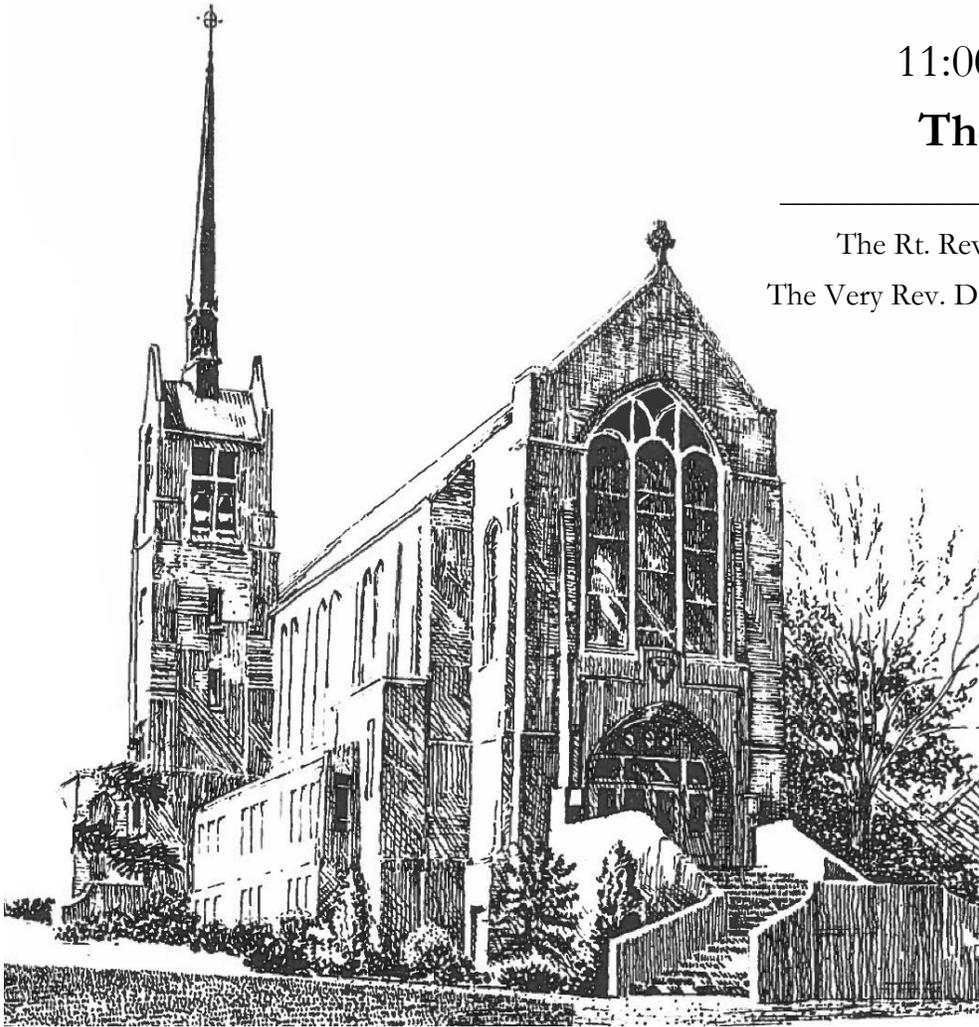


Sunday, May 2, 2021

11:00 AM Service of the Word

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Rt. Rev. James E. Waggoner, Assisting Bishop
The Very Rev. Dr. William L. Stomski, Dean and Rector



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Our Mission is to welcome all people to know and live as Christ in the world.

Welcome, we are delighted you have found Trinity. The Cathedral is currently closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and for renovation. However, we invite you to view services online through our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

On behalf of all the people of Trinity we are glad that God has led you to worship with us today virtually. We look forward to getting to know you, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

Please feel free to leave us a message.

We hope you will visit again soon!

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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude:

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Hymnal 513

Opening Acclamations:

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Officiant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Collect

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray ... Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People: **Amen.**

(We sit for the Scripture Readings.)

