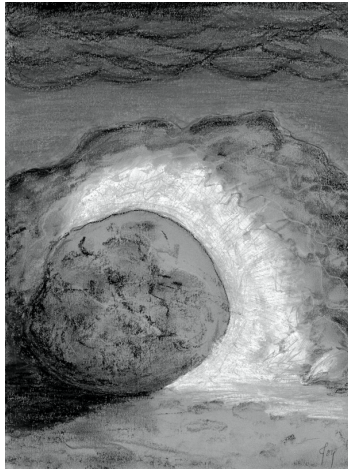


Second Sunday of Easter (virtual worship)

April 19, 2020

Order of Worship



Welcome to this new way of gathering together! While we cannot be physically present with one another, we know that as we gather in God's name, Christ is truly present.

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756/>) It will later be posted on our YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber) and our website <http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/>.

You may join us live (and comment below the feed to let us know you're there) or worship at whatever time works best for you. Invite others to join us as well!

Listed here is the Order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns picked by Franklyn that you may either listen to now or later. We will sing (at least) the first verse of each hymn which are printed in the order of worship if you would like to sing along.

Congregational responses are in bold, which I will still read, but invite you to read aloud wherever you may be worshipping. Though I cannot hear you, we know that we are speaking together from where we all are for God's ears and attention.

At the end of this document, you will find additional links for other service opportunities and brief announcements.

Setting up: Light a **candle** (or more), set out **your Bible** and/or a **cross**. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin. Decorate with **flowers, butterflies and other decorations** for this day of celebration. If you have musical instruments (or even pots & pans) to play during the songs, please use them.

Offering: *You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

Introduction: Jesus tells the disciples they will be witnesses to the good news of new life and assures them that they won't do it alone. the Holv Spirit will be with them!

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are waiting for your presence, God--patient,
like a lover sitting by the telephone

waiting for the voice of their beloved;

attentive as a farmer watching clouds for rain

waiting for the parched soil's relief;

intent as a child standing by the road

waiting for the parade to appear;

empty as a satellite dish scanning the heavens

waiting for a message from the stars;

poised as the still arms of a windmill

waiting for the wind's inspiration;

open as the wide sand beach

waiting for the tide's embrace.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW 389 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-M3cuTAIno>

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of action, **you sent your disciples into the world to witness to the new life that you offer for all. You promised them the Holy Spirit to strengthen them for the journey. Open our hearts to feel the presence of your Spirit giving us strength as we continue to witness to your love and grace in the world. Amen.**

+ WORD +

Reading: Acts 1: 1-14

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - iah. Hal - le. hal - le. hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396 <https://youtu.be/UTbQiUVdVMQ>

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

(Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation"); Text: Copyright © 2020 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.)

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE OF THE LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling or sending a message later to someone)

Offering *(You are invited to listen to this song as our "anthem" for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

Anthem: "Our God, There Is None Like You" Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01Yj7H-eSjM>

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

Our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Fill us with your Spirit for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We may not be able to touch each other during the peace, but we are still called to bring the peace of Christ to the world.

We may not share a common cup, but we are filled to the brim with the Spirit of God.

We may not be gathered in the same place for worship, but we will pray and praise God wherever we are and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes
when, with your saints, I may praise you forever.
Amen.**

May we find deeper and deeper meaning in becoming the Body of Christ during this extraordinary time.

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**

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

The assembly stands

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

