



**"And God shall wipe away all tears  
from their eyes; and there shall be no  
more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away."**

Revelation 21:4 (KJV)

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***The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 15, 2022***

**Morning Prayer and Sermon**

**Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania**

## Prelude

### **\*Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **\*Hymn of Resurrection: No. 233**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* - Hyfrydol

## Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence* – Private Prayers of Confession

Most merciful God,

**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 neighbors 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.**

## Word of Pardon

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## Ministry of Music

**The Trinity Bells  
Glorify Thy Name – L. Lamb**

## The Invitatory and Psalter – Psalm 148

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**2 Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!**

**3 Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!**

**4 Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

**5 Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.**

**6 And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

**7 Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

**8 fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

**9 Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!**

**10 Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

**11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

**12 Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

**13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**14 He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

**Praise the LORD! <sup>1</sup>**

**\*Gloria Patri: No. 623**

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Ps 148:1–14). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

## **From the Revelation of St. John**

**Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

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## **\*Gospel Hymns About Heaven**

**No. 542 – *When We All Get to Heaven*** [Verses 1 & 4]

**No. 543 – *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*** [Verses 1 & 3]

## **\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**St. John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." <sup>3</sup>

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

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<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Re 21:1–6). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

<sup>3</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Jn 13:31–35). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

***The 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 into hades.  
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 quick 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 life everlasting. Amen.

**Ministry of Music**

**Trinity Bells**

***Ten Thousand Reasons - P. Bettcher***

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**"PD"**

***That Will Be Heaven For Me!***

**Ministry of Music**

**"Feel the Spirit" – L. Larson**

**Morning Prayer**

**Our Lord's Prayer** [using *debts* and *debtors*]

**\*Hymn: No. 552** ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks*** – Promised Land

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Sung Blessing with Dismissal**

***Now Unto Him Who Is Able***

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.  
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.  
To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.  
Both now and forevermore, Amen.

**Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.  
Both now and forevermore, Amen!**

**\*Going Forth**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring,  
Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

**Giving From 05/008/2022**

|                | Rec       | Budget    | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>General</b> | \$3232.00 | \$2521.38 | \$710.62   |
| <b>Ben</b>     | \$375.00  | \$213.46  | \$161.54   |
| <b>Maint</b>   | \$280.00  | \$163.46  | \$116.54   |
| <b>Mem</b>     | \$360.00  |           |            |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$4247.00 | \$2898.30 | \$988.70   |

Benevolence includes Food Pantry \$10

**Worship Attendance: 77**

**Sunday School: 14**

### **The Saints In Action**

Today – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Trinity Bells

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. – Sue C's Sunday School Class [Office]

Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. – Worship with Special Music

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

**Today we enjoy the music of the Trinity Bells.** The Bells rehearse on Wednesday evenings during the academic year and play for worship on Sundays throughout the year. We thank our bell rings for their ministry to us this morning.

### ***Where You May Find. . .***

**The Nursery:** *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

### **At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .**

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

*These Days* – Devotional

### **Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Pam Bush (Board), Tom Croner (Camera)

**Acolyte:** Cora Wright

***The Flowers on the altar*** in memory of Devon & June Landis,  
Larry Landis and Helen Landis Frye by Barry Landis

***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday***

***9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.***

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**Confirmation Sunday – June 26<sup>th</sup>** – A special service with the Rite of Confirmation, Holy Communion, and Thanksgiving of a Call to Ministry at **10:30 a.m.** Please note the time change for that Sunday! The Confirmation Students asked to be confirmed and have their first communion all on the same Sunday. We will also be joined by Bishop Paula Schmitt, Bishop of the Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev'd Ackerman will be on sabbatical at that time and won't be able to join us. We will celebrate our 8 confirmands and bless Pastor as he concludes his ministry with us here at Trinity. A reception will follow worship that morning.