

# Trinity†St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



Prelude: “Christ lag in Todesbanden”

Johann Sebastian Bach

## **Holy Eucharist**

### **Entrance Rite**

*At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the beginning of our worship.*

# Hymn

# Hymn 210

*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

*All remaining standing as are able,*

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gloria**

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —  
— and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King,  
al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Collect of the Day

*Officiant*                      *People*                      *Officiant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Officiant*    *People*

A - men.

*All sit.*

### First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and

rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm**

Psalm 4

*Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*All stand as are able.*

## Hymn

Hymn 188, verses 1-2



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

*All remain standing as are able.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Hymn 188, verse 3 (reverse)*

## Sermon

*Pause — a time for reflection*




# The Nicene Creed

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*All stand as are able.*

*Introduction*

We be-lieve in one God, the  
Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, ma-ker of hea-ven and  
earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in  
one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-  
got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther.  
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion  
he came down from hea-ven: by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit  
he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.  
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late;



he suf-fered death— and was bur - ied. On the third day he



rose a-gain in ac - cord-ance with the Scrip - tures; he a-scend-ed



in - to hea - ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.



He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the



dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the



Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro-ceeds from the



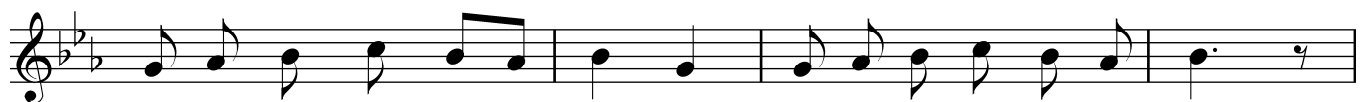
Fa - ther and the Son. With the Fa - ther and the Son she is wor - shipped and



glo - ri - fied. She has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in



one ho - ly cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.



We ac - know-ledge one bap - tism for the for-give-ness of sins.



## The Prayers of the People

*All remain standing, as they are able.*

*Leader* Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of a new community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in confidence, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the church find in the scriptures healing, mission and good news for all. For this let us pray to the Lord:

*People* *Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader* Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we see the risen one in all the wounded of our world. For this let us pray to the Lord:

*People* *Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader* Christ our cornerstone intercedes for us before God. Let us and all in authority heed God's call for justice in the church, in our community and in the nation. For this let us pray to the Lord:

*People* *Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader* We are saved by a God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Let us beg for God's light in those places which seem darkest. Let us ask that God enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. For this let us pray to the Lord:

*People* *Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader* In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing and all in the healing professions. For them let us pray to the Lord:

*People* *Lord, have mercy.*

*Celebrant and People*

Loving God, you have glorified your Son Jesus and given him the name by which we are saved. Give us the courage to act in his name. Accept our praise, offered in his name, for we offer this prayer through and with and in Jesus, your Son and our Savior.

## **Peace**

*All stand as are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Then the Minister and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service, during which the people may be seated.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. In this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.*

## Offertory Sentence

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

**Offertory Anthem:** “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” Isaac Watts, Alan Bullard

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand are their tongues. But all their joys are one.

Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry, to be exalted thus; ‘Worthy the Lamb’ our lips reply,’ for he was slain for us.

Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow’r divine; and blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, for ever thine.

The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred name of Him that sits upon the throne and to adore the Lamb

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

*People* *Blessed be God forever.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine, and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*People* *Blessed be God forever.*

*Celebrant* Pray, my sisters, and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty.

*People* *May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of God’s name, to our benefit, and to that of all God’s holy Church.*

*All stand as are able.*

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father and Mother 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 for ever. Amen.

