

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two April 28, 2024 - 10:30am

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All are welcome.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please help us to connect by signing our online guestbook (scan the QR code) or visit with one of our greeters and clergy.



For more information, visit us online or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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Children in Church

Changing tables are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

Nursery Care is available from 9:00am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under. A Safe Church, Safe Communities certified adult is supported by our High School Nursery Ministry Team that welcomes our littles friends with joy and excitement. High schoolers interested in joining this paid ministry team should email abond@trinitynola.com.

The Pray Ground is located at the front, left of the church and serves as a place where young children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this place. Please help your child enjoy this space quietly and peacefully.

To Parents: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

Prelude, Prelude Modale

Hymn in Procession, That Easter day with joy was bright (Puer nobis)

BLUE HYMNAL 193

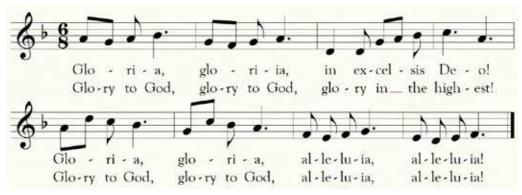
∞ The Acclamation

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe 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.**

Gloria



 ∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading *The People sit.*

A n angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Астя 8:26-40

 ∞ The Gradual: Psalm 22:24-30 Sung by the Choir.

All	My praise is of him in the great as <u>sembly</u> ; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who <u>worship him</u> . The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall <u>praise him</u> : * "May your heart live for <u>ever</u> !"
Choir	All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
All	My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall <u>serve him;</u> * they shall be known as the Lord's for <u>ever</u> . They shall come and make known to a people yet un <u>born</u> * the saving deeds that he has <u>done</u> .

 ∞ The Second Reading

1 Јони 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Sequence Hymn, I am the Vine

Green Songbook 44

Jони 15:1-8

 ∞ The Holy Gospel

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

esus said to his disciples, 1"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

 ∞ The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Michael Kuhn

∞ The Nicene Creed *All stand and say together*

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 The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence
Leader People	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Leader People	For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Leader People	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Leader People	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Leader People	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Leader People	For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in God's Church.
Leader	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
	Silence
People	Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.
Leader	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Silence
People	We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your name for ever and ever.
Leader	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. <i>Silence</i>
People	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

∞ The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The People greet one another.

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

 ∞ The Doxology *Please stand as you are able.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

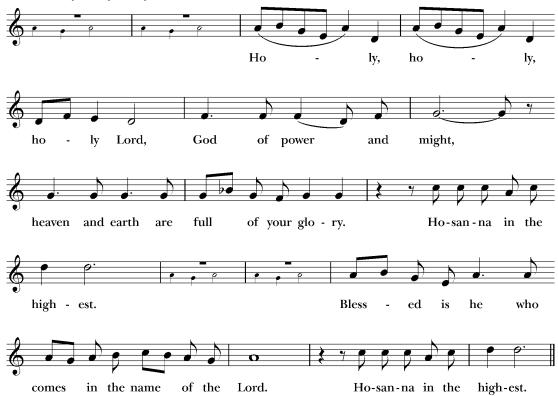
∞ The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.

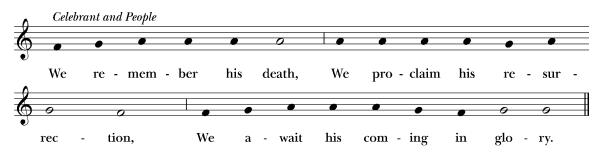
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The People remain standing (as they will for the Great Fifty Days of Easter until Pentecost), and the Celebrant continues on p. 368 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

Sanctus, Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)

Therefore according to his command, O Father.



The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B on p. 369 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

 ∞ The Lord's Prayer *Read aloud together.*

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 364 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

∞ The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.



∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem, O sacrum convivium

Luca Marenzio

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given unto us. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn, Jesus, I Love You

GREEN SONGBOOK 59

GREEN SONGBOOK 86

Communion Hymn, O Christ, the Healer

 ∞ Sending Out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
People We who are many are one Body, for we all share in one Bread, one Cup.

