



April 28, 2024
10:00 am

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**We are blessed that you
have joined us today.**

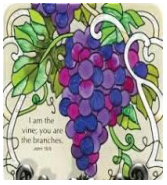
Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in

the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

WELCOME

*Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.*

~Please stand as you are able.~

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with
Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for the water,
let us bless God,

who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:

through the earth, through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the
flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the
waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water

and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy
people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe
away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 379 vs 1, 2 & 3

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!

**1 Now the green blade rises from the
buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has
lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has
been;**

love is come again like wheat arising
green.

**2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred
slain,
thinking that he would never wake
again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps
unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising
green.**

**3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen
grain,
he that for three days in the grave had
lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is
seen;
love is come again like wheat arising
green.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE W&P #122 v 1&2
Seek Ye First

**1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto
you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

**2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart
from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in
his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of
love and know the fullness of your joy, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~Please be seated.~

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official
who is returning to his African home after having been to
Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to
proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in
Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up
and go toward the south to the road that goes
down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a
wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went.
Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court
official of the Candace, queen of the
Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He
had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was
returning home; seated in his chariot, he was
reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit
said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join
it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him
reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you
understand what you are reading?" ³¹He
replied, "How can I, unless someone guides
me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit
beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture
that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may
I ask you, does the prophet say this, about
himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip
began to speak, and starting with this scripture,
he proclaimed to him the good news about
Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road,
they came to some water; and the eunuch
said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent
me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded
the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and
the eunuch, went down into the water, and
Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out
of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched
Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and
went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found
himself at Azotus, and as he was passing
through the region, he proclaimed the good

news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31

We will now read responsively from Psalm 22.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-21 NRSV

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one

another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able.~

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1-8 NRSV

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I

in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated.~

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able.~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #403 vs. 1, 2, 3

Like The Murmur Of The Dove’s Song

**Like The Murmur Of The Dove’s Song,
Like The Challenge Of Her Flight,
Like The Vigor Of The Wind’s Rush,
Like The New Flame’s Eager Might:**

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.
To The Members Of Christ’s Body,
To The Branches Of The Vine,
To The Church In Faith Assembled,
To Her Midst As Gift And Sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

**With The Healing Of Division,
With The Ceaseless Voice Of Prayer,
With The Power To Love And Witness,
With The Peace Beyond Compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,

**he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

*~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated.~*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.
A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters, we pray especially for the Atlantic Ocean, Long Island Sound, Jamaica Bay, Little Neck Bay, the East River, Harlem River, the Bayside Marina, and the Hudson River. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering especially, *Bob*

Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Anil Sharma, Ruth Nouza, Gina Sarro, Chip Hass, Paul Corell, John Roesch, Christina Donnellan, Joanne McPhillips, Francis McPhillips, Lorcan Nouza, Margaret Cienki, and Susan Henyan.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For those who who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this month: *Tyler Hanratty, Kelvin Persad & Yvonne Peroo, Courtney Ng, Ken Henyan, Tiffany Hanratty, Kyle Hanratty, Joe Innella, Ruth Campbell, Yvonne Peroo, Isabella Marbelli, Doris Breitenbach, and Janice Rajgopaul.* God of grace,

receive our prayer

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Renew our relationships, O God, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your own image. Free our world from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of siblings in Christ here, and around the world.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)

~Please be seated.~

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able.~

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 481

Come to the Table

**Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving

communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 484 v 1-4
Where Charity And Love Prevail

- 1 Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.**
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.**
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.**
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.**

~Please stand as you are able.~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #367 vs. 1 & 4
Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds

**1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
Christ has triumphed! Christ has
triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission? **Welcoming all to grow
in faith; living Christ's message of serving
and loving neighbors near and far.**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

***Thank you for worshipping
with us today. We are blessed by
your presence.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via
Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to
belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be
available on our interactive bulletin at:
holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting May 14th @ 7:30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third
Saturday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2 - 8 grades
and 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm for 9th grade and up.
Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice & Pastor
Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss
relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and
supporting each other. Meetings are on the third
Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are
welcome. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or
Denice Watkins.

STAIRLIFT FUNDRAISER

Help us lift you up! Our stairlift to the Sanctuary
was replaced this week! Our goal to cover the cost
is \$3,700.00. Thank you for helping make
HTLC more accessible. We've raised \$2,750!

VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user
friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall.
One hour for only \$10.

Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for
additional information.

KENTUCKY DERBY WATCH PARTY

Join us for our Kentucky Derby watch party on May
4th at 3:30pm. Tickets must be purchased in
advance by no later than April 27th. Tickets are
\$20/person or \$50/family of 4 (Includes entrance,
derby cocktail, dinner, and hat contest entry.)

CHURCH YARD SALE

We will have a church yard sale on May 11th from
10am-2pm. Reserve a spot for \$25 and a table for
\$5. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. This
is open to the community.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Mothers will be celebrated with a brunch on May
12th during the Coffee Hour. See signup sheet in
the narthex.

BINGO!

The HTLC Youth Group is holding a BINGO fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th from 1-4pm. There will be 3 games played for \$5 per game (includes 2 bingo cards). Raffles \$1 or 6 for \$5, Premium Raffles \$2. 50/50 Raffle. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Benefits their trip to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering

PINECREST REGISTRATION

Pinecrest registration for the 2024 session is now open!!! Camp will be August 4-10, 2024 for campers ages 15-26. Early Bird cost is \$450. (Holy Trinity provides a half scholarship for new campers). Sign up at

<https://www.pinecrestilm.org/pinecrest-2024>

Please reach out to Pastor Analyse if you have any questions. Pinecrest offers scholarships as well, the form for which can be found at the link above.

April Celebrations

2	Tyler Hanratty
4	Kelvin Persad & Yvonne Peroo
6	Courtney Ng
6	Ken Henyan
7	Tiffany Hanratty
10	Kyle Hanratty
11	Joe Innella
14	Ruth Campbell
20	Yvonne Peroo
21	Isabella Marbeli
22	Doris Breitenbach
30	Janice Rajgopaul

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