

THE SECOND  
SUNDAY OF EASTER  
FINAL MASS WITH THE SECOND RECTOR  
FR. RAUL E. AUSA



Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026  
at three o'clock in the afternoon

TRINITY CHURCH

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

☞ Please join us in singing the hymns, which are sung prayers reflecting on the theological themes of the day and season, and can be found in the blue hymnal in your pew, ordered by the numbers listed in the bulletin below. Service music can be found in the music booklet in your pew.

**OPENING HYMN**      *I bind unto myself today (v. 1-4, 7)*      Hymn 370

INTROIT— *As newborn babes, alleluia, long for pure spiritual milk, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. O LORD, you search me and you know me. You yourself know my resting and my rising; you discern my thoughts from afar (Psalm 139).*

**Celebrant:**    ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Celebrant:**    There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People:**      *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

**Celebrant:**    One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People:**      *One God and Father of all.*

**GLORIA** – (*found in service music booklet*).

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Celebrant:**    The Lord be with you.

**People:**      *And also with you.*

**Celebrant:**    Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a,22-32

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 16

*Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
*I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."*
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
*upon those who are noble among the people.*
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
*shall have their troubles multiplied.*
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
*nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.*
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
*it is you who uphold my lot.*
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
*indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
*my heart teaches me, night after night.*
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
*because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
*my body also shall rest in hope.*
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
*nor let your holy one see the Pit.*
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
*in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand as are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

Hymn 7

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All may be seated.*

## HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. J. Brent Bates  
*Rector, Grace Church in Newark*

*All stand as are able.*

## 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.*

## THE CONCLUSION OF THE PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

**Rector:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year 2020, I was appointed by The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, Bishop of Newark, as Priest-in-Charge, and subsequently inducted as Rector, of Trinity Church. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, I have accepted a call to leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as Rector of Trinity Church ends this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 2026.

**Canon:** Do you, the people of Trinity Church, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

**People:** *We do.*

*Representatives of Trinity Church receive  
the Book of Common Prayer, Hymnal, Parish Seal, and keys to the church from the Former Rector.*

**Canon:** Let us pray for this Priest and this Parish as you prepare for a new season in your ministries and service to our Lord. Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all, and provider of grace to all who toil together in the hope of meaningful living: continue your saving work through your Spirit in our midst.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

Grant that our lives, and Raul's life in his new call, may continue to be instruments for serving the common good, with time for leisure, for new growth, and for service.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

Grant Raul, as he leaves the accomplishments and challenges of this congregation, a sense of gratitude for those who have shared this journey, at Trinity Church, in this community, the Church, and the world.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

Give him thankfulness for all who have supported his life's journey, especially his mother, Laura, as well as for all those who have shared in his spiritual journey, that he may continually use insights from his path to help others know and serve God.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

Grant him wisdom and understanding in his new ministry, that he may be blessed with a positive, hopeful perspective, so that future years may be valued and productive, in service to you.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

Give forgiveness to us and to Raul for all things done and left undone in our common life.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

Grant to the people of this congregation the vision to continue on God's journey, to fulfill the mission of the Church, that all people might know God and love each other through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

Grant to this congregational family the awareness of those who have gone before us, a thankfulness for their abiding faith, and a willingness to ever seek the kingdom of God, both in this place and beyond its walls.

**People:** *Give grace to your servants, O God.*

To you, O God, be the power and glory, now and forever.

**People:** *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*The Former Rector:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All may share with one another a sign of peace.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*During the offertory hymn, you are invited to bring forward your offering for the support of Christ's Holy Church and place it in the plate in front of the altar.*

*All stand as are able.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Fight the good fight*

Hymn 552

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Prayer B*

**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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

## SANCTUS (*found in service music booklet*).

*All kneel as the Celebrant continues,*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael the Archangel, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

## 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 Host, and, after a moment of silence, continues,*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us!

*People:*      *Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia!*

**AGNUS DEI** (*found in service music booklet*).

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.

**COMMUNION HYMN** O God, beyond all praising [Bulletin insert]

☞ *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.*

☞ *If you do not wish to 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.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people may kneel.*

Let us pray.

**Celebrant & People:** *Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Father Raul among us, and the presence of his family here, and in particular, for the ministry of his mother, Laura. Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*All stand as are able.*

## THE BLESSING

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways. **Amen.**

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. **Amen.**

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

## FINAL HYMN

*Lift every voice and sing*

Hymn 599

## REGINA CAELI

*Once the altar party arrives at the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, please join in praying the Regina Caeli, which can be found on the laminated card in your pew (1<sup>st</sup> stanza).*

## POSTLUDE

*Highland Cathedral, Michael Korb*

*After the closing hymn, our Director of Music will offer a musical voluntary for the congregation.*



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