

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024 - 4:00PM

FESTAL EVENSONG

WITH RECOGNITION OF CHORISTERS

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

So what? What difference does it make? Who cares?

Who cares if a first-century carpenter in some backwater province of the ancient Roman Empire ran afoul of the ruling authorities and got himself killed on a cross? What difference does it make that some Jewish preacher told a bunch of semi-literate fishermen and crooked tax collectors and blind, lame, maimed beggars and women of highly-suspect reputations that his death would unfold in precise fulfillment of a divine plan established from before the foundations of the world were laid? And if, as the great last act of his plan, this humble hero, this weak warrior, this meek Messiah told his gullible followers that he would rise again from the dead...so what is that to me and to you?

Let me be clear: if Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead then there is no more meaning to this day than a sugar rush from a basketful of jelly beans and a once-a-year consumption of mint jelly (which is, surely, more than enough for anybody). If Christ is not raised, we who gather in this Cathedral are fools—and worse. We are lost. We are separated from God our Creator and our Father. We are cut off from the everlasting promises given to Abraham. We are bereft of the sustaining and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost. We are dead in our sins. As another first-century Jew—a man called Saul of Tarsus, better known as Saint Paul the Apostle—says, if Christ is not raised, “we are of all men most miserable.”

“But,” Paul continues in his First Letter to the Corinthian Church, “now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” The firstfruits—of an abundant harvest! For if Death is the tyrant ruling over all humankind, if Sin is the sickness infecting every human heart, then Christ Jesus’ victory over those oppressors is great Good News for every human who has ever or will ever live.

If Jesus of Nazareth was who he said he was—is who he says he is—then nothing else in our universe, nothing else in our world, nothing else in our lives, nothing else in our hearts can ever be the same. If Jesus of Nazareth did what the Scriptures say he did—is doing what the Scriptures say he is doing—then this day is the turning point of all time and space. If Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead—is even now risen from the dead—then this day is the hinge on which all human history bends. This day is the starting point of a new Creation that will not at last go down to dust and decay and Death, but will instead be united with God in eternity.

Perhaps you are sitting in the pew right now listening to the Easter acclamation and wondering “So what? Who cares? What difference does it make?” I pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit you might see and know and believe and trust that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead—and that the life you live hereafter and the death you will one day die might be transformed by this truth. I pray that you will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord here at Trinity Cathedral, where all that we are and all that we do flows from the announcement that the tomb was found empty that first Easter morning. I pray that you will find the grace to say, with all your heart:

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Very Reverend Dane E. Boston, Dean of Trinity Cathedral

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Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

The music for today's sung office was chosen by the graduating choristers of the class of 2024
The setting of the Preces & Responses is by John Barnard (b. 1948)
The *Magnificat* is from the *Mt. St. Alban* service by David Hogan (1949-1996)
The *Nunc dimittis* is from the *Collegium Regale* service by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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INTROIT

O God, make the door of this house wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship,
narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to straying feet,
but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.
O God, make the door of this house the gateway of your eternal kingdom.
You who have given us this heritage, grant us grace gratefully to receive it,
wisely to use it, and faithfully to continue it,
to your glory and our salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: Bishop Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Jared Johnson (b. 1974)

The people stand and join in singing from the blue Hymnal 1982.

Hymn 420 "When in our music God is glorified"

Engelberg

THE INVITATORY (*sung by the Officiant and Choir*)

∇ O Lord, open thou our lips.
℞ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
∇ O God, make speed to save us.
℞ O Lord, make haste to help us.
∇ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
℞ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.
∇ Praise ye the Lord.
℞ The Lord's Name be praised.

GREETING

THE PSALM APPOINTED

The people sit for the singing of the Psalm and stand at the Gloria Patri.

Psalm 74

Ut quid Deus reppulisti

O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long *
why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?
O think upon thy congregation *
whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.
Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance *
and mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy *
which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.
Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations *
and set up their banners for tokens.
He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees *
was known to bring it to an excellent work.
But now they break down all the carved work thereof *
with axes and hammers.
They have set fire upon thy holy places *
and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.
Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether *
thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.
We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more *
no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.
O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour *
how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name, for ever?
Why withdrawest thou thy hand *
why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?
For God is my King of old *
the help that is done upon earth he doeth it himself.
Thou didst divide the sea through thy power *
thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
Thou smotest the heads of Leviathan in pieces *
and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.
Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks *
thou driedst up mighty waters.
The day is thine, and the night is thine *
thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth *
thou hast made summer and winter.
Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked *
and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.
O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies *
and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.
Look upon the covenant *
for all the earth is full of darkness, and cruel habitations.
O let not the simple go away ashamed *
but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.
Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause *
remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.
Forget not the voice of thine enemies *
the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

Music: Juliet Jones (b. 2006)

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 18.1-12

The people stand.