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant	Let us pray.
All	Loving God, we give you thanks
	for restoring us in your image
	and nourishing us with spiritual food
	in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
	Now send us forth
	a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
	that we may proclaim your love to the world
	and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

 ∞ The Blessing

 ∞ The Dismissal

Deacon	Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
	Alleluia, alleluia!
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude, Allegro Maestoso, from Symphony No. 3 for Organ, op. 28

LOUIS VIERNE

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Celebrant: Deacon: Organist: The Reverend Dr. Michael Kuhn The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer The Reverend Carol Borne Spencer Paul Weber

Altar Memorials

The altar flowers in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Mr. And Mrs. John G.B. Boyd.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Treasures Clearance Sale Continues - St. Patrick's Day and Easter - 60% off, Christmas, Trinity School & All Other Items - 40% off. *Trinity School sweatshirts and Trinity Church ceiling wood crosses excluded from sale.*

Handwritten Cards of Hope - The time between Easter and Pentecost is called Eastertide. This is a time when people began to meet Jesus in new, unexpected ways. As an extension of the work our students did making Christmas cards for incarcerated youth, we invite all interested parishioners to write notes of hope and compassion during this season of new beginnings. A table will be set up in Bishops Hall every Sunday with supplies.

Featured Events

Eastertide Home Eucharists (April 24 and May 8) - Gather and worship with a small group around the coffee table. It's a chance to connect with familiar faces and meet someone new. Attendess are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres to share. Please register online or contact <u>ipitzer@trinitynola.com</u> to RSVP.

Wednesday, May 8, 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the home of Parker & Toto Robinson 5125 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70115

YogaMass® (May 4) is offered on the first Saturday of every month from 10:30am - 12:00pm in the sanctuary. YogaMass® is a worship service that integrates yoga, breath work, meditation, and Holy Communion as a way to bring into self-awareness the body and spirit that is given to each of us by God.

Dillard University Faculty Opera Concert (May 5) - 4:00pm, featuring professors and visiting artists from Dillard University.

Evening Prayer with Healing: (May 14) - Join us for a healing service of music and light at 6:00pm in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month.

Financial Town Hall (In-person: June 2, Virtual: June 4) - On Sunday, June 2 at 9:15am in Bishops Hall, all are invited to a presentation and discussion regarding Trinity Church's finances with our Senior Warden, Rector, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Exec. Committee. If you are unable to attend in person, a virtual option will be offered on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:00pm. To be added to a contact list for the virtual meeting, please contact Mary Katherine Williams at <u>mkwilliams@trinitynola.com</u>.

YogaMass® Leader Training (June 6-8) - is a 3-day workshop designed to equip lay leaders, clergy, musicians, yoga teachers, and practitioners to offer YogaMass in a faith community. Participants gain language to bridge yoga and Christianity and an ability to organize and deliver YogaMass. The training is led by The Reverend Gena Davis, founder of YogaMass® and team members. Email <u>abond@trinitynola.com</u> for information.

Children, Youth and Families

High School Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) meets every Wednesday from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Molly's House and on the first Sunday of every month for a fun adventure. Email Sarah Bomhoff, lay youth minister, at <u>sarah.bomhoff@gmail.com</u> to receive email updates. Learn more at <u>trinitynola.com/formation/youth</u>.

Guild of the Christ Child (GOTCC) - Is your family growing? Please let us know! If you are expecting, adopting, fostering, and anything in between, please email Maria Elliott at <u>melliott@trinitynola.com</u> so that we can pray for you and your family. Upon the arrival of a new family member, our Guild of the Christ Child ministry team delivers a basket of love to your front porch.

Godly Play - Godly Play is a montessori approach to the spiritual formation of children and is offered every Sunday at 10:30 am. Classes are organized by grade (PK3-5th). Children join their families in time for Holy Communion. Sometimes we're a little late.

