May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements
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Centering Music for Quiet Meditation
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Confession
P: In the name of the Triune God + who creates, redeems and sustains: Let us pray.
C: Holy God,
in baptism you claim us as beloved children
and set us apart as witnesses to your love.
At times we forget
we bear the mark of your grace
and act as if you have no claim on our lives.
You call us to the risky work of justice and peace,
but we default to what is comfortable and safe.
You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion,
but we make little room in our busy lives
for gestures of mercy
beyond moments of spontaneous kindness.
Wash us again with your grace
and transform us by your Word,
that we might proclaim your good news
in word and deed. Amen.

(Silent confession)
P: Lord, in your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

Forgiveness
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
C: Thank be to God!
Hymn #654 “The Church's One Foundation” (vs.1 & 2)
The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

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.

First Reading 1 Peter 2:2–10
Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation
— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected
by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built
into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone
chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who
believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has
become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that
makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But
you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may
proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once
you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now
you have received mercy.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel** John 14:1–14
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whomever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Time with the Children**

**Sermon**
“Priests, Houses and Stones… Oh, My!” Pastor Doug Gebhard

**Musical Meditation**
*A time to reflect and meditate on the Word.*

**Apostles’ Creed** (Unison)
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.

**Prayers of the People**

*Each section ends with:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

**Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

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**MEAL**

**Offering**

What are you thankful for today? What gifts of grace do you want to dedicate to God’s mission?
How might you, like the early Church, share what you have “for the goodwill of all the people”?
See information at the end of the liturgy on how to make your financial offering.

**Musical Meditation** “Create in Me A Clean Heart” #185

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Offering Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving**

As we gather as guests at the Lord’s Table to commune with the risen Christ and one another, set aside bread and wine/juice for the Meal and join with brothers and sisters near and far away at the Lord’s Supper.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also 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.

**Holy, Holy, Holy (Spoken in unison)**
Holy, holy, holy Lord
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.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

**Words of Institution and Acclamation**
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Great is the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Lord's Prayer (Unison)**
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.
**Lamb of God** *(Unison)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy upon us
And grant us your peace

**Communion of the People of God**

P: Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry…”

mThe Bread of Life.

*The people eat the bread.*

P: Jesus said, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Cut off from me, you can do nothing.”

The cup of the New Covenant.

*The people drink of the cup.*

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**Hymn** #368 “With High Delight Let Us Unite” *(vs.1 & 3)*

With high delight let us unite
in songs of sweet jubilation.
You pure in heart, all bear your part,
sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free forever, he
is ris’n and sends to all earth’s ends
good news to save ev’ry nation.

Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring
to Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed by word and deed
to ev’ry land, ev’ry nation.
So shall his love give us above,
from misery and death set free,
all joy and full consolation.

**Blessing & Charge**
This is a partial list of activities and meetings (Zoom) at Trinity Church. Visit the church website for more information.

• **Subscribe** to the weekly email HERE.

• **Contact Us**–Linda Slatt (Communications Director) will answer the church office phone Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (724.935.2746). Use the Contact form to reach the church office or Contact Me form to reach Pastor Doug Gebhard for special communications.

• **Communion**: Prior to worship, light a candle and set a communion table for you and your family–bread and wine (or juice) to share.

• **Time with Children**: Pastor Doug will direct a message to the children who are watching each week. He’d like them to respond to the message in a picture, drawing, poem and email him their creation. These will be shared in worship at Time with the Children. Parents need to download and complete the photo release form on the Remote Worship page of the church website. Scan or take a picture of your child’s reflection and email the form with children’s work to office email (office@trinitywexford.org).

• **Justice and the Prophets**: Interim Pastor Doug Gebhard will lead a weekly study at 7:00 PM on Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026907840). Each week a new aspect of justice will be examined. A schedule and PDF’s for the studies can be downloaded on the church website: https://www.trinitywexford.org/wednesday-evening-study/

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**Giving to the Church**

This is a very difficult time for many with some losing their jobs and others being temporality laid off. For many others, there’s a sense of uncertainty about the future. Making an offering isn’t compulsory; we give what we can… if we can. For those who can continue financial support, please consider increasing your donations offsetting those who are unable to donate at this time.

Trinity Church provides easy convenient ways for people to make an offering.

• **Electronic Giving**: A link can be found on the church website under the eGiving section. If you need assistance setting this up, please let the church office know.
• *US Mail*: Your offering can be mailed to the church office at 2500 Brandt School Road / Wexford, PA / 15090.
The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the Word,
Her character of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth,
By schisms rent a sunder, by her esies distress'd,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died;
And to one hope she presseth with every grace endued.
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876