burris, Ben Howell, Bruce Freeman, Rev. Mary Atwood, Randy Howard, Dinah, Jerry Gardner, Louise Fisher, Jane Ellison, Brett Evans, Esperanza, Rayanne, Michael Rappatoni, Michael Pugh, Ron Dammann, Kelly.

For the Departed:

All victims of gun violence, Stephanie, Rev. Bryan Jones, Ernestine Ygnacio-De Soto, Mary Weston, Jay and Kristen Ruskey, The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jane Gorbet, Cynthia Louise Callahan, Tara Finley, Wayne Broderick, Gladys Almo, Kathleen Dewey, Teresa Brinks, Kathy Ginsberg, Kathy Stuck, Jerry Abbott, Sylvia Salazar Simpson, Chuck.

In the Armed Services:

Michael C. Fish, David Dees, Frederick Johnston, Nicole A. Dennis, Kyle Ray, John Whitney, Sean Dunbar, Nicholas Hoegh Guldberg, Ryan Carey, Ben Wilson, Hannah Vadnais.

Postulants for Holy Orders:

Phylene Wiggins (diaconate, diocese of Los Angeles)
Gregory Canarroe (priesthood, diocese of New York)

Pastoral Care:

If you would like names added to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names will be removed after 90 days. If you would like to receive communion at home, are going into the hospital or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, please email office@trinitysb.org or call 805-965-7419.

Flower Dedication:

Today's flowers are given by Carolyn Roberts, in gratitude for grace for 50 years of living with MS.

Prelude Minuet in D Major, K. 355 — W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Rondo in D Major, K. 485

All who are able, please stand for the Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #416 — For the beauty of the earth

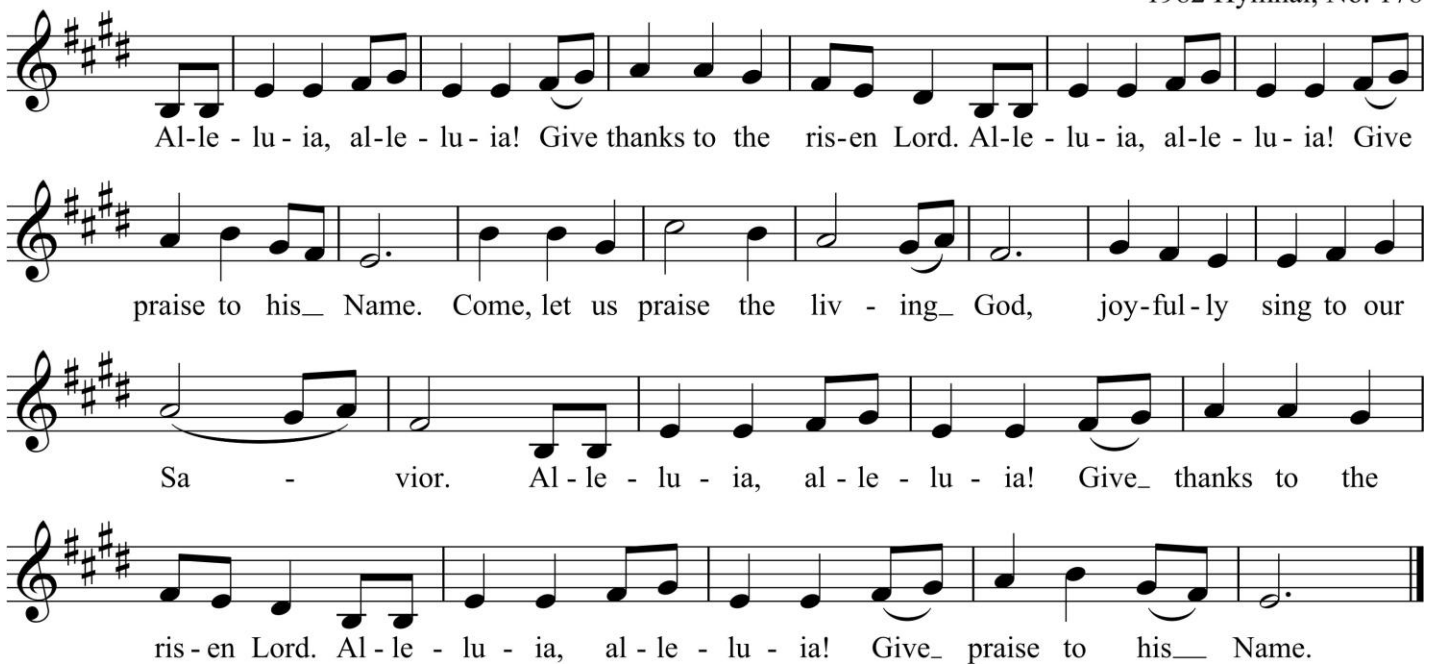
Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia; Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed; Alleluia!**

