



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
April 11, 2021 • 6:00pm

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

∞ Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

∞ Salutation for Baptism

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.**

∞ 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.**

∞ Psalm

PSALM 133

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.**

Thomas and Teresa

When you find your faith is challenged
You're so tired of all that preaching
You may find yourself like Thomas in his doubt
Just remember that which drew you
To the highest of the teachings
And think the Lord will help you work it out
You'll work it out
You and the Lord will work it out
He loved Thomas and Teresa in their doubt
The Lord wants to see your face
And hold you in his grace
I have no doubt
You and the Lord will work it out

∞ The Gospel

All stand.

JOHN 20:19-31

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN PITZER

∞ Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Willow James Villela
daughter of Kara Kelly Villela
and Vidal Adrian Villela

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 this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Leader Bring her 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 this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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
The Peace is now exchanged

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

What Do You Think About Jesus?

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

The Holy Communion

∞ The Great Thanksgiving

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.

∞ Words of Institution

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 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

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

∞ Invitation

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.

This Train

SISTER ROSETTA THARPE

∞ Post-Communion Prayer

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.

∞ Blessing

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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. melliott@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.

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