

Easter Sunday



April 5, 2026

7:30 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Parish

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You will find that our worship blends the ancient mysteries of the church with a modern and vibrant faith. Located in the pew rack are Hymnals and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), along with connection cards. Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so that we can connect you with the life of the church.

BELLS: The congregation is invited to ring in the Alleluias throughout the service, as well as throughout the Gloria.

RESTROOM: A restroom is located to the right as you enter the church, to the left as you exit.

LIGHTING A VOTIVE: The Little Side Chapel, located in the alcove to the left as you enter the church, is available to anyone wishing to light a candle and have a few moments of reflection and prayer.

RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE AND PASCHAL CANDLE

All gather in the courtyard, and the fire is kindled.

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy morning after our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lit from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The light of Christ.

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Thanks be to God.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Altar candles are now lit from the Paschal Candle.

The Lord be with you.

And also with thy spirit.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right to do so.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

Holy Father, accept our sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE GLORIA

**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

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ the Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here

with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 114

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

**Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The people stand.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Book of Common Prayer, p. 328)

CONFESSION OF SIN

The people kneel.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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.**

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.**

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed, or visit <https://trinityparish.com/giving/> or scan the QR code using your phone's camera to give online.



You may also mail your offering or pledge to: 317 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040

All things come of Thee O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP, p. 333)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see BCP p. 334)

The People kneel or remain standing.

... By whom, and with 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

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options at Trinity: Communion is distributed in the same way on both sides.

Bread and wine: *You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. You may assist in directing the wine to your lips, touching only the base of the chalice. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.*

Intinction: *You may very carefully dip the edge of the wafer in the wine. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.*

Bread only: *After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine.*

Blessing only: *If you or your child wish to receive a priest's blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel or stand.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **AMEN.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **AMEN.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **AMEN.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **AMEN**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and breakfast.

Those serving today

Lector: Thommy Barbeauld

LEM: Laura Harpel

Acolyte/LEM: Blake Yrabedra

Usher/Greeter: Charlene Lollar

Celebrant

We are joined today by the Rev. John Smith of Madison.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Asher Barnes and Milan James on receiving the sacrament of Baptism today.

Flower donations

Flowers given by Richard Gildrie memory of Howard Winn.

Flowers given by Courtney and Robert Thornsbury.

Easter Sunday flowers have been given to the Glory of God:

In memory of Ann Rollow Ross and in thanksgiving for her faithful support of Trinity Parish and its program from Phil and Laura Harpel.

In memory of Paul Jett Laugeness and Avery Ruth Laugeness from Merrilee Laugeness.

In memory of Margaret Childress from Anne Finley, Eileen Ballestos and Merrilee Laugeness.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Tabitha Tackett- Meaker, Vincent Meaker and Isabelle Tackett

Maryalice Telford

Ralph and Melissa Tennant

Parish Prayer List

Jack Mitchell

Mary Smith

Anne Finley

Dorothy Hartzog

Linda Broderick-Northup and family

Calendar

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- **7:30 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
- **10 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9 a.m.

- **Children:** Godly Play for students pre-school through 5th grade.
- **Youth:** Students 6th through 12th grade.
- **Adults:** Walk in Love: "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices" by Scott Gunn

11:30 a.m. (following 10 a.m. service)

- **Adults:** The Old Testament Prophets in Context

Nursery is available starting at 9 a.m. through the 10 a.m. service for infants up to 3 years old.

FELLOWSHIP:

- **Wednesday Night Dinner** every week at 5:30 p.m. Donation of \$10 for ages 16 and up, \$5 for students, free for 15 and younger.
- **Confirmation/Inquirers Class**, Wednesdays at 6:30 with the Rev. Dr. Mark Hunter.
- **Small Groups** meet weekly or bi-weekly. To sign up, go to <https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/> or call the church office, 931-645-2458.
- **Women's Study**, "The Gift of Years," second Saturdays at 9 a.m., Parish Hall library.
- **Loaves & Fishes** Trinity volunteer Day, third Wednesdays at noon, 325 Crossland Ave.
- **Circuit Workit** low-impact exercise, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall, first floor classroom.
- **Chair Yoga**, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall, first floor classroom.
- **Fiber Arts Group**, third Saturdays at 10 a.m., Parish Hall library.

Announcements

Brunswick Stew: Save Saturday, April 25 on your calendar for the churchwide Brunswick Stew making. An old Trinity tradition is coming back to life! Congregation members will be asked to contribute the ingredients for a delicious stew, then we will prep and cook in an iron cauldron over a wood fire together in the parking lot behind the church. Plan for a fun day of cooking together, playing together, and enjoying delicious stew! Want to volunteer to be a part of the Red Cup Committee, the unofficial cooking crew? Contact Kate and Chris Smith at (931) 551-7412 or norakatemom@gmail.com. We need potato and onion choppers, can openers, cauldron stirrers, and as many cooks in the "kitchen" as want to be involved.

Flowers for the Altar: We have dates available if you would like to make a donation for Sunday flowers. Please contact Laura Harpel by email at horsedoctor3@gmail.com or by cell at 931-206-4600. You can also contact the office.



Your Pledge to Trinity: We are called to discern how we can best support the growth of God's Kingdom. Stewardship isn't limited to one season – our gifts of time, talent and treasure can be offered at any

point throughout the year. Your pledge helps Trinity sustain our sacred space and expand our outreach and connection in the community. Thank you for sharing your commitment to Trinity.

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Scan here to submit your pledge online or contact the church office.

Happy birthday to Claire Mobhair! This week she joined an exclusive club of Trinity parishioners who are 90-plus years old.

Trinity Sunday Baptisms: Our next opportunity for Baptism is on Trinity Sunday, May 31, with the final visitation of Bishop John Bauerschmidt, who is retiring this year. If you are interested in Baptism on Trinity Sunday, please contact the church office or scan this QR Code:



Newcomers Dinner: Save the date! If you're new to Trinity (or just feel like you're pretty new!) we want to invite you to a Newcomers Dinner at 6 pm on April 10 in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP by scanning this QR code and filling out the Google form for us.





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Lead Verger: Chris Smith

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Bill Kimbrough, Jr Warden

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