Hymn of Praise *All are invited to sing*

An excerpt from *Alleluia No. 1*
1982 Hymnal, No. 178



Collect of the Day — *Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship; your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who topples the dividing walls by the power of your Holy Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson **Acts 2:42-27**

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 God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23 *Sung by the choir* Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Lesson **1 Peter 2:22-25**

"Christ 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.

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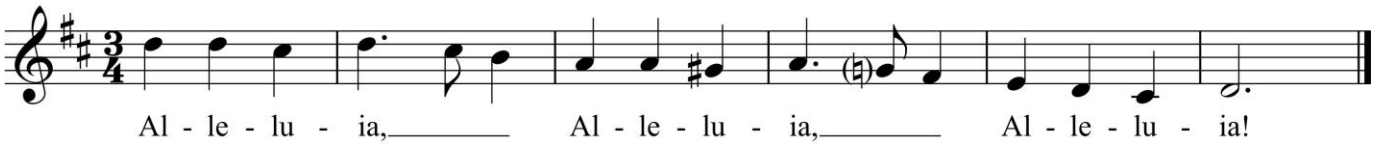
People **Thanks be to God**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Gelobt sei Gott
Melchior Vulpius (c.1570-1615)

REFRAIN: Cantor, then All



VERSE: Choir

"I am the Good Shepherd," says the Lord. "I know my sheep, and my own know me."
Alleluia, Alleluia.

REFRAIN: All

Holy Gospel — John 10:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, O 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon — The Rev. Sarah Thomas

[Allow for a few moments of silence]

All who are able, please stand.

Affirmation of Faith Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

We believe in God who made us all,
and whose divinity infuses life with the sacred.
We believe in the multiple revelations of God,
alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture,
found in all the wisdoms of the world.
We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who leads us to the fullness of humanity,
to what we are meant to become.
Through Christ, we become new people,
called beyond the consequences of our brokenness,
lifted to the fullness of life.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God on earth,
who keeps the Christ vision present to souls yet in darkness,
gives light to hearts now blind, infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated,
searching and confused.

We believe in God who is life. Amen.

Prayers of the People adapted from *Standing Commission of Liturgy and Music*

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For this world you have made; for the blessings of earth, wind, and water; and for our place in the vastness of the cosmos: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the community of all living creatures, for the wisdom and will to protect and preserve habitats and environments, and to stop polluting our air, earth, and oceans: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth, that all people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the great fifty days of Easter, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' way: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For pastors, teachers, and lay ministers, that they recognize the risen Christ in Word and Sacrament and lead your church with wisdom, humility, and courage: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may resist the corruption of sin and serve the common good: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge and hope, and that the church may offer true hospitality: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors, that we may live together in peace and share in resources: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our enemies, that they may receive good things, and that we, your servants, not return evil for evil: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in need, especially those on our parish prayer list, and others we now name aloud or silently in our hearts.

[Pause to offer names.]

God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

[Pause to offer names.]

God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect:

Gracious and loving God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of the Holy Spirit make us witnesses to the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Offertory

To make or pay your pledge, scan the QR code, on the right, with your smart phone, or visit trinitysb.org/giving. We also gratefully receive checks in the offertory plate or mailed to the Trinity office at 1500 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Please stay seated as the offering plates are passed, then stand, as you are able, as the ushers bring forward the offerings of bread, wine and money to the altar.

Offertory Anthem My Shepherd will supply my need Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

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,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
A 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.

