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“Easter Breakfast with Jesus”
By Rev. Kathryn M. Schreiber

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Humoresque
by Antonin Dvorák

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you
All: **And also with you**

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: The Shepherd calls us by name
and leads us to abundant life.
People: We hear your voice and hasten to follow.
Leader: The Shepherd prepares a table
and lavishly pours out grace.
**People: We hear your invitation
and take our place at the feast.**
Leader: The Shepherd gathers us in
and welcomes us to the house of the Lord
All: **We hear your call and give you praise!**

*** Gathering Song**

Come into God's Presence
Glory to God #413, v. 1-4

*** Invitation to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Shepherding God,
You call us to follow, we hear your voice,
and yet, we go astray.
We choose to heed other voices that
promise status, and comfort, wealth, and glory.
But these promises come up empty
and fail to satisfy our deepest longings.**

**Call to us again O God,
and by the grace of your Spirit,
guide us onto right paths -
to pursue justice in your name,
to love without question,
to seek after the well-being of all.
Lead us to the table you prepare for us –
where rivals share both bread and blessing
and discover there is an abundance,
more than enough for all.
Amen**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Jesus declares
"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
And in the waters of our baptism, we have died with Christ
and we have been raised up with him to new life.
Nothing in life, or even death itself
can ever separate us from God's love,
believe the good news that we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

People: **and also with you**

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you

*** Song of Praise**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God #582, v. 1-2

Time with Children

Children's Worship Graduates Receive Bibles

Rev. Mel Smith

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Anthem

“The Sun Whose Rays Are All Ablaze” from *The Mikado*
by Gilbert and Sullivan

Second Scripture Reading**John 21.1-19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to

go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Message **“The Absurdity of It All...”**

Rev. Mel Smith

Confirmands Received

Affirmation of Faith

from The Brief Statement of Faith (adapted)

**In life and in death we belong to God,
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death,
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Song of Response

O God in Whom All Life Begins
Glory to God #308 v. 1-3

Prayers of the People

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 glory forever. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

*** Doxology #**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Glory to God #607, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we give you thanks for inviting us to follow you and for your tender care – receive these offerings of our time, money, energy and creativity – may they be used as part of your work: to feed the hungry, provide safety, and welcome everyone into the beloved community. Amen

*** Song of Service**

Together we Serve
Glory to God #767, v. 1-4

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

“Infernal Galop” from *Orpheus in the Underworld*
by Jacques Offenbach

Please join us in the Chapel for Fellowship after the service

Participants in Today's Worship

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Otto Schutlejans

Pastor – Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Jayne Howard, Sandy Norkaitis, Cathy Smith, Pat Gibbons

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – Nigel Holloway, Bob Wagoner

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR May 8, 2022

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

Trinity is "broadcasting" our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on. Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

While we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us. Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Pastor the Reverend Mel Smith. You also can email her directly at melanie.smith@trinityucity.org

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Session

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

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