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Mission Statement Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship, serve, and share Jesus.

one flock, one shepherd."

Fourth Sunday of Easter

'There will be

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Welcome

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd." (40:11) Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please speak to the pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a \clubsuit . Thank you!

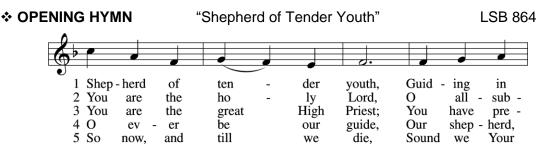
PRELUDE

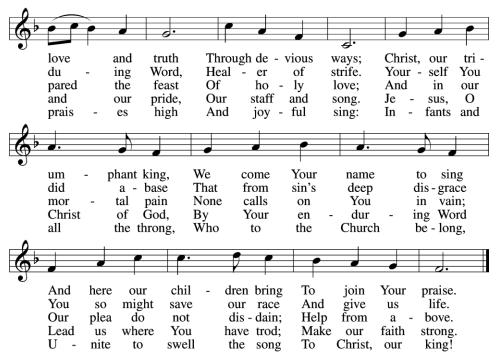
"The Faithful Shepherd"

- Leighenheimer

The prelude is a musical portrait of Psalm 23, the text may be followed on page 6. One can hear the two voices - that of Jesus, the Shepherd, calling to us, his sheep, as we respond. As the organ builds in intensity, we feel the rejoicing of a life forever in heaven, followed by the stillness and quiet of the peace of Christ.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS





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*** INVOCATION**

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

*** EASTER PROCLAMATION**

- **P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- Even on this festival day, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us pray. Almighty God, heavenly Father,
- We confess that we have not remained strong in faith. We have not always let the sure news of your resurrection dispel the fear that wells up within us. We have thought, spoken, and acted in weakness. We have not loved

you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve your judgment in time and eternity. Forgive us and renew in us the sure hope of joining saints and angels around the eternal feast which you have prepared for all who call your Son their Savior and Lord.

- **C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast





***** PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN ARE NOW DISMISSED TO ATTEND CHRIST'S KIDS

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 KJV

- **R** The Lord is my shepherd;
- I shall not want.
- He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
- **C** he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- **R** *He restoreth my soul:*
- **C** he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- **R** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
- thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- ALL Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

♦ ALLELUIA (Sing twice before the Gospel and once after)



HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter. P



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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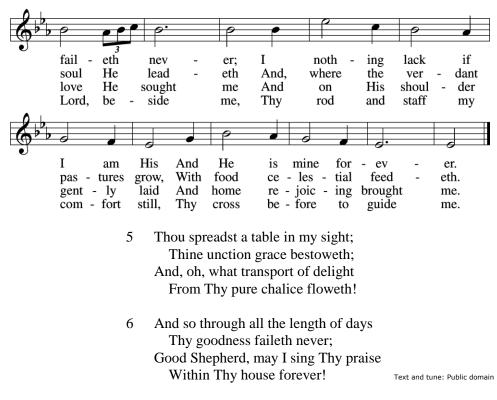
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SERMON

Pastor Johnson Rethinasamy

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

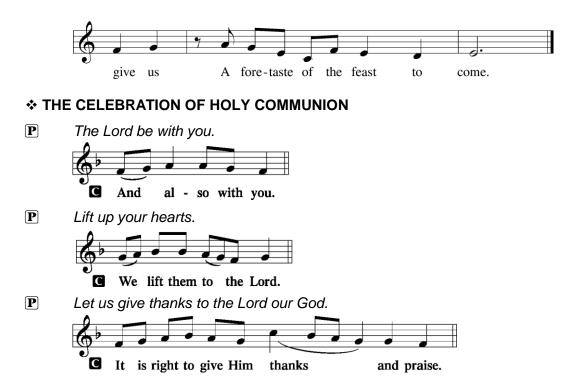
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TRINITY CHOIR"The Lord Is My Shepherd"– Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



*** OFFERTORY**



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for in Jesus Christ You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. In amazing love, He sacrificed Himself and shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. His unending love leads Him to intercede for us as, aided by the Holy Spirit, He brings our cares to Your throne of grace. Grant that we may live in humility, honoring our Savior in all that we do and rejoicing that we are granted a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





***** THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*** PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

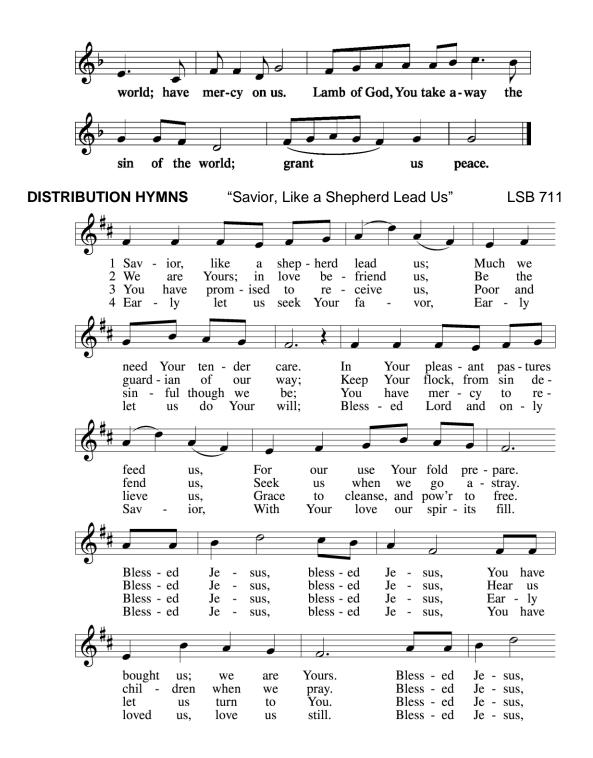
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

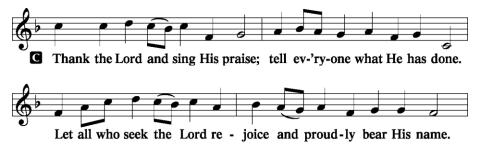
* AGNUS DEI Lamb of God







* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING Thank the Lord





CLOSING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

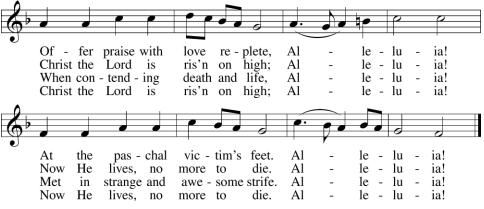
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
 Amen.





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DISMISSAL

- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"A Trumpet Minuet"

- Hollins

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