CANTICLE: *Magnificat - The Song of Mary* The Book of Common Prayer, p. 65

The people sit.

THE SECOND LESSON: Mark 16.9-20

The people stand.

CANTICLE: *Nunc dimittis - The Song of Simeon* BCP, p. 66

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*said by all*) BCP, p. 66

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *(sung by the Officiant and Choir)*

∇ The Lord be with you.
℞ And with thy spirit.
∇ Let us pray.
℞ Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 67

THE SUFFRAGES

∇ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
℞ And grant us thy salvation.
∇ O Lord, save the State.
℞ And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
∇ Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
℞ And make thy chosen people joyful.
∇ O Lord, save thy people.
℞ And bless thine inheritance.
∇ Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℞ Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
∇ O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℞ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that

both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The people sit.

THE INDUCTION OF CHORISTERS

Mr. Douglas Dean Boston, I present to you these boys and girls who desire to serve as choristers in this Cathedral and who have prepared themselves by study and practice for this ministry.

Dean Boston Through the gift of music God reveals more than we can know by thought and word. Through music our offerings of praise and thanksgiving resound in every corner of the earth. As choristers in this Cathedral, will you be reverent in the house of God, and faithful in your leadership of worship?

Choristers We will.

Dean Boston Will you be faithful and diligent in attending rehearsals and services, in learning and practicing, and in participating fully in the life of the Cathedral Choir?

Choristers We will.

Dean Boston Will you respect others and honor your role as a leader in this community of faith?

Choristers We will.

Dean Boston Will all of you who are family, friends, and teachers of these young people do all in your power to support their commitment to this ministry?

All people We will.

The names of the inductees are then read

Louisa Clarkson
Sarah Clarkson
Mills Doty
Helen Kip
Ezra Means
Grace Wilder

Dean Boston As Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, I admit you into the Cathedral Choir. Receive these surplices and wear them as symbols of your role as ministers in this Cathedral.

All Choristers Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GRADUATION OF CHORISTERS

Mr. Douglas Dean Boston, I present to you, these young people who have fulfilled their responsibilities as Cathedral Choristers: through years of practice and service; through contributions of talent and time; and through dedication and faithful service. They have honorably completed their service as choristers.

Maleah Anderson
J.B. Belk
Juliet Jones
Maggie Leventis
Lucia Parker-Harley

Dean Boston As Dean of Trinity Cathedral in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, I pronounce that you are graduates of the Cathedral Choir. We give thanks for your faithful service and for your leadership of our worship, and we pray for God's blessing upon you as you go forth into the world.

THE ANTHEM

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. Love one another as I have loved you. Then shall your joy be complete.

Words: Song of Solomon 8.6, 7; John 15.9-12
Music: Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

The people stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*said by all*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Hymn 24 “The day thou gavest Lord has ended”

St. Clement

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three
are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfill now,
O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for
them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come
life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Officiant concludes with the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL (*sung by the the Officiant and choir*)

∞ The Lord be with you.
℞ And with thy spirit.
∞ Let us bless the Lord.
℞ Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.

Words: Numbers 6.24-26
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Psalm 150 (*sung by the choir*)

Laudate Dominum

O praise God in his holiness *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts *
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet *
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances *
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals *
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath *
praise the Lord.

Music: George Talbot (1875-1918)

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Sunday service schedule through May 19

8:00am Holy Eucharist in Keenan Chapel

9:00am Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral

11:00am Choral Eucharist in the Cathedral

4:00pm Festal Evensong in the Cathedral

5:00pm Holy Eucharist in Keenan Chapel

Upcoming special events

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 4:00pm

Music for Royal Occasion

A grand concert featuring Trinity's combined choirs performing music from coronations, weddings and other royal events.

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Choir: The Cathedral Choir of Boys, Girls and Young Men, and the Cathedral Singers

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards, *Bishop*

The Very Reverend Dane E. Boston, *Dean*

The Reverend Canon James P. Hartley, *Sub-Dean & Canon Pastor*

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