

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Loving and Serving one another so we may love and serve God's World



## **Third Sunday of Easter** **April 19, 2026** **The Holy Eucharist, Rite II** **8:00 am**

Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
Associate Priest: The Rev. Bambi Willis  
Campus & YA Minister: The Rev. Ethan Lowery  
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**\*\*Large print prayer books are available at the entrance of the church\*\***

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Word of God

BCP 355

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:*

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.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### The Collect

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.**

### First Reading

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (*alternating call and response*)

BCP 741

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
**"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

How shall I repay the Lord \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
**is the death of his servants.**

O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## The Holy Gospel *(standing as able)*

Luke 24:13-35

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

### **The Prayers of the People** (*kneeling or standing as able*)

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. We remember especially St. John's in Centreville and St. Paul's Memorial in Charlottesville in this week's Diocesan cycle of prayer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**Healing** Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

BCP 360

## Offertory Sentence

# The Holy Communion

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP 367**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

*Prayer ministry offered at the rear of the church during the distribution of communion*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

## **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Val Folden   **Lector:** Sven Rundman  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Sven Rundman  
**Prayer Minister:** Joanne Beck   **Vestry Person:** Val Folden  
**Parish Shepherd:** Holly Feliciano

**DEDICATIONS**

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Trinity Episcopal Church.

The **VIGIL LIGHT** is given to the Glory of God by  
The Corrado Family in Thanksgiving for Adah Grace.

**TRINITY CLERGY AND STAFF**

**Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
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**Parish Business Manager:** Michele Brantley   **Parish Office Coordinator:** Marvin Stearns  
**Sunday School Coordinator:** Sam Burton   **Parish Hospitality Manager:** BJ Jarvis

**TRINITY VESTRY**

*Term - 2027: Val Folden (Senior Warden), Walt Harrison, Dave Hosaflook (Treasurer)*  
*Term - 2028: Deborah Condren, Harry Dickinson (Registrar) Linda Falter, Sven Rundman*  
*Term - 2029: Chris Brantley, BJ Jarvis (Junior Warden), Andrea Marcinkevicius*

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**MISSION**

Our mission is to share Christ's love and grace in a vibrant community whose joyful spirit empowers people to do God's work.

**TRINITY INFO**

For urgent concerns outside office hours, call or text our rector,  
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Church Office Hours Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Morning Prayer - Weekdays on Facebook - 6:30 am -  
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## **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

### **Sunday, April 19**

- 9:15 am - Episcopal 101: Getting to Know the Church (Barber Hall)
- 11:30 am - Daughters of the King Meeting (Lounge)
- 12:00 pm - Trinity Kids Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Barber Hall)

### **Monday, April 20**

- 10:30 am - Trinity Grief Support Group (Lounge)

### **Wednesday, April 22**

- 10:00 am - Knaughty Knitters (Lounge)
- 12:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Noon Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm - Blessings in a Backpack (Barber Hall)

### **Thursday, April 23**

- 9:15 am - Bible Study with The Rev. Suzanne Hood (Barber Hall)
- 6:00 to 8:00 pm - Celebration of New Ministry of The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
Followed by reception (Sanctuary, followed by Barber Hall)

### **Saturday, April 25**

- 8:00 am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting (Barber Hall)

### **Sunday, April 26**

- 9:15 am - Animal Welfare Ministry Meeting (Library)
- 9:15 am - Episcopal 101: Getting to Know the Church (Barber Hall)
- 11:30 am - Daughters of the King Meeting (Lounge)
- 12:00 pm - Trinity Kids Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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### **Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer**

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. • If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself. • Gluten-free wafers are also available by request. • Respond to communion by saying “Amen.” • If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. • Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to the priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the rear of the sacntuary after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.