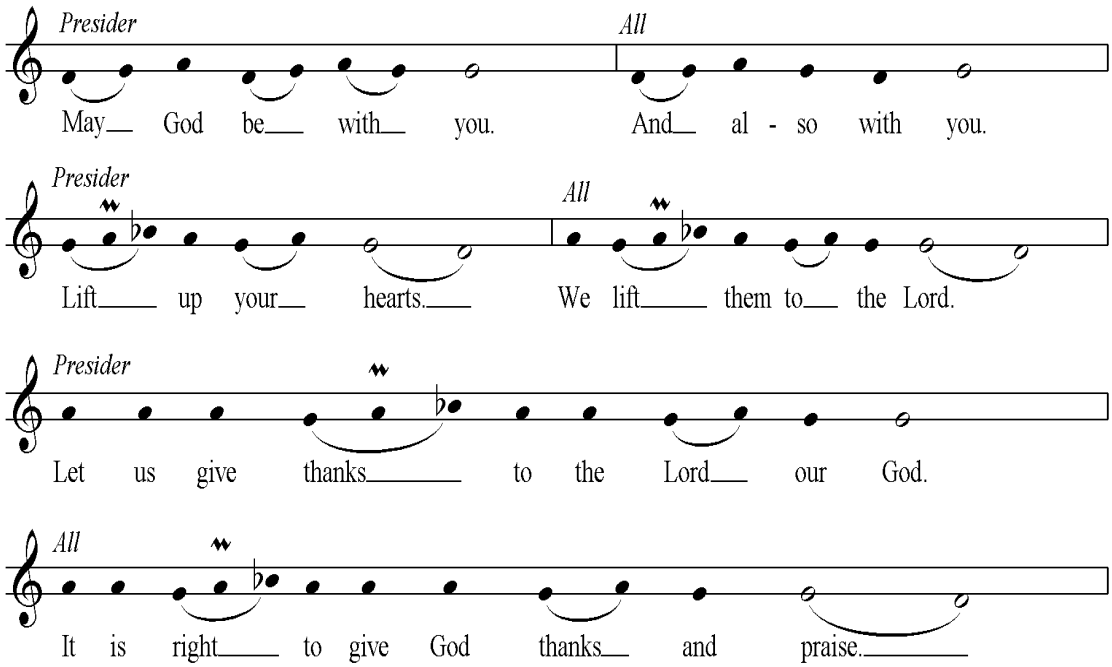
The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
(While others go and come),
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

~ Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Entrance of the Children into the Sanctuary

Offertory Hymn #343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

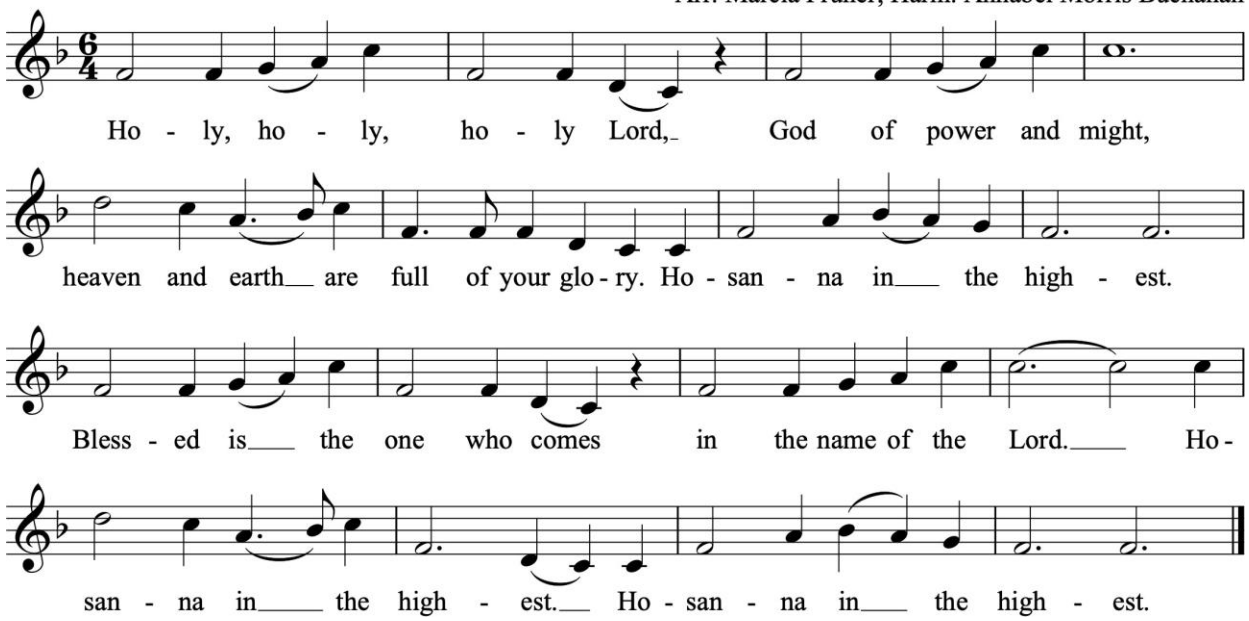
The Great Thanksgiving from Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher



Presider Thanks and praise fill our hearts, O God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery, to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Sanctus *All are invited to sing*

American Folk Melody: Land of Rest
Arr. Marcia Pruner; Harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan



Presider Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Presider Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fall, shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch. Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom. Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, ever one God. **AMEN.**

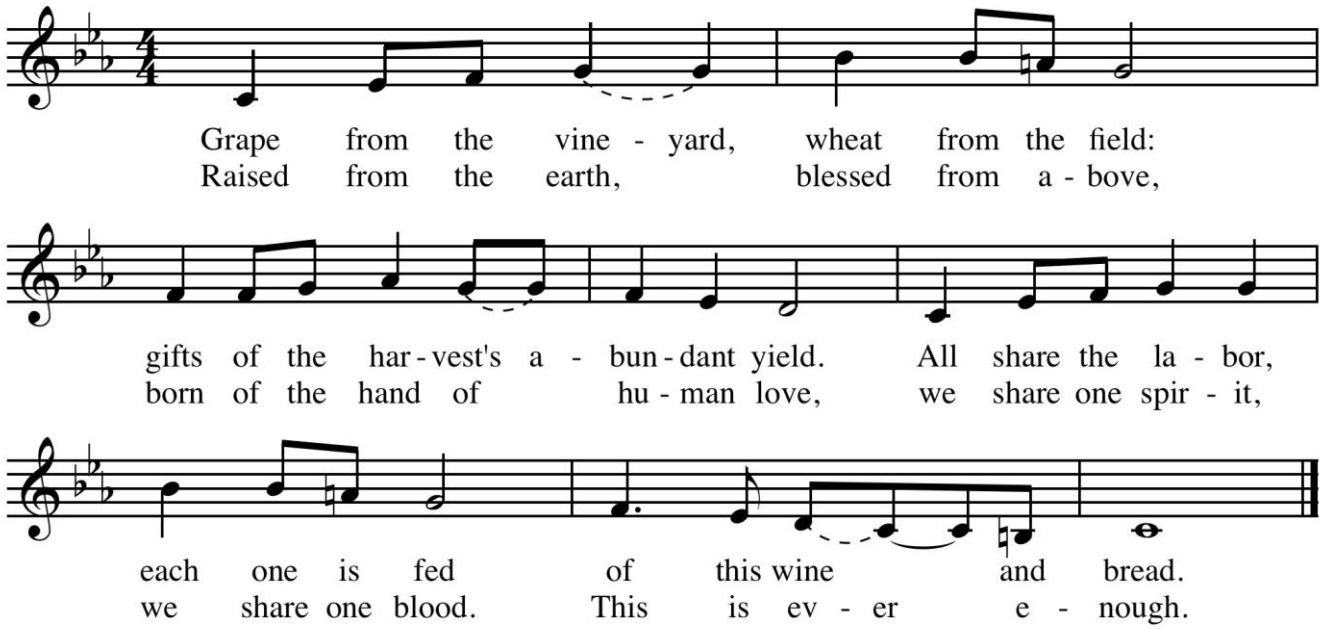
The Lord's Prayer

And now let us pray together, in the words Jesus gave his disciples:

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.

Fraction Anthem *All are invited to sing*

Douglas Clegg



The Invitation

Presider These are the gifts of God for you the holy and beloved people of God.

The Holy Communion

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table for communion. Please come forward to receive communion standing in a semi-circle around the altar. You have the option to receive only the bread, or the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and placed into your hand by the clergy person distributing communion. If you wish to receive only the bread, please say "bread only" as it's your turn to receive. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Regardless of whether you're receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, you will hear the phrases, "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven" and "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" as communion is offered to you. As the ushers invite your row forward, please come up the center aisle to receive communion, then return to your seat via the side aisle. If you're unable to leave the pew, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms across your chest; this will signal to the clergy to offer a blessing in lieu of communion.

