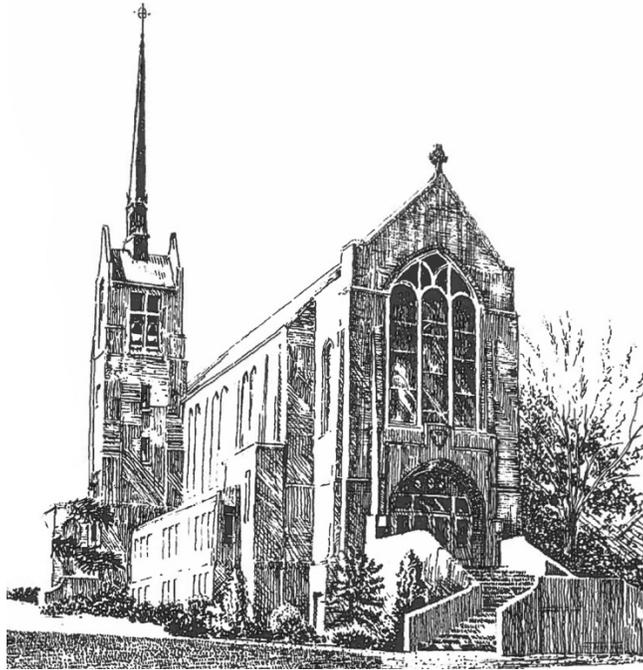


Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Reno, Nevada



Eastertide Service of the Word Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 12:10 p.m.

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The Opening Acclamation

Officiant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Source of all true joy, brightness of the season of our celebration: bless us now with a vision of our risen Savior, this luminous center of peace that passes understanding; this gift that the world can neither give nor take away. Make now of our liturgy an act of praise and thanksgiving that reflects back to you the boundless love delivered to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.*

People: **Amen.**

Anthem: St. Cecilia Choir

Adoramus te Christe

Music of Taizé

Psalm 8 (read responsively at the half-verse)

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
¹⁶ but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.
¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;
²⁰ he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.
²¹ Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
²² The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Anthem: St. Cecilia Choir

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Reading: Lector

Acts 5:27-33

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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

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

Gospel

John 3:31-36

³¹ The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. ³³ Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. ³⁴ For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Homily

The Rev. John Shoaf, Associate Priest

Collects

Officiant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Anthem: St. Cecilia Choir *Alleluia! Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* Hymnal 178

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Blessing

Officiant: The Peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Participants

Officiant: The Rev. John Shoaf, Associate Priest

Musicians: Dr. Gary Gordon, Director of Music & Organist
Members of the St. Cecilia Choir

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**The author of the second prayer is Don C. Skinner. It was slightly adapted from his book
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