



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
April 11, 2021 • 10:30am

**Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to
love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.**

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532

J. S. BACH

At the Procession, *He Is Risen*

UNSER HERRSCHER

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore - sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one dark some cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate; we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

∞ Opening Acclamation

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

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **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.

∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

∞ The First Reading

ACTS 4:32-35

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

∞ The Gradual, *Psalms 133*

CHANT BY PAUL WEBER

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

∞ The Second Reading

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

A Reading from the First letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

∞ The Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

∞ The Gospel

JOHN 20:19-31

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN PITZER

∞ Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Steven Harrison Gamble
son of Stephanie Graf Gamble
and Jonathan David Gamble

Margaret Connolly Powell
daughter of Sarah Skotty Powell
and Scott Sanders Powell

Marion Helen Mock
daughter of Anne Goza Mock
and Neil Thomas Mock

Infants and Younger Children: Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents **I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

When the candidate has been presented,

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The People stand. The Celebrant asks the Congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

∞ The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of
God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor
as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect
the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

∞ The Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament
of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ
your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to
come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

∞ Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the
beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in
Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was
anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and
resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his
death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come
to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who
here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus

Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *People* **Amen.**

∞ The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

∞ The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory, *We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight*

ST. BOTOPH

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear from him
who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice;
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

∞ The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

∞ Proper Preface

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

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

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

∞ Sanctus

**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.

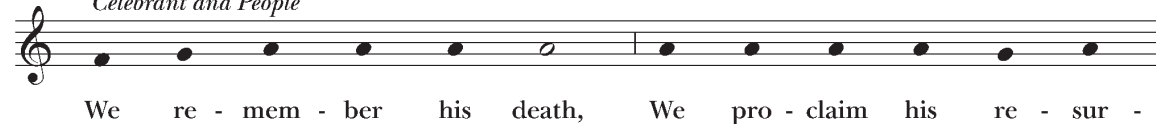
You are invited to remain standing during the great fifty days of Easter.

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.

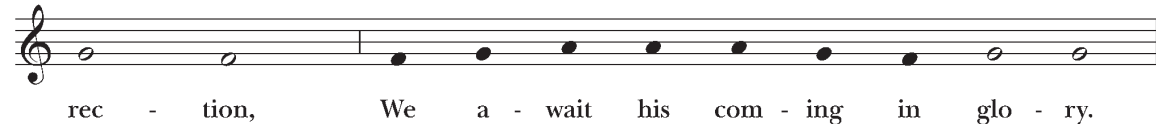
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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 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.**

∞ The 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem, *S 155 Christ our Passover (Near)*

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

∞ Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In communion with those who are participating on-line, and cannot physically receive the Sacrament, we pray:

O my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

∞ Invitation

The Celebrant says

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

∞ Music at Communion

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Jesus Is Our King, Post Green

SHERELL PREBBLE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

Create in us, O God, a humble heart that sets us free to proclaim the wondrous majesty of our Father in heaven.

We bear the Name of Christ, justified we meet with him. His words and presence calm our fear, revealing God, our Father, here.

Let kindred voices join, honoring the Lamb of God who teaches us by bread and wine the mystery of his body.

Pour out your Spirit on us, empowering us to live as one, to carry your redeeming love to a world enslaved by sin.

∞ Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

∞ Blessing

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

∞ Dismissal

People Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

At the Recession, *Fugue in D Major, BWV 532*

J. S. BACH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Sunday at Trinity

Faith and Fiction meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Check member emails or contact Merry Touns at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

Youth Group (6th-12th) 4pm to 5:45pm at the Molly's House Youth Building. Tonight we are watching Risen.

The Season of Easter

Easter Musical Offerings / Evening Prayer - Beginning on April 7, Trinity will host Musical Offerings during weekly Evening Prayer at 6pm. Building on the popularity of our Lenten Musical Offerings, the Easter series will kick off with Anais St. John & Harry Mayonne, and include Ivan Griffin, baritone, Paul Weber, organ, Steve Walch & Alana Guarino, jazz bass and flute, and more. Join us each Wednesday for a performance by the best musicians in New Orleans.

Stations of the Resurrection - During Easter season, we will be showcasing a 14 panel series of artistic works, done by parishioners, depicting the Stations of the Resurrection. The installation is featured along Jackson Avenue in front of our church for all to experience.

