



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

# TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

*Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ.*

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## EPISCOPAL VISITATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST

RINGING OF BELL

*Regina Coeli*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

*God himself is with us*

Hymn 475

*Celebrant:* ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH** (Hymnal S202)

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high 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.

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.**

*All Sit*

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

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

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

## PSALM 4

*Dominus regit me*

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.***

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First letter of 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.

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

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

All Stand

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymn 343

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

V: Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

R: Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

**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.*

All Sit

**HOMILY**

**THE RT. REV. CARLYE J. HUGHES,**  
XI BISHOP OF NEWARK

All Stand

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***I do.***

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

***He descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.***

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***I will, with God's help.***

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***I will, with God's help.***

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***I will, with God's help.***

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
***I will, with God's help.***

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
***I will, with God's help.***

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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, Jim, Lorraine, Laura, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Blaise, Jana, Sherry, Margie, Chris, Russ, Ed, Claudia, Jackie, Greg, Nancy, Bob, Elena, Debby, Al, Michael and Charles;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

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

We lift up in thanksgiving Jonathan Fink who celebrates his birthday today, Robert Tengi who will celebrate his birthday April 23 and Gail & Brian Scanlan who will celebrate their anniversary April 25.

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

*Where charity and love prevail*

Hymn 581

*At the Bishop's request, the loose plate offering will be directed to the Alleluia Fund for Outreach, a diocesan-wide effort that supports ministries addressing food, shelter, education and international outreach. Grants are awarded annually to congregation-based or -affiliated programs – shelters welcoming, helping, and housing neighbors, food ministries striving to meet the ever-growing need, afterschool and summer programs educating and nurturing at-risk children, and international programs promoting health, fighting disease, and responding to disasters. For more information, please visit the diocese's website, [www.dioceseofnewark.org/alleluia](http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/alleluia).*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer D

**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 sing together:** (Hymnal S130)

***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.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***People & Celebrant:***      ***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. Then is said,

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

### AGNUS DEI (Hymnal S164)

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

☞ *All baptized Christians, regardless of their church affiliation, status, or standing, are invited to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood.*

☞ *Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is **not** our practice at this time: all are invited to either share in drinking from the Cup or to **revere** the Precious Blood by approaching the chalice and bowing their heads.*

☞ *If you do not wish or are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament, you are welcome and invited to participate, regardless of denomination or religion, by coming forward with your arms crossed over your chest in order to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing from the priest. You are always very welcome to inquire about receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The people may kneel

Let us pray.

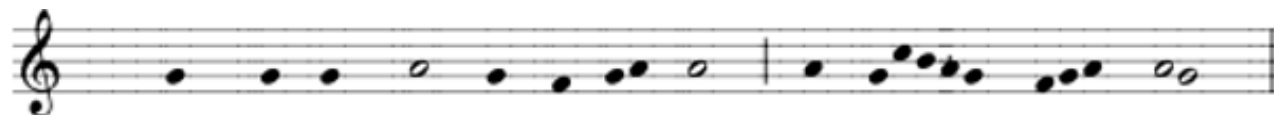
**Celebrant & People:** **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal 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:*



Thanks be to God, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus, our mighty Lord*

Hymn 478



## Announcements

### Compassionate Outreach

**St. Paul's Men's Shelter**- The 2024 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. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

**CFA** - In our efforts of continuing to support Center for Food Action (CFA), the Outreach Committee has decided to host different themes each month during the year. The theme for April is Personal Hygiene - soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, etc. As always, all donations are appreciated.

### Joyful Fellowship

**Coffee Hour** – May's Sign-up List is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. We will be having a special Mother's Day Brunch on May 12th! Starting with the June Sign-up List, we will start doing Lemonade and Cookies in the Narthex or outside the Church doors during the warm weather! Thanks in advance to all who participate. Anyone needing guidance for the first time or just a refresher, let me know. --Janet

### Community Thrift Shop

The Shop continues to be open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. They are now accepting Spring merchandise on Mondays only from 9:00 am to 12 noon. No more Winter items please! Donations should be made by placing items in a maximum of two white kitchen bags or two boxes, marked with Trinity's account #66.