

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Christ's Appearance to the Apostles" – Duccio di Buoninsegna

The Third Sunday of Easter

Rite I Holy Eucharist

April 18, 2021 at 8 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider

Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and Organist

John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden

*The Sanctuary Candle burns, and the Altar Flowers are given, for the Glory of God
and in celebration of the birthday of Annette Deering from Holly Ives & Linda I. Kurdilla*

Welcome

Andy Kruger

The Presider processes, the bell is rung, and the people stand.

Acclamation

BCP 323

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

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

Gloria

BCP 324

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 173

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself
to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith,
that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;
through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The People are seated.

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 this man 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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

BCP 587

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

Reader 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus 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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

After the prayer the people are seated.

Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The People stand.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, William our Bishop, and Andy our Priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President, Philip our governor and Kathleen the mayor of this town, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [*especially...*], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name.
Amen.**

Absolution

BCP 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Comfortable Words

BCP 332

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The People stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace. No physical contact is permitted.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then the People stand

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed,
he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you;
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you, and for many,
for the remission of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

BCP 337

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed, then the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation

BCP 338

Presider The Gifts of God:
People **for the People of God.**

Protocol for the Reception of Communion Bread

- ✠ The people, starting from the pews closest to the sanctuary, are invited by the usher to receive Communion.*
- ✠ Each Communicant must first sanitize their hands before proceeding to the Presider with hands cupped, the non-dominant hand on top, to receive the Bread.*
- ✠ The Presider gives the Bread to each person saying: 'The Body of Christ.' The recipient replies: 'Amen.'*
- ✠ After receiving the Bread, the communicant moves a short distance toward the right or left crossing door, removes their mask and consumes the Bread.*
- ✠ After consuming the Bread the communicant may place their gift in the retiring offertory bowls stationed at each crossing door.*
- ✠ The communicant then departs through the crossing door.*

What you need to know today ...

Children's Service On the third Sunday of the month, the 10 AM online Service of the Word with Spiritual Communion is directed towards the family with increased participations from our younger members, thus, there is no Sunday school.

Sandwich Sunday is today Consider participating in this important outreach effort to feed the poor. St. John's Episcopal in Elizabeth is our sister parish; it is a privilege to team up with their efforts to alleviate hunger. Traditionally held on the third Sunday of the month; click [here](#) to learn about the necessary items which are collected and made into sandwiches on the day before. Volunteers are needed to make those sandwiches which are delivered the next afternoon (in this case, today). To learn about this vital outreach; contact Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498) or email the office.

Support continues for children at risk The “Loaves of Love” bread sale did not occur during the Annual Meeting this year due to the pandemic. In addition, St. Clare’s Home for children at risk has closed. However, the umbrella organization, AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, is still working to support children at risk and the Outreach Committee is supporting its efforts. More information is available at aidsresource.org. Donations are accepted beginning today through April 25. Please make a check payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, write *AIDS Resource Foundation* in the memo line, and mail it to the office. Thank you for your generosity!

The Parish Office Marion Nechuta is in the office on Thursday afternoons to field phone calls only, no in-person contact is permitted at this time. Marion may be contacted via the parish email or her cell (908-451-4498) during the rest of the week from 2:30 PM to 5 PM.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Each week both are available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Email the parish office with any questions as to the process.

Parish Pledges Statements have been delivered or mailed to you. Please contact Financial Secretary Sarah Gregory (908-347-6498 or quanset19@gmail.com) if you have any questions. The parish leadership is so grateful for your continued faithfulness. Please continue to mail pledges — labeled “To Financial Secretary” — to Trinity Church, 205 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016.

ECW Flower Sale Cancelled. Our geranium supplier from previous years was forced to close his business, so we will not have a Flower Sale this year. If you need help getting plants, please call Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561).

Intercessory Prayer List Each person on the list is prayed for at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. You are encouraged to add and update your prayer requests; [please click on this link](#). Please remember to move the person you are praying for to the “Thanksgiving for Healing” section if and when that becomes appropriate.

Listen to the music from Easter Sunday The links connect to Trinity videos uploaded to YouTube

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| † | “Christ is Alive, Alleluia!” (Michael Helman) – Trinity Handbell Choir |
| † | “Let This Day Be Filled with Wonder” (James Beiry) – Trinity Choir |
| † | “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (Hymnal 207) – Congregation |

Holocaust Day of Remembrance Click [here](#) to watch the 10th annual Cranford community service which aired last week on TV-35.

What you need to know this week ...

The Daily Offices Morning and Evening Prayer are held online Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM respectively.

Emergency Food Supplies for St. Joseph’s Social Service Center Bring supplies to Junior Warden Sydney O’Hagan (774-218-3461) and leave them on her front porch at 205 High Street, Cranford every Wednesday. [Click here](#) for a list of appropriate items.

Trinity Handbell Choir and Virtual Choir Both choirs return for rehearsals this Wednesday, April 21. Anyone who enjoys music should consider participating, even without the ability to read music. [Click here for more information and to sign-up](#), visit trinitycranford.org and click on *Music*, or contact Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com) if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study Thursdays from 10 AM to 11:30 AM via Trinity's online platform.

Mystagogia is the period when believers contemplate the Church's life and sacraments. As part of the *Year of Eucharist*, this Easter/Paschal season the 150th Liturgical Committee is offering an online adult education class delving into the mysteries of the Eucharist. The class takes the form of an instructed Eucharist followed by discussion time. [Click here](#) to view last week's Mystagogia class on the Trinity website. The next class is this Thursday, April 22 from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Compline Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM via Trinity's online platform.

