

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 2026 The Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:00 am

Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood
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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

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.**

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 (alternating call and response)

BCP 599

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel (standing as able)

John 20:19-31

Celebrant: 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.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ethan Lowery

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.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. We remember especially Christ Church in Glen Allen, St. Paul's in Alexandria, and St. Francis in Great Falls in this week's Diocesan cycle of prayer. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into 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

Prayer for Sending out Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ. The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

People: **As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's Death until he comes.**

Celebrant: In the name of the congregation of Trinity Church, I send you out to N. and N. bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who had redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be untied with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **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:** Dick Ayres
Eucharistic Minister: Joanne Beck
Prayer Minister: Marti Harrington **Vestry Person:** Val Folden
Parish Shepherd: Kirk Richardson

DEDICATIONS

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by
Marianne Simpson in Thanksgiving for her Children and Grandchildren
Natalie, Matthew, Kasey, Grady, Hillary, and Lucas.
The **VIGIL LIGHT** is given to the Glory of God by
The Corrado Family in Thanksgiving for Michele Berry.

TRINITY CLERGY AND STAFF

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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,
The Rev. Suzanne Hood at (804) 832-4109.

The Rev. Suzanne Hood can also be reached through email at: shood@trinity-fredericksburg.org

Church Office Hours Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Morning Prayer - Weekdays on Facebook - 6:30 am -
<https://www.facebook.com/trinityfredericksburg>

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, April 12

9:15 am and 10:45 am - Let My PEEP-le Go! Crafternoon (Barber Hall)
12:00 pm - Trinity Kids Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, April 14

10:30 am - Book Group Meeting (Lounge)

Wednesday, April 15

10:00 am - Knaughty Knitters (Lounge)
10:00 am - Staff Meeting (lower-level conference room)
12:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Noon Service (Sanctuary)
3:30 pm - Blessings in a Backpack (Barber Hall)
7:30 pm—Vestry Meeting (Jamison Hall Loft)

Thursday, April 16

9:15 am - Bible Study with The Rev. Suzanne Hood (Lounge)
7:00 pm - Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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)

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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 sacnturary after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.