

# PENTECOST 15/LECTIONARY 23

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**WE WELCOME YOU** to historic Trinity Church. We are blessed by your presence and pray God's richest blessing upon you. We invite you to receive the Risen Christ at the Lord's Table. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**P** Presiding Minister    **A** Assisting Minister    **C** Congregation

## CARILLON

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

Prelude on “Ellacombe”

Michael Burkhardt

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Have mercy, O God,  
**C** **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**  
**In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin**  
**and take away our guilt.**  
**Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.**  
**Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit**  
**and restore your joy within us.**  
**Amen**

- P** As tender as parent to child,  
so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth,  
so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
- C** **Blessed be God forever.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

## **GREETING**

- 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer-ful voice;  
To Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,

him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye be-fore him and re - joice.  
from us and from the an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C** Amen

*Be seated.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146**

*The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse. The Assisting Minister reads a verse and the congregation reads the next verse.*

- A** Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C** **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- A** Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C** **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
- A** Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- C** **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**
- A** who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the captive free.
- C** **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

- A** The Lord cares for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C** The Lord shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING:** James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**TEACHING TIME FOR CHILDREN (AND ADULTS)**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also ends with a double bar line.

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**612** Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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**

*Kneel or be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church,  
the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence. Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please greet one another from a distance and remain standing as you are able.*

## PRAYER

**A** Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen


## GREAT THANKSGIVING




**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Holy, mighty and merciful Lord...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**G** Amen

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**  
**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

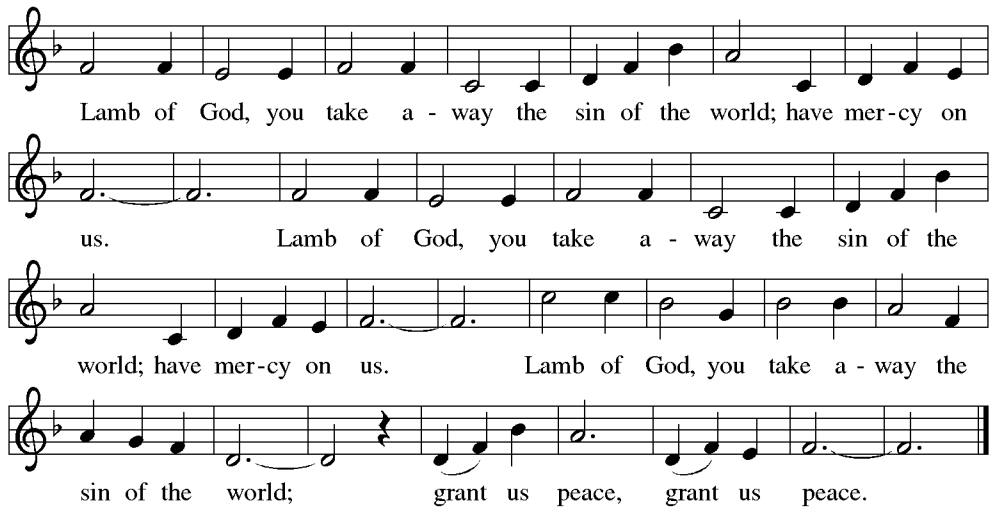
- P** God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.
- C** **Amen**

*Be seated.*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*We invite all who wish to receive the Risen Christ in this meal to join us at the Lord's table. Coming to the altar, following the direction of the usher, be sure to maintain a safe distance between households. If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer or would prefer grape juice to wine, please ask your server. Returning to your seat, please deposit the used glass in the baskets provided. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, tell the usher and the sacrament can be brought to you. God bless you with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation!*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☑ Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table.  
Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen

## BLESSING

- P** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.
- G** Amen

## SENDING HYMN

722 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELLACOMBE

## DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- G** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*Praise and Rejoice*

Robin Dinda

**We welcome and thank Sandra Sittler for sharing her musical gifts with us today.**

Sandi is a Trinity Church member who holds music degrees from West Chester University and Indiana University. She studied piano with Robert Carl and Joseph Rezits. For many years she was Choral Director at Reading Senior High School. She currently maintains a private voice and piano studio in her home, accompanies local amateur artists and serves as a substitute organist for local churches.

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