



**The Fourth Sunday
of Easter
April 21, 2024
Welcome!**

Feel the love!

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Tony Hunt

**Welcome guests to our
Faith Community!**

Holy Trinity is a place where you can connect with people you can relate to and where you'll find lasting relationships. Worship Service is Sunday at 10:00 am.

THANK YOU FOR BEING QUIET BEFORE THE SERVICE SO PEOPLE CAN PRAY! Please turn off all electronic devices throughout the service out of respect for others and the liturgy!

Our Mission Statement

Holy Trinity is a diverse, multi-cultural, church unified in Holy Communion and grounded in the Gospel. We embrace all people as equally beloved children of God. We are committed to acting as the hands and feet of Jesus, expressing God's love in the world while lifting each other up in community.

Prelude

Bea Bastyr

Please stand as able.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

Hymn #645
vs 1, 2, 5, 6

Opening Acclamation

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 S 278

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our hearts to repent of attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by oppression and discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Fill us with courage that we might seek to forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

Reader A Reading from Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

(pause)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

- 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.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Reader A Reading from 1 John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

(pause)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn #708
Verse 1 Only

Please stand as able.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the

wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Sequence Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Hymn #708
Verse 2

The Sermon/Message

The Rev. Tony Hunt

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

**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 man.**

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

People stand as able.

Celebrant O God our Shepherd, you spread a table before us and reassure our hearts with your guiding care: Hear our prayers for all your people, as we say, the Lord is our shepherd; we shall not be in want.

Leader You know your own and your own know you, good Shepherd of the sheep: Guide your Church in gentleness and peace, that we may obey your commandment to love one another and live out that love in truth and action.

God is our shepherd;

we shall not be in want.

The rejected stone has become the cornerstone for the whole world's salvation, the power and name for all healing: Be present, O God, with our leaders and with all who exercise authority for the nations of the world, that they may guide us along right pathways for your Name's sake.

God is our shepherd;

we shall not be in want.

You have given your life for the protection of your people: Open our eyes to see our brothers' and sisters' need throughout the world, and then empower us to respond with generous help.

God is our shepherd;

we shall not be in want.

The Spirit that you have given us is alive in this community: Revive our souls that we may abide in Christ, lay down our lives for one another, and lie down in green pastures beside the still waters of fellowship and reconciliation.

God is our shepherd;

we shall not be in want.

Hear us as we bring the prayers of our hearts to you, O Gracious One.

We thank you that we abide in Christ and that Christ abides in us. Receive our prayers of gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Hear our prayers for those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death; grant that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. We remember especially Dick Nichols whose life will be celebrated this week.

God is our shepherd;

we shall not be in want.

Silence

Celebrant Reassure our hearts, O God, with the comfort of your guiding presence, that we may know that you are with us, and we will fear no evil. Strengthen us to join in the Spirit's work of leading all people into your divine abundant love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" Hymn #205

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Doxology

Please stand as able.

Celebrant and People

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

Hymn #380 vs 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea

when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus S 128

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

Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ :

Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **Amen.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
People **Christ is the bread of life. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem Hymn #155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

This is God's table and all are invited to receive communion. You may kneel or stand to receive the Holy Sacrament. If you cannot come to the front, we will bring Communion to you.

Communion Hymns

- "The Lord My God My Shepherd Is" Hymn #663
- "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Hymn #664

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Announcements

Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Announcements

The Final Blessing

Please stand as able.

God revives your soul and guides you along right pathways where goodness and mercy may follow you all the days of your life. **Amen.**

Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for you; knows you and loves you; follow him with confidence and trust. **Amen.**

You have been given the Spirit that you may abide in love. Dwell in that love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of our comforting God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and guide you, now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" Hymn #334

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Bea Bastyr

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Thank you to The Rev. Tony Hunt for leading us in worship today!

Please pray for these Trinitarians and their loved ones this week.

For ourselves, and for our families, and all those we love, especially for Broten, Olive, Gail, Sherry, Rosemary, Sheri, Doug, DuWayne, Don B., Ed, Vestry members, all the residents and staff of Guardian Angels, Guardian Angels Board of Directors, Open Doors for Youth, Feed My Starving Children, Meals on Wheels, and CAER Food Shelf.



***Celebration of Life
for Dick Nichols***



Services

Visitation

Thursday

April 25, 2024

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Dare's Funeral Home

805 Main St NW

Elk River, MN 55330

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Beloved in Christ,

This July will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the first women as priests in the Episcopal Church. Of the eleven women who were ordained in 1974, two years before it was officially authorized by the General Convention, two were from Minnesota: Jeannette Picard and Alla Bozarth-Campbell. Many, many other Minnesota Episcopalians, lay and ordained, worked, prayed, and fought to make it happen. That's a history in which I take enormous pride.

Fifty years later, it would be easy to lose sight of the fact that there was a time when it seemed almost unimaginable. The journey toward women's ordination required courage, resilience, savvy political organizing, and steadfast commitment in the face of opposition and challenge. But as much as any of that, it took great faith. Faith, as the scriptures remind us, is the "assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Our common life has now been shaped for the better by several generations of women in priestly orders because those early prophets could see what others could not, and they believed in the power of God to bring it into being, despite the odds and the evidence.

From the beginning of Genesis, all the way to this very moment, God is always in the business of reshaping God's people, expanding our horizons, bringing new people and new voices into the center, bringing into being that which we cannot see and can only hope for. We are built on the foundation of so many apostles, prophets, patriarchs, matriarchs, and unknown heroes who have had the courage and imagination to see what so many could not.

As we celebrate this critically important milestone in our history this year, what unimaginable, unseeable, crazy-sounding vision of justice, of vitality, of beloved community is God calling us to be prophets of in our own day? How can we, in this season when we celebrate the God who always does what is too good to be true, and too crazy to believe, live with the expectation that God will once again bring into being the unimaginable, for the sake of God's love being more fully done, on earth as it is in heaven?

Grace and Peace,

The Right Reverend Craig Loya

Bishop X

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