Student Readers are invited to share their voices with our community by serving as readers during the 10:30am and 6:00pm services. Email <u>abond@trinitynola.com</u> if you would like to serve in this way. "*Give young people a greater voice. They are the future and they are much wiser than we give them credit for.*" - Desmond Tutu

Student Acolytes - The Acolyte Ministry is a vital part of our worship, which has its roots in the Old Testament, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest. Acolyting invites middle and high school students to be active participants in worship, form new friendships, and grow in leadership, responsibility, and maturity. To join one of our Acolyte Teams, email Acolyte Minister, Becca Wallace at <u>beccam.wallace@gmail.com</u>.

Adult Formation

Daily Meditations are email reflections that follow the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and are composed by Trinity parishioners, staff, and clergy. To subscribe or if you'd like to try writing occasionally, email <u>melliott@trinitynola.com</u>.

Sundays

The Rector's Forum is an adult study class led by Rev. Andrew Thayer every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Parish House. Throughout the Eastertide season, we will examine the differences between "Resurrection" and "Resuscitation" by examining the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, and the Book of Acts.

12 Steps are for Everyone is for anyone seeking a practical path to spiritual and emotional freedom. Join us Sundays at 9:15am in the Church Board Room. Contact Patty Justice at justicepatty8@gmail.com.

Faith and Fiction will have it's last weekly class of the semester on Sunday, May 5. We plan to have a monthly summer book club on Sunday mornings in June, July and August. and hope to make a zoom option available. Weekly classes will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day. Contact Merry Toups at <u>merryparis@yahoo.com</u>.

Weekdays

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Wednesday mornings from 6:30am - 8:00am for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study with the rector, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer.

Called to Serve

Backpack Drive for TEEP and Community Children - The Mission Commission is collecting backpacks for children in the community, including our TEEP children! Our goal is to provide 200 backpacks - 120 for TEEP, and 80 to divide between our two community partners, Jesus Project Ministries and St. Roch Community Church. Backpacks can be delivered to the vestibule of the church or Bishops Hall through the end of May. You can also provide funding to purchase a backpack! Make a check out to Trinity and drop it at the school office or in the mail (memo line: Backpack Drive). Questions? Contact Rev. John Pitzer at jpitzer@trinitynola.com. Please remember most public schools require either clear or mesh backpacks for elementary school age children and older.

Calling All Tutors!! Trinity is proud to re-establish a relationship with the STAIR (Start The Adventure In Reading) tutoring program and is assembling a team for Fall 2024. The Mission Commission is now collecting names of individuals who have interest in becoming a trained tutor for an 11 week commitment (once weekly). STAIR exclusively serves 2nd and 3rd graders attending New Orleans Public Schools, and exclusively tutors in reading. For more information on being a part of Trinity's team, please email Fr. John at jpitzer@trinitynola.com.

If you are interested in serving immediately, being a substitute tutor (no training necessary) might give you an idea if this is something you feel called to do. Visit <u>https://www.stairnola.org/tutors</u> to learn more.

Trinity Restorative Justice Committee - Inspired by Christ, the Trinity Restorative Justice Committee was formed to support Trinity's mission to "do justice" with a focus on the needs of at-risk youth and young adults in the city of New Orleans, supporting them and their families to avoid entry or re-entry into the Louisiana criminal legal system. To learn more about related volunteer opportunities visit <u>www.trinitynola.com/restorative-justice/</u> or contact The Rev. Carol Spencer at <u>cspencer@trinitynola.com</u>.

Fighting Hunger Swiftly - Support TLF and enter to win 2 tickets to Taylor Swift's Eras Tour in New Orleans - October 27, 2024 - This raffle is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those less fortunate. For every \$50 ticket, you purchase, you'll be providing 22 hot and nourishing meals to those in need through Trinity Loaves & Fishes. The raffle drawing will happen July 12, 2024. A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold. Visit <u>https://givebutter.com/NOLASWIFT</u> to purchase tickets!

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Trinity is a member supported church, which means we count on you! It is not too late to make a pledge for 2024. Our annual balanced budget is based on your pledge of support.

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Together We Build: Capital Campaign

Trinity 2024: Together We Build, is a joint Church and School \$13 million fundraising effort to create a more functional and attractive campus for the Trinity community. This is Trinity's first capital campaign in over a decade and is comprised of seven capital projects and an endowment for the maintenance and upkeep of these projects. For more information visit www.Trinitv2024.org.

