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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*May 5, 2024 + 11:00 am Worship*

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*As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.*

*+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Aria*

Flor Peeters

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lucy Strong

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: For the Lord has done marvelous things, and shows steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Break into joyous songs of praise.**

One: Let all the earth celebrate and rejoice,

**All: the sea roar and the hills sing together for joy.**

One: With joy and thanksgiving, let us worship the Lord our God together.

## +OPENING HYMN

*#327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## +CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Beaver

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and beloved God, in your infinite love, you care for us, and teach us to love each other as you do. Forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. Help us to change, to listen to each other, trusting in you and each other to love again in vulnerability. Nourish us to flourish with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy.**

*(silence for personal prayers of confession)*

## +ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from 2 Corinthians 5:17)*

One: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## +CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYFRYDOL

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.**

*(may be found as stanza 4 of Hymn #366)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 98:1-9

(pew Bible, NT p. 551-552)

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15:9-17

(pew Bible, NT p. 109-110)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Lucy Strong

*Abide No Hatred*

## +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from PCUSA Declaration of Faith)*

**God makes Godself known in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love. God made us for life in community. God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

## +AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

BEECHER

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

*(tune may be found as Hymn #761)*

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rebekah LeMon

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## *Congregational responses during the prayer (sung)*

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

## 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and take a cup from the tray. Cups of grape juice are located on the outer edge, and wine is located on the inner section of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available on the Communion table. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## CALL FOR OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

René Clausen

*If You Love Me*

If you love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever: Ev'n the Spirit of truth.

## +DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## +CLOSING HYMN

*#475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

## +CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen*

John Stainer

## CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

*Final from Symphony No. 1*

Louis Vierne

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## WELCOME

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Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

### Childcare

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity, and there are worship bags available at all entrances. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds ..... D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) ..... D106

### Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor or call 404-237-6491.

### Counseling

Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling. Morgan DiOrio, M.Ed., LPC, NCC, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families. Call 678-935-6472. Christi Bartolomucci, Ph.D., LPC, CPCS, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults. Call 770-293-1950 ext. 210. Elizabeth Earhart, M.A., CCC-SLP; M.S., LPC, NCC, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults. Call 404-631-7934.

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Email [stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org](mailto:stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org) and a Stephen Leader will be in touch with you.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Lucy Strong  
*Associate Pastor for Mission  
and Engagement*

Emily Beaver  
*Director of Family Ministries*

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon  
*Senior Pastor*

Julia Cleaveland  
& Kitty Holliday  
*Acolytes*

### MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and  
Director of Music and Arts*

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Adair White to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Caroline McCarley Roberts.

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## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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