

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 10, 2026
10 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.

NURSERY: Kids of all ages are welcome to attend the service! However, parents may prefer to take infants and toddlers up to 3 years old to our staffed nursery, located downstairs in the Parish House next to the sanctuary. The ushers or greeters can accompany you to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Children's Chapel is available for children ages 4-7 every Sunday (except the first Sunday Family Service). Participating families are asked to sign in using the check-in station as you enter. During the singing of the Gloria, children will gather and process to Children's Chapel. Children are escorted back to their families at the Peace.

Please note that the Parish House doors are locked during the service. Should you need access to the Nursery or Children's Chapel during the service, please see an usher, or go to the breezeway door and the gatekeeper will assist you.

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.

VOLUNTARY: Aria

Ashley Grote (b. 1982)

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN:

Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

Hymnals are found in the pew racks.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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: Hymnal S280

Hymn numbers with an S are at the beginning of the Hymnal.

The People sing:

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain

your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN:

Hymn 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

All stand

GOSPEL:John 14:15-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI, BCP p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our presiding bishop, John, our bishop, and for all bishops, priests and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For Trinity's search for our next priest.

That we may be filled with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, patience, love and mutual respect.

For all the men and women in the service of our nation, and their families, at home and abroad.

For their strength, courage and safety.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for mothers. We thank you for biological mothers, adopted mothers, and mothers in spirit. We thank you for mothers who love and nurture children who are not their own, who teach us to be upright and courageous in adversity and make us strong enough to go out into the world. Comfort those of us who miss our mothers this day, and strengthen and bless those mothers who work so hard to love, protect, and nurture their families this day and every day. **Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Hymn 705

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

DOXOLOGY

The People stand and sing while the offerings are brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Hymnal S125

The People sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

FRACTION ANTHEM, Hymnal S155

The People sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 416

For the beauty of the earth

Lucerna Laudoniae

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

**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.**

EASTER BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

Hymn 212

Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY: March ~ Occasional Oratorio

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

Those serving today

Welcome: Will Green

1st reading: Shirley Woodham Hood

Psalm: Jeanie Johnke Faust

2nd reading: Lucas Evan Smith

Prayers: Courtney Thornsburry

Verger: Chris Smith

LEM/Cross: Katie LeBeau Dean

Torch/server: Pluto Graham

Torch/plates: Robert Bowles

Ushers: Steven B. Stroman Larry M Faust

Greeters: Jeremy Bowles David Graham

Livestream: Nathaniel Olmos

Gatekeeper: Megan Williams

Children's Chapel: Allison Graham Nicholette

Cochran

Parish H. lockup: Steven B. Stroman

Altar Guild: John

Celebrant

We are joined today by the Rev. Funmi Odidi of Nashville.

Flower donations

Altar flowers given by Jan Hodgson in loving memory of her spouse Frank Hodgson, her parents Springer and Helen Gibson, and her sister Gretchen Tremoulet.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NASHVILLE

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Tyler, Owen and Autumn Wright
Blake Yrabedra

Parish Prayer List

Jane Lazar
Joan Truesdale

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.

Announcements

It's graduation time and we would like to recognize our high school and college graduates! If you know of a graduate, please contact the church office with their name, degree, and what school/college they are graduating from! We will recognize our graduates on **Sunday, May 17 during our 10 am service.**

Surprise Party VBS 2026: Our five-day VBS is going to be packed full of fun! Each day, we will be learning about how Jesus gives us peace in a chaotic world.

Do you have any chaos in your life? We all do! Besides major stuff, as parents, our days are often filled with hectic schedules, last-minute practices, paying the bills, and figuring out what to make for supper every single night! It's easy to get wound up in the midst of disorder.

That's why we need to remember that Jesus is our strength in the midst of chaos. Each day, we will be learning about how Jesus gives us peace in a chaotic world. Along with Bible lessons, we will have fun skits, play games, make crafts, worship, and just have a bunch of fun together!

Register below by Scanning Qr code:

- Grade levels: Entering pre-k through fifth grade.
- July 27-31
- Drop off time: 5:30 p.m. (light dinner will be served 5:30-6 p.m.)
- Pick up time: 8 p.m.



Free flower arranging courses! Ever wanted to learn to arrange flowers? Laura Harpel is offering free courses every Saturday morning at Trinity. Contact her by email at horsedoctor3@gmail.com or by cell at 931-206-4600.

Volunteers Needed for Project Transformation June 22-25: Project Transformation is a 6-week summer day camp for children and youth in grades K-8 that focuses on developing literacy and social-emotional skills. It is held at Forest Street United Methodist and supported by five other Clarksville churches. Trinity will provide volunteers to read with the children in the mornings and meals for the interns in the evenings the week of June 22-25. Please text or call Anne Finley (931-206-4918) or Allison Graham (931-216-0349) if you'd like to volunteer or just need more information.

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



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:





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Music Director: Dr. Daniel Copher
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Lead Verger: Chris Smith

Our Vestry

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Bill Kimbrough, Jr Warden
Thommy Barbeauld
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