



# **TRINITY**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

April 25, 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ***May You Find What You Were Looking For***

**CHIP WILSON**

May you find what you were looking for when you came in here tonight.  
May the spirit in this building bring you light.  
May we sing Glory, Glory as the day turns into night-  
Singing Glory to God in the highest.  
Will you pray for what you're looking for when you came in here tonight?  
May the Father, Son and Spirit bring you light  
With the Father, Son and Spirit and the Lord's redeeming might-  
Singing Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Did you find what you were looking for when you came in here tonight?  
Will you leave here feeling lighter and enlightened,  
Singing Glory to God in the highest as the day turns into night?

# The Lessons

## ∞ First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**T**he rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*Silence may follow.*

## ∞ Gradual, *Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## ∞ Second Reading

1 JOHN 3:16-24

A Reading from the First letter of John.

**W**e know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## *Oh, Good Shepherd, Feed My Sheep*

AMERICAN SHAPE-NOTE HYMN

If you want to get to heaven  
over on the other shore  
stay out of the way of the  
blood-stained bandit, long-time liar.  
Oh, good Shepherd,  
feed my sheep.

One for Paul,  
one for Silas,  
one for to make my heart rejoice-  
Can't you year my lambs are callin'?  
Oh, good Shepherd,  
feed my sheep.

## ∞ The Gospel

*All stand.*

JOHN 10:11-18

*Deacon  
People*

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

**J**esus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Deacon  
People*

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

## ∞ The Sermon

PASTOR TORIN T. SANDERS

## ∞ 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.*

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.

### ***Green Pastures***

### ∞ 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.

## ∞ The Blessing

## ∞ The Dismissal

*People* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**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 taylorlks@aol.com for Zoom access.

**Youth Group (6th-12th)** 4pm to 5:45pm at the Molly's House Youth Building. Water Balloon Game Day! For our water balloon games, make sure you wear clothes that can get wet, and shoes that you can run around in!

### The Season of Easter

**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.

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.

**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.

### **Vestry Slate & Annual Meeting**

Trinity has identified an incredible slate to serve on the Vestry for 2021-2025. The ballot is 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 after our 10:30am service.

### **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**

**Youth Group Canoe Trip in City Park** - RSVP for May 2. Youth Group returns to LOOP NOLA on Sunday May 2nd. Meet at 1031 Harrison Ave in City Park at 2:00pm for a 3 hour canoe trip. Youth must be registered in advance. There are a maximum of 12 canoe seats available for youth. Pick up is from 4:45pm-5:00pm. Register via the church website.

**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 mellriott@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.

### **Confirmation**

Bishop Morris Thompson will make his annual visit Sunday May 16th and Confirm and Receive our 2020 and 2021 Confirmation classes at the 8am and 10:30am services. For more information on the process to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church or how to transfer membership from another church denomination, please contact Mother Jane-Allison at 504 295 1375.

### **Funeral Arrangements for the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, III**

The funeral service for the Rt. Reverend Charles E. Jenkins, III will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Church of West Feliciana in St. Francisville. Due to social distancing protocols, capacity is limited. Please contact the Grace Church office at 225-635-4065 to request seat(s) for the service. The office is open between 8:30 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that those attending will be required to wear a mask, maintain social distance, and follow all other COVID guidelines as recommended by the CDC, local government officials, and the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

### **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.

### **GiveNOLA Day**

Tuesday, May 4, is GiveNOLA Day and on this day of giving your gift to Trinity Church will go a little further! Bookmark our page: <https://www.givenola.org/trinity-church> Giving runs midnight to midnight on May 4. Contact Raina O'Neil at roneil@trinitynola.com or call 504-952-2941 (cell) with any questions or to have your gift applied to your 2021 pledge. Thank you! We can't wait to celebrate the difference your generosity will make!

## **Rummage Drop Off**

Now accepting books! Your continued donations of clean clothes, toys, books, 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**

Mark your calendars! Trinity Treasures has a lot going on this week that you won't want to miss! Select Spring Sale items will be available at 40% off in the Undercroft this Friday and Sunday, 4/23 and 4/25. Friday: 9-4, Sunday: 9-12.

To make this sale even sweeter, Trinity Treasures will be hosting our first book signing in OVER A YEAR! Author, teacher, child development specialist, and Trinity School Alumna Haley Waring will be signing copies of her new book *The Best Day It Could Be* on Sunday, April 25 before and after the 10:30 service. This charming and heartfelt story about the Covid-19 pandemic told through the eyes of a diverse group of children is certain to help children recognize the universal nature of their feelings and know they are never alone.