



Second Sunday of Easter

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.
Amen.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** #373
Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

* **THE EASTER GREETING**

P: Alleluia, Christ is Risen
C: Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!
P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:
Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the
hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in
you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed
[the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say:
Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of
power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as
you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you According to
the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and
killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him
up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was
impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says
concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my
right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was
glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One
experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of
life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹
"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor
David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to
this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn
with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his
throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the
Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh
experience corruption.' ³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all
of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above
all other."
² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right
hand are pleasures forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION tune # 380

**C: Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Christ is risen from the grave!
He who died this comfort gives: Lo, he lives, his own to save!
Hallelujah! Praises be to our Lord eternally!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O risen Lord!

* THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O risen Christ, for opening the Scriptures to us.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

THE GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

#384

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

* THE NICENE CREED

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.

* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

* THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards

#184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Risen Christ, Living Word, you are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us. By the power of your Word, dwell in our hearts and reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ: in our vulnerable flesh, through our baptism into your death and resurrection, and in service to the world you love. Be for us manna in the wilderness. Open us to recognize you in every meal and in all who hunger for bread, for human touch, and for healing and hope. We pray in your name, our healer and companion.

Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

* THE SENDING SONG

#392

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

* THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: April 12, 2026

Acolyte: William Schmalz

Lector: Stan Blackburn

Usher: Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Sound Board: Laura Poethke

Serving Next Week: April 19, 2026

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Allyson Schmalz

Ushers: Amber Johnson

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound Board: Amber Johnson

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session every Sunday at 9:00am. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Sunday Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship takes place normally on the 4th Sunday each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another.



SCHOLARSHIPS: Holy Trinity is so blessed to be able to offer Scholarships to our youth and adults continuing their education at colleges and trade schools. If you are interested in applying please go to our website to find out more information. The deadline for applications is Sunday, May 18, 2025.

HOW CAN I HELP: If you are looking to get more involved, or maybe just help the church out with a special need or repair, please see the sign in the back of the Narthex or on the bulletin board downstairs. Every little bit helps to sustain our church and the mission of spreading the good news of our Lord and Savior.

PASTOR HAAB WILL BE AWAY APRIL 14—MAY 7: Pastor and Lynn are jetting off for a wonderful vacation. While he is away please call the church office if you have any needs. The answering machine will be checked by office staff regularly. In the case of an emergency we have an on call Pastor to help assist our members.

IF YOU ENJOY BASEBALL

NEW JERSEY SYNOD YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION

TEAM: Somerset Patriots vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies, Saturday, June 13 @7:05pm. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each. With each purchased ticket, you will also receive a \$10 food and beverage gift card. For more information see Laura Poethke after worship.

TRENTON THUNDER FAITH AND FAMILY GAME:

Saturday, July 25 @ 6pm We have once again ordered 20 tickets for Holy Trinity to be a part of this special event. The tickets are \$8.00 each. If you would like to reserve tickets please see Bonnie after church. Tickets must be paid for when you reserve them.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00AM Worship

Monday: 7-9pm: Burlington Entertainers

Tuesday: 7-9pm: Burlington Book Club

Wednesday 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety

Friday: 7:00—10:00PM AA

Next Sunday: 9am Sunday School
10am: Worship