Cranford Community Clean-up In honor of Earth Day, the Greening Committee invites the parish to a community clean-up at Nomahegan Park this Saturday, April 24 at 9 AM. A brief prayer service will set the tone for the two-hour activity. Please bring gloves, a mask, and water; the Committee will provide bags for garbage and recycling. For questions, contact Casey Woodruff (908-868-4915).

What you need to know for the future ...

Baptisms During the Easter Season The sacrament of baptism is being offered at the Great Easter Vigil and on Sundays during the season of Easter at the 8 AM in-person and physically-distanced service. Please pray for the candidates, their parents, and sponsors as they prepare for the sacrament of baptism. Below are the names of the catechumens in order of their date for baptism.

- † Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25 (Aurora Tsiolas)
- † Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2 (Lilianna Ilich)
- † Last Sunday of Easter, May 16 (Wesley Ditzel IV)
- † Day of Pentecost, May 23 (Matias Juarez)

Trinity Men's Group meets on the first Saturday of the month from 8 AM to 9 AM online. All men of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. Last week, the discussion centered on the book of the prophet Isaiah. The group's next meeting is May 1.

Trinity Women's Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 7 PM to 8 PM online. All women of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together.

Saint John's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth is our sister parish. Their Pantry is getting bare. Please help in stocking it; [click here](#) for more details about the items needed and deliver them to Marion Nechuta at 310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park.

Year of Eucharist Reflections This year, we seek to more fully develop our Eucharistic identity as individuals and as a community. The Liturgical Committee is inviting everyone to share their eucharistic experience. View Peter Waldron's moving reflection on the Eucharist by clicking [here](#): the password is

1872. Take some time to prayerfully reflect on the deeply personal question of what Eucharist means to you. Then, go to the *Fellowship* tab on Trinity's Website, click *Trinity Community Forum*, enter password 1872, click on *Year of Eucharist Reflections*, click on *Please share your...*, click on *Write a comment*. When finished, hit *Publish*.

“Remembrances and Recollections” The Trinity website contains a growing number of historical contributions from parishioners. This week there is a new entry about Dr. Arthur Patchett's and Lois Patchett's activities and accomplishments while at Trinity. Also, some brief anecdotes by Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini, as well as Bonnie Gentese, who spearheaded the annual “Breakfast with Santa” fund-raiser for many years, reflecting on the amount of work and great joy that resulted. Share your story; please contact any member of the Archival Committee: Vicki Goralski, Irene Telerico or Fran Witherington.

Calling all graduates Register for this year's Baccalaureate celebration with Bishop Stokes, featuring the presentation of scholarships, a virtual parade of graduates, and more!

Spiritual Reflection: What is a ‘Children’s Service’

This Sunday is the third Sunday of the month which, among other things, means that the 10 AM online offering takes the form of ‘Children’s Service.’ Basically this means that: a special effort is made to appoint younger readers, Sunday school is suspended, and a children’s address is delivered in lieu of a sermon. This is a pattern that started long before my arrival at Trinity and while I recognize its practical brilliance, and love the children’s participation, there are nevertheless some disturbing theological implications that are worth exploring.

First, having a designated Sunday at which children are invited to take on leadership roles in worship can foster the assumption that children should not typically take on these leadership roles in the liturgy. But baptism entitles children to full membership in the church with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that come with it. Therefore children with the spiritual gift for reading, ushering, leading the prayers, or assisting as a Eucharistic minister should be free to exercise that gift on any given Sunday. In the same way an adult with a gift and calling to be an acolyte should be welcomed to the ministry of serving at the Table; this should not be a ministry reserved for children only.

Second, a once a month ‘Children’s Service’ gives the impression that intergenerational worship is the exception and not the rule. While it is important for a parish to have smaller groups for men, women, children, teens, etc. our principal act of worship should, as a rule, be intergenerational and diverse. As John Milbank rightly observes: “The Church cannot be found amongst the merely like-minded, who associate in order to share a particular taste, hobby, or perversion. It can only be found where many different peoples possessing many different gifts collaborate in order to produce a divine-human community in one specific location.”

Ok... let me come down from my ‘theological ivory tower’ and reenter the real world. If every Sunday were intergenerational both children and Sunday school teachers would have to stick around after the service or on another occasion during the week for age-appropriate instruction. That’s obviously a ‘pipe dream’ in our already frenetic world of oversubscribed commitments and demands. As I acknowledged at the beginning the Children’s Service is practically brilliant and I should not let ‘the perfect be the enemy of the good.’ So, for now I will settle for simply alerting us to how easily our practice can undermine our baptismal identity and our understanding of the church.

Lectionary & Liturgy

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading directs our attention to the Eucharist as our ongoing experience of the resurrection. On the first Easter afternoon Jesus met two of his followers, and as they walked to the village of Emmaus he explained the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection to them. At table with them he said the blessing and broke the bread and they recognized him.

Today's Gospel reading carries that story to its conclusion. Those two disciples are in the midst of telling the others that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread when he appears in their midst. He again explains the scriptures and shares food with them. Thus from the very beginning of the Church's life in the risen Lord, the meal has been the most common way Jesus' resurrection is revealed to his people.

Our reading from Acts today is an account of the manifestation of Christ's presence in and through his followers. Peter and John heal a cripple in the name of Jesus and then Peter proclaims the Gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus. The second reading this Sunday speaks of the forgiveness of sins we have as a result of our life in Christ.

We are a people who through Baptism and Eucharist live in Christ's dying and rising. We meet him again and again in the Breaking of the Bread and acclaim him. "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!"

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