The First Lesson: *A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles*

Acts 8:26-40

Lector: An 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.) So 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now 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.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When 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. But 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson: *A Reading from the First Letter of John*

1 John 4:7-21

Lector: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So 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. Love 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. There 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. We love because he first loved us. Those 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ According to John

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

Priest: Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide 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. I 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ruth Hanusa

The Nicene Creed

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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.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering In lieu of in-person worship, online giving is available on our website or checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 2246, Reno, NV 89505-1815.

The Prayers of the People *(Please stand, or sit as you are comfortable)*

Leader: Jesus, Light of the world, bring the light and peace of your Gospel to the nations. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We pray for Joe, our President; Steve, our Governor; and Hillary and Ed, our Mayors.

Jesus, Lord of Life,

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader: Jesus, Bread of Life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your Word. We pray for our outreach programs and the work of our church, the Bishop Search Committee, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion.

Jesus, Lord of Life,

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader: Jesus, our Way, our Truth, our Life, be with us and all who follow you in the Way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth, and fill us with your life. We especially pray for those having birthdays and anniversaries.

Jesus, Lord of Life,

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray for those devastated by the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and for those who request our prayers for healing (in the silence of our heart or out loud). *A period of silence is observed.*

Jesus, Lord of Life,

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader: *(Prayer for our Diocesan Bishop Search)* Gracious God, our nurturing and guiding parent, we thank you for our Church and for our family of Churches in our diocese. We ask for your wisdom and direction as we seek a new Bishop for your family. We ask for your guidance especially for the members of our Standing Committee, Search Committee and Transition Committee as they plan, prepare and search for a faithful servant who will lead and support us in our ministries. Bless the servant you will bring to us and give them clear direction in their discernment.

Jesus, Lord of Life,

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader: Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. We pray for those who have died, especially our loved ones. (silence). Jesus, Lord of Life,

***People:* in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: And now as our Savior has taught us we are bold to pray ... **"Our Father, who art ..."**

The Blessing

Officiant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

***People:* Amen.**

Officiant: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin to newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

***People:* Amen.**

Officiant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Hymnal 490

Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

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Participants in Today's Worship

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Dr. William Stomski, Rector and Dean

Preacher: The Rev. Ruth Hanusa, Canon for Parish Life

Musician: Dr. Gary Gordon, Director of Music and Organist

Prayer Minister: The Rev. Ruth Hanusa, Canon for Parish Life

Lectors: David Bennum and Betsy Bethke

Next week's readings: Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17; Psalm 98

Prayers for the Week of May 2

Members and their family members serving on the Front Line of the coronavirus pandemic: Jeannie Arps, Patient Care, Saint Mary's Hospital; Marilyn Arps, RN, Eugene, OR; Dr. Rich Charlat, Psychiatrist, Renown Medical; Elizabeth Charlat, LCSW, Saint Mary's Home Health Care; Dr. Eloy Ituarte, Washoe County Jail; Dr. Catherine Ituarte, Boston Hospital, MA.; Dr. Adam Stiles, ER Salt Lake City; Dr. Eric Stiles, Nashville, TN; Ashley Lemon-Stiles, RN, Nashville, TN; Dr. Julie Widdison, ER; Gretchen Wolfe, Homecare RN; Nick Zuccarini, Firefighter/Paramedic, Truckee Meadows; Tera Zuccarini, NP, Renown Medical.

Healings for the Trinity Parish Family: Michael Patterson, Joy Hamilton, Ruth Frazier, Nancy Fitzgerald, Nancy Richards, and Vonnie Kirk.

Healing for Family & Friends: Kitty Walsh (*J. Arps*), Jan Jones (*Marilyn Melrose*), Jake, Sarah and baby Tempa (*J. Martinson*), and Bunny Blood (*R. Andrade*), Dustin and Veronica (*D. Zalmana*), Karen Rehne (*L. Campbell*), and Dave Bias (*L. Campbell*).

Additional prayers are made for friends and neighbors (*not named here but submitted to the Prayer Chain for daily prayer*).

Rest of the Soul: Greg Roush.

(Please Note: Names on "The Healing for Friends & Family" list rotate out on a monthly basis, except for those for whom healing prayers are still requested. Please notify the office to submit, remove, or retain names.)

