

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27 2025 10:00 am

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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



In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it

is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

WELCOME

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.

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in

~Please stand as you are able~

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 361 vs 1, 2 & 4 The Day Of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
- 4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
 Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

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 130 Spirit Song 1x

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

The first reading is from Acts beginning at the fifth chapter.

²⁷ When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him. "Word of God word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

We will now read the responsively from Psalm 118

- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
 - 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- ²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
 - ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Hosanna! O Lord, save us!
 We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD:

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

- ²⁷ The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.
 - ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8 NRSV

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

The second reading is from Revelation beginning at the first chapter.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12 NRSV

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

The Holy Gospel according to Luke beginning at the 24 chapter. 19 Glory to you, O Lord. 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." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ 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."

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

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 ELW 364 vs. 1 & 3 Christ Has Risen Alleluia

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
 Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
 For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the graveclothes are lying there." Refrain

~Please stand as you are able~

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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way especially Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Peter Stiefel, Gladys Simpson, those affected by the wild fire in New Jersey and for the Catholic Church on the death of Pope Francis. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of celebration, we pray for those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this month: Tyler Hanratty, Kelvin Persad & Yvonne Peroo, Courtney Ng, Ken Henyan, Tiffany Hanratty, Kyle Hanratty, Rebecca Salbu, Joe Innella, Bill Hughes, Ruth Campbell, Yvonne Peroo, Isabella Marbeli, and Janice Rajgopaul.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! And also with you!

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

~Please be seated~

OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 660 vs 1 &3 Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One.

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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 (Sung)

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 742 vs 1-3 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged-take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

~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.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign,

∃ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 733 vs 1 & 2 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful bouquets on our altar are placed there in honor of the 65th birthday of Pauline Loomis-Wagner.

by Ruth Loomis

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: May 13 @ 7:30 pm.

HOLY TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL

Holy Trinity turns 100 in 2026! If you would like to be on a sub-committee to plan celebrations throughout the year, please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. The next Centennial Meeting is May 6, 2025.

CHURCH MERCHANDISE

We have **NEW MERCHANDISE** in our webstore! As a certified non-profit Holy Trinity receives money back for every item purchased. Purchase Holy Trinity shirts, hats, mugs etc. by visiting

https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinity-

lutheran-church-merch/

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will begin a four-week book discussion in May. Join us on Monday evenings,

May 5–26, in person at 10:00am and at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we delve into *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde. Each night we'll also end with a short service of compline (night prayer) following our discussion, wrapping up by 8:30. The book is available in hard copy and digital formats on Amazon. Prices vary.

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CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo + May 3rd at 6:30pm. See sign up sheet in the narthex.

PINECREST REGISTRATION

Pinecrest registration for the 2025 session is now open!!! Camp will be August 3-9, 2025 for campers ages 15-26. Pricing is tiered between \$500 and \$580. (Holy Trinity provides a half scholarship for new campers). Sign up at

https://www.pinecrestIlm.org/pinecrest-2025

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.

VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2nd – 8th 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, Joe, & Pastor Analyse with Altar 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All positions available. Learn a new skill. The video camera is really user friendly. See Pastor Analyse 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.

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex has some new foliage! Help us replace needed equipment in our kitchen!

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

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

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