



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
April 18, 2021 • 6:00pm

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

∞ Opening Acclamation

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

∞ 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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Oh, Glory, How Happy I Am

REV. GARY DAVIS

The Lessons

∞ The First Reading

ACTS 3:12-19

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

∞ The Gradual, *Psalm 4*

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”
Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices, *
and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

∞ The Second Reading

1 JOHN 3:1-7

A Reading from the First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins;

no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Whenever God Shines a Light on Me

VAN MORRISON

∞ The Gospel
All stand.

LUKE 24:36b-48

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

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JANE-ALLISON WIGGIN

∞ The Creed
All stand.

**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.**

∞ The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

∞ 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

∞ 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.**

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.

The Celebrant continues

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 remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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,
People and Celebrant

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 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.

In the Garden

VAN MORRISON

∞ Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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

∞ 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 using the old altar candles to make our own devotional candles and meditation on the Easter story by walking the Stations of the Resurrection on Jackson Avenue.

The Season of Easter

Easter Musical Offerings / Evening Prayer - Each Wednesday at 6pm Trinity will welcome a different group of musicians for extended musical offerings during a short service of Evening Prayer. There aren't many opportunities for live music these days, so keep this schedule in your calendars!

April 21 - Festive French Organ Music for the Easter Season, Paul Weber, organ

April 28 - Ivan Griffin, baritone, and Anna Briscoe, piano

May 5 - Rogue Baroque: Kurt Munstedt, violin, Seth Scott, lute, with Paul Weber, continuo organ

May 12 - Three Sopranos: Joy Meade, Maria Thomas, and Claire Shackelton, with Paul Weber, piano

May 19 - The Trinity Choir Evensong with vaccinated singers!

Vestry Slate & Annual Meeting

Vote for Vestry Slate today through Friday. After today, the ballot box will move downstairs to the front office. Unable to vote in person? Call Tina Grant at (504) 670-2526.

Trinity has identified an incredible slate to serve on the Vestry for 2021-2025. Read more about each one to prepare for voting online. The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 25. <https://trinitynola.com/annual-meeting-vestry-slate/>

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.

Town Hall Meeting with Sixth Baptist

On Thursday, the 29th of April at 7:00 pm, Trinity will hold the third Town Hall meeting with Sixth Baptist via Zoom. After two very successful meetings, we are growing closer to settling on some action items that our two church communities might work together on as we find common ground in our efforts to help heal our city. We will provide registration information the following two weeks in the Wednesday email blast. Please be watching for this information.

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.

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.

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.

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 appreciate your donations as they go to support our WOTC and community outreach.

Trinity Treasures

The Men's Creativity Retreat Group from Trinity was unable to meet in North Carolina in 2020, so this group created a beautiful collection of photos, prayers, music and meditations. This Book of Prayer and Meditation is meant to be a source of comfort, hope and reassurance of the healing power of Christ's enduring love and God's grace. A sample is available in Trinity Treasures and may be ordered in person or on the website by clicking here. Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.

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