Communion Anthem Earth Song Words and music by Frank Ticheli (b.1958)

Sing, Be, Live, See.
This dark stormy hour,
The wind, it stirs.
The scorched earth
cries out in vain:
O war and power,
You blind and blur,
The torn heart
cries out in pain.
But music and singing
Have been my refuge,
And music and singing
Shall be my light.
A light of song
Shining strong: Alleluia!
Through darkness, pain, and strife, I'll
Sing, Be, Live, See...
Peace.

All who area able, please stand.

Post Communion Prayer Janet Morley, Community of St. Hilda

Come now, disturbing spirit of our God, breathe on us and make us one with Christ. Open our graves, unbind our eyes, and claim us here; touch and heal all that has been buried in us, that we need not cling to our past, but may go forth with power to release resurrection in the world. Amen.

Commendation of Eucharistic Visitors

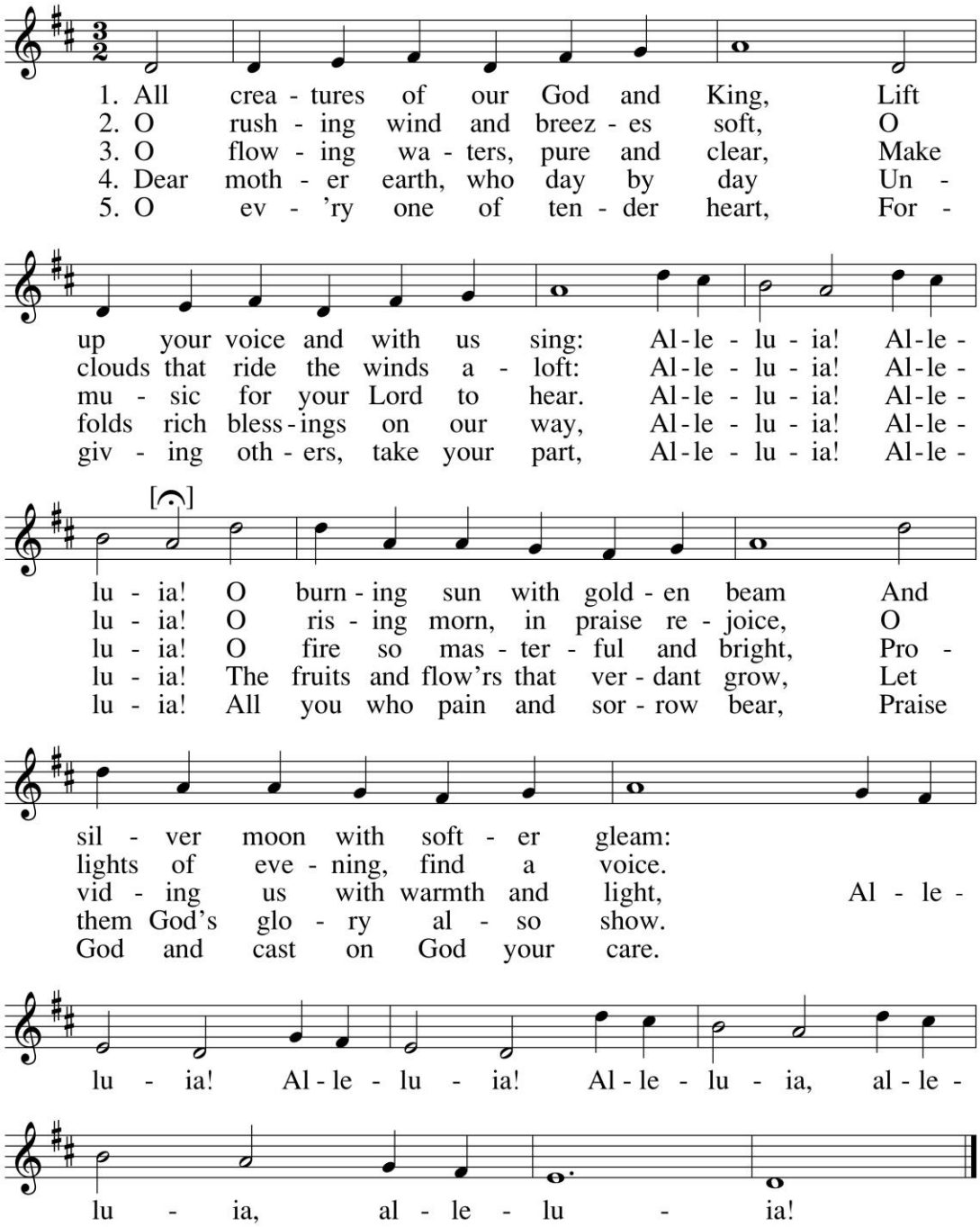
Presider Beloved community, we send our eucharistic visitors to share this Holy Communion with those who could not worship here today.

