

The Sixth Sunday in Easter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
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Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.

# Prelude, Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, BWV 678 (These are the holy Ten Commandments)

J. S. BACH

#### At the Procession, O Love of God, How Strong and True

VERNON GRIFFITHS

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above; we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

## ∞ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## ∞ Collect for Purity

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. **Amen.** 

#### ∞ Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Iesus Christ. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## ∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

## The Lessons

## ∞ First Reading: AcTs 10:44-48

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader People The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Silence may follow.

## ∞ The Gradual, Cantate Domino

G. O PITONI (Ps. 149:1-2)

Sing to the Lord a new song: let his praise be in the church of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

## ∞ Second Reading:

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First letter of John.

Person who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

#### ∞ The Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I have chosen you from the world, that you might go and bear fruit, and your fruit should last. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

∞ The Gospel: John 15:9-17

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

esus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND GARY TAYLOR

## ∞ The Creed

All stand.

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.

## ∞ The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

#### ∞ The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## The Holy Communion

## ∞ Offertory, If Ye Love Me

THOMAS TALLIS

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the spirit of truth;

## ∞ The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### ∞ Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are invited to remain standing during the great fifty days of Easter.

#### The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is

my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

## ∞ The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

#### ∞ Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### ∞ Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion, Green Songbook 55, 37

∞ Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ∞ The Blessing

### ∞ The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Announcements and Events

## **Sunday at Trinity**

**Faith and Fiction** meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Check member emails or contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

**12 Steps Are for Everyone** meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

### The Season of Easter

**Stations of the Resurrection -** The Stations of the Resurrection brought forth such rich artistic talent and inclusion we are calling to all artists in our Trinity community to come forth and make yourselves known.....we are a coterie of faith and love ...and need you and the gift of your own unique talents which can be used together to glorify God through your artistry! So let your light shine and contact Tim Trapolin timothytrapolin@gmail.com or Maria Elliott melliott@trinitynola.com so you can be a part of the TRINITY ARTISTS GROUP.

**Communion Update** - You are welcome to receive Communion in one of two ways. Please walk down the interior aisle nearest to you, keeping distance from others in line. Pause at the front pew to receive hand sanitizer. Proceed to stand in front of the altar rail (please do not kneel) to receive the wafer in your hands. Return to your pew by the exterior aisle. OR For those who wish to continue to receive the host in an individual paper cup, proceed to the low altar with the tray of Communion. Take your wafer and cup to the end of the altar rail. Remove your mask to consume and leave the paper cup in the basket for collection.

Class of 2021 Seniors Recognition on May 23 - Congratulations to all graduating seniors in the class of 2021. You are in our prayers! On Sunday, May 23, all graduating seniors will be recognized. Please email Mother Jane-Allison at jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com with your senior's Name, High School, and College/Career Plans to be included in the bulletin---information must be submitted by May 17. Receive a gift and our prayers of support on May 23 at the 10:30 AM service.

**Transition to Transformation: A Women's Journey -** This has been a year of transition to say the least. Some of us have spent the last year reexamining our current vocation and wondering if there is something else we are meant to do with our lives. Some of us have a new perspective of what's really important when it comes to work, life, family, health, and spirituality. Some of us are "aging out" of young motherhood and aren't sure where to go next or what we are even qualified to do. And some of us have a deep, inner-knowing that there is more waiting for us but we aren't sure what it is or how to get there.

During this upcoming season of Easter, a season of resurrection and transformation, let's explore together the things that give us new life, new energy, and hope for our future as women. All women of Trinity Church (and all women) are invited to participate in a 5-week journey of self-discovery.

NEIGHBOR - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

If we are to love our neighbors we must first love ourselves. We will use the past four sessions to get grounded and connected to who we are and then return the blessings that we discover to women who are less privileged. More information to come.

**Easter Musical Offerings / Evening Prayer** - Beginning on April 7, Trinity will host Musical Offerings during weekly Evening Prayer at 6pm. Building on the popularity of our Lenten Musical Offerings, the Easter series will kick off with Anais St. John & Harry Mayonne, and include Ivan Griffin, baritone, Paul Weber, organ, Steve Walch & Alana Guarino, jazz bass and flute, and more. Join us each Wednesday for a performance by the best musicians in New Orleans.

## **Formation Opportunities**

**Daily Meditation** - Trinity sends out a Daily Meditation by email in which writers from our parish are invited to reflect on either scripture from the Daily Lectionary or another source that has inspired their faith. It is a way of sharing spiritual insights; individual voices offering bits of their personal spiritual story to contribute to our shared story as a diverse worshiping community. If you wish to contribute to the writing, or if you are not receiving these Daily Meditations and wish to do so, kindly contact Maria Elliott. melliott@trinitynola.com

**The Spiritual Seekers Discussion group** - Join together to explore questions of faith informed by short readings from recent theologians, The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 16 at 7:00pm via Zoom. This will be the last meeting before summer break. Contact: praabe@tulane.edu

## Funeral Arrangements for the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, III

The funeral service for the Rt. Reverend Charles E. Jenkins, III will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Church of West Feliciana in St. Francisville. Due to social distancing protocols, capacity is limited. Please contact the Grace Church office at 225-635-4065 to request seat(s) for the service. The office is open between 8:30 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that those attending will be required to wear a mask, maintain social distance, and follow all other COVID guidelines as recommended by the CDC, local government officials, and the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

## Stewardship at Trinity Church

We are immensely grateful for all the pledges of support received to date. Please be sure to submit your 2021 pledge as soon as possible so that we may include it in the budget planning process. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today at <a href="https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/">https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/</a>. Please contact Raina O'Neil, Director of Stewardship with any questions about pledging. (504) 670-2537 or roneil@trinitynola.com.

## **GiveNOLA Day**

Thank you for all who participated in GiveNOLA Day 2021. We are so grateful for the kindness, loyalty, and generosity felt throughout our community! Thank you to the Greater New Orleans Foundation for once again hosting this effort. The final tally will be reported shortly.

## Rummage Drop Off

Your continued donations of clean clothes, toys, household and holiday items to Trinity Rummage are very much appreciated! We sort and price for the next sale which we hope will be in October. Thank you for trying to bring your items on Tuesday and Friday between 11 AM and 1 PM. The tax deduction forms are available at the front desk. We very much appreciate your donations as they go to support our WOTC and community outreach. Thank you!

## **Trinity Treasures**

MOTHER'S DAY IS HERE! Trinity Treasures has got you covered. A new shipment of Seda France candles just arrived. These are no doubt your mom's favorite (they are ours)! Shipping or pickup available for online orders or shop in person Monday-Friday 8:30-3:30pm and Sunday before and after the 10:30 service.

Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.