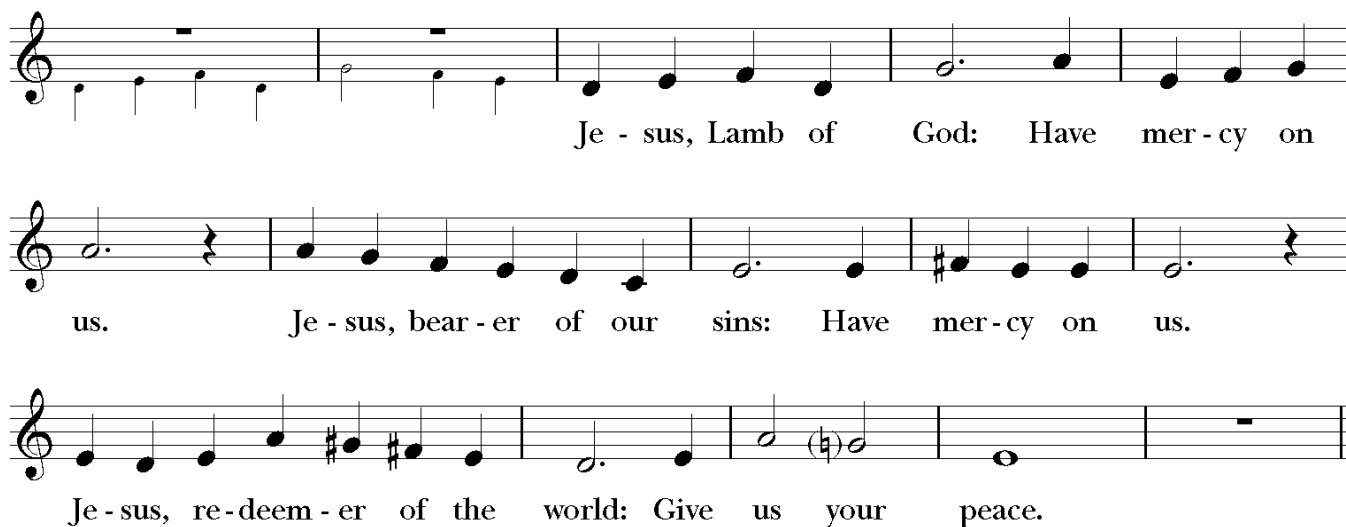


## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

### Fraction Anthem

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Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on  
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says,*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People may be seated; the usher will indicate each row for communion. All who feel called are welcome to receive communion; alternatively, you may cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive a blessing.*

# Hymn

# Hymn 343

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

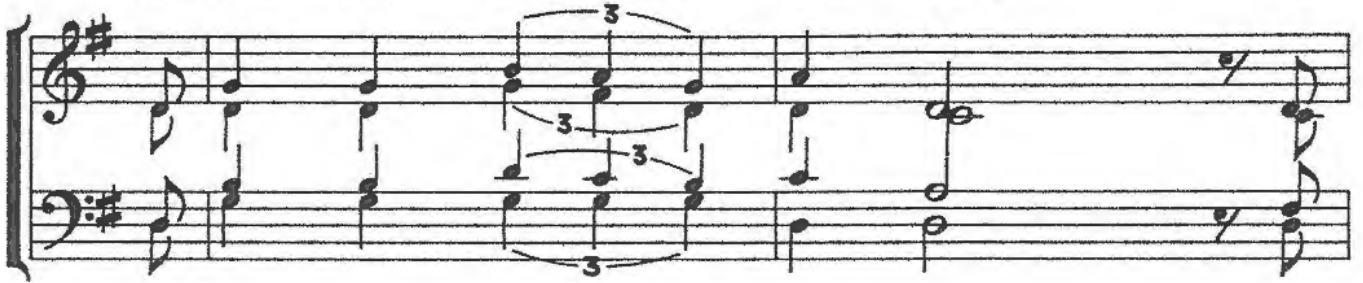
pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Hymn

“He Came Down”

He came down that we may have love; he



came down that we may have love; he came down that we may



have love: hal - le - lu - jah for ev - ver - more.



*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People, all standing or kneeling as they are able*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing

*Celebrant:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People:* Amen.

## Hymn

Hymn 477

*Sung by all, standing as they are able*

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "The Emperor's Fanfare"

Antonio Soler

## Mystagogy

In the seventh and eighth chapters of the Gospel of John, we see the evangelist using an ancient, and a Jewish, method of mystagogy, a means by which to understand the Christ. John uses the Feast of Tabernacles as a means to unravel the mysteries of the Christ. Mystagogy was a technique used by many religions to inculcate those who wished to understand or enter into a religion's mysteries. Thus there would be a mystagogue or a hierophant to lead whomever was searching into understandings about the mysteries of the religion.

In the early Christian Church, this role was assigned to the bishop, so that catechumens might be properly prepared for Baptism, initiation into the Church. Thus, the idea of mystagogy in Christianity became closely connected with the Easter mystery, because the Great Vigil of Easter was one of several times that baptisms were celebrated. The early church fathers are a rich treasure trove of mystagogical homilies meant to educate catechumens on the sacramental mysteries and to lead them into their practice. If you are interested in this practice, there are several volumes by Roman Catholic and Eastern Catholic authors on mystagogy and the catechumenate. I can also recommend Ezra Ham's volume, John, the Mystagogic Gospel, Volumes I and II. The growth of the catechumenate in recent years attests to its effectiveness in educating not only the young but anyone interested in learning the mysteries of Christianity. Easter is the ideal time to begin and work on this ministry. Deacon Ezra offers a different view of the Gospel of John, and gives us an effective tool for catechesis.

## **Future First Sundays Organ Recital, and Evensong, at 5:00 p.m., Spring 2024**

May 5 Evensong with the Choir of Trinity†St. Peter's  
June 2 Robert Gurney

We're glad you joined us this Sunday! If you'd like to learn more about T+SP, please feel free to contact us using the information below or visit our website: [trinity-stpeters.org](http://trinity-stpeters.org)

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