



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

### TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

*Seeking to serve God by reflecting the Light of Christ that shines within us  
to each other and the greater community.*

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RINGING OF BELL

*Angelus*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING MUSIC

*Hearken to the anthem glorious*

Hymnal 241

Celebrant: ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All Sit*

## FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

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

## PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

*In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
**deliver me in your righteousness.**

2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
**make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
**for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
**for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
**O LORD, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 2-10

A Reading from the First letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

All Stand

**SEQUENCE HYMN**      *When Stephen, full of power and grace*      Hymnal 243

**HOLY GOSPEL**      John 14:1-14

**Celebrant:**      Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:**      ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Celebrant:**      ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

**Celebrant:**      The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**      ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

All Sit

**HOMILY**      Fr. Raul

## 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 (FORM III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Pat, Jim, Lorraine, Laura, Bridget, Ed, Denis, Joanne, Russ, Adam, Sherry, Margie, Blaise, Lynette, Chris, Chuck, Debby, and Robert;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

We pray for all service members, including Adam, Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin and Matt, and canines that are serving in this country's armed services.

We lift up in thanksgiving Paralee & Philip Restivo who will celebrate their anniversary May 10, and Karen & Greg Roy who will celebrate their anniversary May 11.  
We give thanks for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles, Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and pray that he may be for all Christians an example of faithfulness, devotion, and service.

Praying especially for our brother Richard Pearson, we ask you to give to the departed eternal rest ☩;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Celebrant concludes:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**ALL:** *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 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 the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*On this day, the first of days*

Hymnal 47

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Celebrant continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name as we say,

***Celebrant and People:***

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***✠ Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*All kneel as the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose again for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.



When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all you share in this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The people may kneel*

Let us pray.

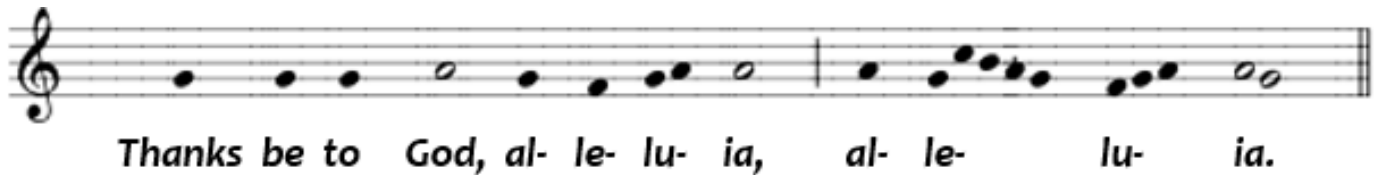
**Celebrant & People:** *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE PASCHAL BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!

**People:**



## CLOSING HYMN

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

Hymnal 495

# Announcements

- ☞ There will be a meeting **TODAY** following the 10 am service for anyone interested in assisting with the luncheon following **Fr Raul's installation on Saturday, June 10th**. The meeting will be in the fireplace room.
- ☞ Our **ANNUAL PARISH WORK DAY** will be **this Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, from 9am-12pm. Please join us in beautifying our parish grounds! *No experience or expertise necessary!*

## Compassionate Outreach

**St. Paul's Men's Shelter** - The 2023 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We still need volunteers for **June, July, August and November**. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

**North Porch - Mother's Day** - in keeping with a tradition that began many years ago, we will be celebrating Mothers' Day by supporting North Porch and the services they provide for young mothers in need of food and diapers for their young ones. North Porch is in constant need of Emfamil, diapers sizes 3, 5 & 6 and baby wipes. If you prefer to contribute monetarily, you can do so in the basket in the vestibule. Checks can be made to Trinity Church and earmarked for "North Porch".

We have a few beautiful handmade "I Spy" quilts that will be displayed in the vestibule, if you would like to purchase one. All proceeds will go to North Porch.

Thank You for your generosity in helping others!

## Community Thrift Shop

The shop continues to be open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00pm.

\* Donations are now accepted on Mondays ONLY from 9:00am to 12:00 noon! Only two white kitchen bags or two boxes each time, marked with #66.

\* Do not leave any donations outside the door as it will be thrown in the garbage!

Any questions, please contact Janet Zacco. Thank you.

## Trinity Discussion Group on Books about Racism & Social Justice

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The book is "The Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle" by Lillian Faderman. (Parts 1-5) For more information contact Jane at [jane.q.sheehan@gmail.com](mailto:jane.q.sheehan@gmail.com).