Transition to Transformation: A Women's Journey - This has been a year of transition to say the least. Some of us have spent the last year reexamining our current vocation and wondering if there is something else we are meant to do with our lives. Some of us have a new perspective of what's really important when it comes to work, life, family, health, and spirituality. Some of us are "aging out" of young motherhood and aren't sure where to go next or what we are even qualified to do. And some of us have a deep, inner-knowing that there is more waiting for us but we aren't sure what it is or how to get there.

During this upcoming season of Easter, a season of resurrection and transformation, let's explore together the things that give us new life, new energy, and hope for our future as women. All women of Trinity Church (and all women) are invited to participate in a 5-week journey of self-discovery.

MIND - Wednesday, April 14 from 8:15-9:30 am (Zoom)
Life on the Verge: Versatility with Life Coach, Virginia Barkley

BODY - Wednesday, April 21 from 8:15-9:30 am (Zoom)
Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) with Dr. Gail Gillespie

HEART - Wednesday, April 28 (in person)
Heart-Opening Yoga Sequence.

SOUL - Wednesday, May 5 from 8:15-9:30 am (in person)
Remember, Release, Receive, Return: Walking the Labyrinth.

NEIGHBOR - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

If we are to love our neighbors we must first love ourselves. We will use the past four sessions to get grounded and connected to who we are and then return the blessings that we discover to women who are less privileged. More information to come.

Vestry Slate & Annual Meeting

Trinity has identified an incredible slate to serve on the Vestry for 2021-2025. Read more about each one to prepare for voting online. Voting will take place April 18-23. The ballot box will be located in the Church Sunday April 18 for all three services. The box will then be located in the front office April 19-23 for anyone to come by and vote. The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 25. Details to follow. Please email ellinor@bell-south.net with any questions. <https://trinitynola.com/annual-meeting-vestry-slate/>

Formation Opportunities

Dismantling Racism - For two decades, Trinity Episcopal Church has participated in anti-racism training programs run by The People's Institute. Countless vestry members, staff, and parishioners have experienced this challenging program. Over the past year, while so much was on pause due to COVID-19, we were able to explore other models for anti-racism training, and have elected to try a new program.

This program from the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, Georgia, is based on and centered in our Episcopal faith. The actual program titled Dismantling Racism, is a challenging program that seeks to increase "racial understanding, healing and reconciliation." The Dismantling Racism program will be offered twice a year, once in the spring and once in early fall.

Saturday April 24, 8:30am-3pm.

Register online. Link in email blast or on online calendar.

Daily Meditation - Trinity sends out a Daily Meditation by email in which writers from our parish are invited to reflect on either scripture from the Daily Lectionary or another source that has inspired their faith. It is a way of sharing spiritual insights; individual

voices offering bits of their personal spiritual story to contribute to our shared story as a diverse worshipping community. If you wish to contribute to the writing, or if you are not receiving these Daily Meditations and wish to do so, kindly contact Maria Elliott. mel-liott@trinitynola.com

Walking the Mourner's Path - Trinity will offer the Walking the Mourner's Path workshop on Tuesday's at 4:30 in May and June this spring. Walking the Mourner's Path is a Christ-centered, non-denominational grief support program. We believe grieving is not lack of faith but a natural part of living. For more information or to register, please contact Maria Elliott. 504-259-2098 or melliott@trinitynola.com

The Spiritual Seekers Discussion group explores some of the biggest questions of faith, informed by short readings from recent theologians. Meeting dates include: March 14, April 11, and May 16. Contact Phyllis Raabe at praabe@tulane.edu with questions and to request Zoom access.

Stewardship at Trinity Church

We are immensely grateful for all the pledges of support received to date. Please be sure to submit your 2021 pledge as soon as possible so that we may include it in the budget planning process. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today at <https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/>. Please contact Raina O'Neil, Director of Stewardship with any questions about pledging. (504) 670-2537 or roneil@trinitynola.com.

Rummage Drop Off

Your continued donations of clean clothes, toys, household and holiday items to Trinity Rummage are very much appreciated! We sort and price for the next sale which we hope will be in October. Thank you for trying to bring your items on Tuesday and Friday between 11 AM and 1 PM. The tax deduction forms are available at the front desk. We very much appreciate your donations as they go to support our WOTC and community outreach. Thank you!

Trinity Treasures

Back in stock! India Stewart's beautiful rendering of Tim Trapolin's Trinity Easter Cross. Shop online or in person Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm and Sundays before and after 10:30am worship.

Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.