

Holy Trinity Anglican Church- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn: Welcome Happy Morning

1. "Welcome, happy morning! " age to age shall say;  
"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today."  
Lo! the dead is living, God forever more;  
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.

Chorus :

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;"  
"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today."

2. Earth with joy confesses, clothing for her spring,  
All good gifts return, with her returning King,  
Bloom in every shadow, leaves on every bough,  
Speak his sorrows ended, hail his triumph now.

Chorus :

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;"  
"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today."

3. Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,  
Hours and passing moments, praise thee in their flight,  
Brightness in the morning, sky and fields and sea,  
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to me.

**Chorus :**

**"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;"  
"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today."**

**Welcome**

**Children's Time**

**The Gathering of the Community (BAS pg.185)**

**All stand.**

**Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen**

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

**Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.**

**People: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

**Celebrant: (together) **Almighty God,****

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

**Glory to God (BAS pg.186)**

**Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,**

**All: 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, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

(Together) Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and forever.

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**A Reading of PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

**REFRAIN:** On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hid-den with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn: Rejoice The Lord Is King**

**1. Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**

**Rejoice again I say, rejoice.**

**2. Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above,**

**Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice;**

**Rejoice again I say, Rejoice**

**3. Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the judge shall come;  
And take his servants up to their eternal home,**

**We soon shall hear the arch angel's voice;**

**The trump of God shall sound, rejoice.**

**The Gospel Reading - JOHN 20:1-18**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

**People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you

weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**  
**(BAS Pg.189-190)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People #15 pg.122-123

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **Confession and Absolution (BAS pg.191)**

**Celebrant:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Silence is kept.**

**Celebrant:** Most merciful God,

**All:** we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with

our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**The Peace (BAS pg.192)**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Offertory Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns**

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
The lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but his own:  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of love;  
Behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downwards bends his burning eye  
At Mysteries so bright.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sway  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise,  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which each has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and

work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God forever.**

### Prayer Over the Gifts

**ALL: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.**

### Eucharistic Prayer 1 (BAS pg.193-195)

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into**

freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

**Celebrant:** Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant:** Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**People Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.211)

**Officiant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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, the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #2 (BAS pg.212)

**Celebrant:** Lord, we died with you on the cross,

**All:** Now we are raised to new life.

**Celebrant:** We were buried in your tomb,

**All:** Now we share in your resurrection.

**Celebrant:** Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion Hymn: Because He Lives

God sent his son, they called him Jesus, he came to love,  
heal and forgive,  
He bled and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

Chorus:

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives,  
All fear is gone, because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because he lives.

And then one day, I'll cross that river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain,  
And then in death, gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.

### Chorus: twice

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Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives,  
All fear is gone, because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because he lives.

### Prayer after Communion

All: God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

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

### The Blessing

### CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

**Leader:** The worship is over.

**All:** Our Service begins.