



April 7, 2024

10:00 am

2ND 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



The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit

on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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 this 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 & 3

Now the Green Blade Rises

**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.**

**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 #141

This is the Day

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

The first reading is from Acts, beginning at the fourth chapter.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

We will now read responsively Psalm 133.

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING 1 John 1:1-2:2 NRSV

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

The second reading is from first John beginning at the 1st chapter.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the

word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31 NRSV

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send

you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

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 #376

Thine is the Glory

**1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain

***Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!***

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

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.

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen.
As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to
us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that
our faith is renewed and we witness to your
love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen.
Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all
growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners,
arborists, and others who tend the soil and
nurture plants into life. We pray especially for
the people of Taiwan as they recover from
Wednesday's earthquake. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen.
Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and
other first responders to work for the well-being
of communities and the dignity of every person,
that no one may need to live in fear. God of
grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen.
Hear your people crying out for justice, for an
end to racism and other oppression, and for a
world where all are fed and safe. We pray for
all who cry out in suffering or pain *especially*
Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Anil Sharma,
Ruth Nouza, Rosetta Fiorella, Gina Sarro, Chip
Hass, Paul Corell, John Roesch and the family
of Kenny Budds. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you
listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians,
and other staff, administrators, and volunteers
who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship.
Open our hearts to discern where God calls
each of us to serve. 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.

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of
those who now rest in you. Grant us your
peace amid our fears. 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 764

Have No Fear, Little Flock

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!**

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!
~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 #548 vs. 1-3

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

- 1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia;
God, the wonder of our days.**
- 2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.**

Alleluia, alleluia;
Christ, our present, past, and goal.

- 3 Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Stranger in the Lifeboat.” Any questions
contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

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: holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting April 9 @ 7:30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and
third Saturday's from beginning at 6:30 pm.
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. Next meeting:
March 20th. Topic: Mitch Albom's book "The

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.pinecrestllm.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.

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 \$2,700.00 so far!

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.

April Celebrations

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| 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 |
| 27 | John Angrisano |
| 30 | Janice Rajgopaul |

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