People **May they carry the prayers of all of us as they take this sacrament of the presence of Christ.**

The Blessing Adapted from the Rev. William Sloane Coffin

May God give us grace never to sell ourselves short;
grace to risk something big for something good;
and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth
and too small for anything but love.
And may the blessing of God
who made you, who loves you, and who travels with you
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn All creatures of our God and King



6. And you, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You lead to heav'n the child of God,
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: *Laudato si, mi Signor;* Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude Sonata No. 11 in A Major, K. 331 W. A. Mozart
III. Rondo alla Turca

Our fellowship continues—Join us for Coffee Hour on the labyrinth.

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please visit our website at ***trinitysb.org***

New to Trinity? *Please know you are welcome! Fill out the newcomer card in the pew rack or complete the online form using the QR code below so we can get to know you better!*

Episcopal 101

Explore the history, beliefs, and practices of the Episcopal Church

Classes will be led by the Revs. Elizabeth Molitors and Sarah Thomas

Sundays: May 17, 24, 31 and June 7 from 11:30am - 1pm

sign up online
or at the Welcome Table

Trinity Episcopal Church

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Spring Ministry Fair – Sunday, May 3, after both services
Discover all the different ways to learn, serve, and participate in the wide variety of Trinity ministries at the Ministry Fair on the Labyrinth after both services. Lay leaders from over 30 ministries and groups will have tables set up on the Labyrinth during both coffee hours, with information about how to get involved. Be sure to stop by!

Watershed Young Adult Dinner Church – Sunday, May 3, 5:30-7pm
If you are in the 18-30ish age range, you are warmly invited to join other young adults for dinner, discussion, and Eucharist around a common table. Contact: Theo Patterson cydirector@trinitysb.org

Compline with Story & Sound – Sunday, May 3, 7-8pm
Join us for an evening of meditative music and storytelling in the Trinity Sanctuary with incense, tea, blankets, and candlelight. Our storyteller will be parishioner, Eva Braunstein. Eva's story will be about mystical encounters with divine love.

Trinity Men's Group – Monday, May 4, 4-5pm
The Men's Group meets on the first Monday of each month in the Trinity library. After the meeting, anyone who finds it convenient is welcome to gather at Santa Barbara Public Market to share a meal.

Women's Group, *Women at the Well* – Saturday, May 16, 4-5:30pm (new time)
The Women at the Well meets monthly in the Youth Group room (enter from Micheltorena Street). An optional dinner at 6pm follows at The Natural Cafe on Hitchcock. Newcomers welcome!

Children and Youth Sunday – Sunday, May 17 at the 10am service
Children and Youth Sunday is a chance for our younger parishioners to shadow the various ministry roles of the church on a Sunday morning. Children in the church school and Youth Group are encouraged to choose a ministry role and shadow/serve on this Sunday. Contact Theo Patterson for more information, cydirector@trinitysb.org.

Supper Club with Vera Cruz Village – Thursday, May 21
On the 3rd Thursday of every month, Trinity provides, cooks, and shares a home-cooked meal at one of the local housing authority residences: Vera Cruz Village. There are openings for shoppers, cooks, and helpers. TO find more information and to sign up, visit Trinity's website under *Upcoming Events.*

Interfaith Book Group Discussion and Potluck – Friday, May 22, 6-8pm
Trinity's Interfaith Outreach Committee is partnering with the Islamic Society, to read and discuss "40 Rules of Love," by Elif Shafak. Books are available to purchase at Chaucer's or to borrow from Trinity's library. More information to follow. Contact: Eileen Read, eileenwhiteread@gmail.com.

Connect with us! Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter, Trinity Notes. Scan the QR code for current and past issues or visit Trinity's website at *trinitysb.org/trinity-notes*.

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Trinity's Ministry Fair

Sunday, May 3

Over 30 ministries and groups will be featured at the Spring Ministry Fair.

Adult Formation

Children and Youth

Hospitality

Justice and Outreach

Lay Pastoral Care

Welcome

Worship Ministries

Get Involved

Learn more about Trinity's ministries and explore opportunities to get involved.
Stop by the Labyrinth after both the 8am and 10am services.