USA Military on Active Duty: Christian, David, Danny, Harry, Matthew, and Joe.

Other Prayer Concerns: Individuals and communities impacted by the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, especially the elders of Navajoland and the Paiute Nation of Lake Pyramid; healing for this country from the consequences of the attack on the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., as well as racial prejudice and injustice; for

the police forces of every state and county. For the COVID-19 pandemic vaccination programs, and for hospitals and staff needing to make difficult decisions.

Prayers for our Cathedral Vestry and Staff and Cathedral Chapter:

Vestry: Jeannie Arps, Howard Bennett, Terry Cain (*Junior Warden*), Lindsay Campbell (*Assisting Treasurer*), Clea Dillard (*Secretary*), Kait Flocchini (*Legal Counsel & Clerk*), Gary Fuller, Brandon Harjer, Carolyn Hoffmann, Eloy Ituarte, Jim Lamb (*Senior Warden*), John Lilley, David Morgan (*Treasurer*), and Margaret Zuccarini.

Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. William Stomski, *Cathedral Dean & Rector*; The Rev. Ruth Hanusa, *Canon for Parish Life*; The Rev. Patsy Pumphrey, *Deacon*; The Rev. Dr. Julius Rogina, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. John Shoaf, *Associate Priest*; Dr. Gary Gordon, *Director of Music and Organist*; Judy Landis, *Christian Education Director and EYC Leader*; Molly Hogan Vatinel, *Cathedral Administrator*.

Cathedral Chapter: The Most Rev. James Waggoner, *Bishop*; The Very Rev. Dr. William Stomski, *Dean*; Members: Tia Mittlestadt (2020), Robert Andrade (2020), Michael Patterson (2020), Jennifer O'Brien (2018), Howard Bennett (2018), Pamela Ertel (2018), Lynne Charlat (2019).



Protocols and Procedures for Worshipers **Re-opening Guidelines**

With re-opening for in-person worship, there are very specific protocols and procedures that worshippers will need to follow. Consistent with our Diocese, Region 8 Bishops, and the Episcopal Church as a whole, we are being quite conservative, erring on the side of safety as we begin. This of course can be loosened as the community shows diminishing cases of Covid and the state and county medical guidelines mandate as such.

Specific protocols are as follows:

- ◆ We will plan for 40 fully vaccinated worshippers with one Sunday service at 11:00 AM.
- ◆ Reservations are to be made on a first come, first serve basis with a phone call to the cathedral office Tuesday through Thursday (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) prior to the Sunday service.
- ◆ Attendees will be asked to verify contact information, give names of others who may be joining you as well as their contact information.
- ◆ With your first reservation you will be asked for the dates of your vaccinations. (Verification of the dates would be helpful.)
- ◆ A mask must be worn at all times while on the cathedral campus, except when consuming the Communion host.
- ◆ Ushers will seat and dismiss you. Communion will be brought to you at your seat by the serving priest or celebrant.
- ◆ An offering basket will be at the front of the back aisle – a collection cannot be passed.
- ◆ Bulletins will be on your seat, and when dismissed, if not taking it home, you may place it into the recycle basket near the exit.
- ◆ Remaining inside for socializing cannot occur at present.
- ◆ **Most important:** worship attendees are asked to commit to report to the cathedral office, within a 14-day period, if experiencing illness or symptoms of the coronavirus after having attended worship.

When coming to worship, you will arrive wearing a mask, and will be checked at the door to insure your reservation. An usher will lead you inside to be seated. We will seat people to the front first and move to the back. At the close of worship, ushers will dismiss you by working from the back first and moving to the front. Moving around the space and physically socializing cannot occur while in the space. We will not be singing; we will utilize non-wind instrumental music only. Communion happens with one specie only; a Communion host that will be dropped into your cupped hands. We will not be able to handle “walk-ins” at this time.

Reservations for Sunday, May 16 Worship begin on Tuesday, May 11 at 10:00 AM.

We will live stream our 11:00 AM Service each Sunday through our website with the YouTube platform, and it will be posted to Facebook later that day.