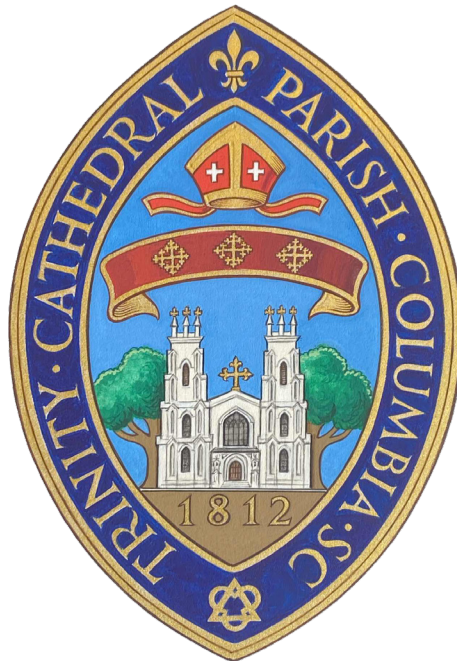


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:  
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

**MAY 21, 2023 - 4:00PM**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

## The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

So what? What difference does it make? Who cares?

Who cares if a first-century carpenter in some backwater province of the ancient Roman Empire ran afoul of the ruling authorities and got himself killed on a cross? What difference does it make that some Jewish preacher told a bunch of semi-literate fishermen and crooked tax collectors and blind, lame, maimed beggars and women of highly-suspect reputations that his death would unfold in precise fulfillment of a divine plan established from before the foundations of the world were laid? And if, as the great last act of his plan, this humble hero, this weak warrior, this meek Messiah told his gullible followers that he would rise again from the dead...so what is that to me and to you?

Let me be clear: if Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead then there is no more meaning to this day than a sugar rush from a basketful of jelly beans and a once-a-year consumption of mint jelly (which is, surely, more than enough for anybody). If Christ is not raised, we who gather in this Cathedral are fools—and worse. We are lost. We are separated from God our Creator and our Father. We are cut off from the everlasting promises given to Abraham. We are bereft of the sustaining and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost. We are dead in our sins. As another first-century Jew—a man called Saul of Tarsus, better known as Saint Paul the Apostle—says, if Christ is not raised, “we are of all men most miserable.”

“But,” Paul continues in his First Letter to the Corinthian Church, “now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” The firstfruits—of an abundant harvest! For if Death is the tyrant ruling over all humankind, if Sin is the sickness infecting every human heart, then Christ Jesus’ victory over those oppressors is great Good News for every human who has ever or will ever live.

If Jesus of Nazareth was who he said he was—is who he says he is—then nothing else in our universe, nothing else in our world, nothing else in our lives, nothing else in our hearts can ever be the same. If Jesus of Nazareth did what the Scriptures say he did—is doing what the Scriptures say he is doing—then this day is the turning point of all time and space. If Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead—is even now risen from the dead—then this day is the hinge on which all human history bends. This day is the starting point of a new Creation that will not at last go down to dust and decay and Death, but will instead be united with God in eternity.

Perhaps you are sitting in the pew right now listening to the Easter acclamation and wondering “So what? Who cares? What difference does it make?” I pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit you might see and know and believe and trust that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead—and that the life you live hereafter and the death you will one day die might be transformed by this truth. I pray that you will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord here at Trinity Cathedral, where all that we are and all that we do flows from the announcement that the tomb was found empty that first Easter morning. I pray that you will find the grace to say, with all your heart:

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Very Reverend Dane E. Boston, Dean of Trinity Cathedral

## CHORAL EVENSONG

The setting of the Preces & Responses is by Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

The setting of the Canticles is from *Collegium Regale* by Herbert Howells (1892-1982)

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### INTROIT

Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
Let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Words: Psalm 96.9  
Music: Evan Farr (b. 2000)

May he give you the desires of your heart  
and make all your plans succeed.  
May he make known to you the path in life  
and fill you with joy in his presence  
may He fill your heart with joy.  
You fill me with joy, with joy in your presence.  
You fill me with joy.  
May the Lord grant all your requests  
the light of his face will shine on you  
He shall fill your heart with joy.

Words: from Psalms 16 & 20  
Music: Lizzie Taylor (b. 1997)

*The people stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.*

Hymn 34 “Christ, mighty Savior”

*Innisfree Farm*

### THE INVITATORY *(sung by the Officiant and Choir)*

∇ O Lord, open thou our lips.  
℞ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
∇ O God, make speed to save us.  
℞ O Lord, make haste to help us.  
∇ 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.  
∇ Praise ye the Lord.  
℞ The Lord's Name be praised.

*The people sit.*

## THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 46

*Deus noster refugium*

God is our hope and strength \*  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved \*  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.  
Though the waters thereof rage and swell \*  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God \*  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.  
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed \*  
God shall help her, and that right early.  
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved \*  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.  
The Lord of hosts is with us \*  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord \*  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.  
He maketh wars to cease in all the world \*  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.  
Be still then, and know that I am God \*  
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.  
The Lord of hosts is with us \*  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Music: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 3.16-27

*The people stand.*

CANTICLE: *Magnificat - The Song of Mary*      The Book of Common Prayer, p. 65

*The people sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2.1-10

*The people stand.*

CANTICLE: *Te Deum*

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.  
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy:  
Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.  
The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor  
the Virgin's womb.  
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants  
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name,  
ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.  
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*said by all*)

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 66

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 PRAYERS** (*sung by the Officiant and Choir*)

∇ The Lord be with you.  
℞ And with thy spirit.  
∇ Let us pray.  
℞ Lord have mercy upon us;  
Christ have mercy upon us;  
Lord have mercy upon us.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*sung by all*)

BCP, p. 67

**THE SUFFRAGES**

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

**THE COLLECTS**

*The people sit.*

## THE ANTHEM

O God, make the door of this house wide enough  
to receive all who need human love and fellowship,  
narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.  
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to straying feet,  
but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.  
O God, make the door of this house the gateway of your eternal kingdom.  
You who have given us this heritage, grant us grace gratefully to receive it,  
wisely to use it, and faithfully to continue it,  
to your glory and our salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Jared Johnson (b. 1974)

*The people stand.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(said by all)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

∇ Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

℞ Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Officiant offers a concluding prayer, to which the people respond*

*Amen.*

Hymn 420 “When in our music God is glorified”

*Engelberg*

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Choir: The Cathedral Choir of Girls, and altos, tenors and basses of the Cathedral Singers

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