TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
May 16, 2021 • 8:00am and 10:30am

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

Prelude, *Now We Pray to the Holy Spirit* DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE

∞ Opening Acclamation

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

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

The People sit.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Silence may follow.

∞ The Gradual, ***Psalm 1***
All read aloud together.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

∞ The Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

The People sit.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

∞ The Gospel

John 17:6-19

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

Please be seated.

∞ The Sermon

The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr.
Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana

∞ Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenter I present these persons for Confirmation.

Eleanor Grace Aucoin
Thomas Charles Aucoin III
Pierce Eduardo Bewley
Barry Box
Jane Box
Mary Lucy Charbonnet
Lillian Claire Charpentier
William Swayze Darragh
Xavier Paul Arnaud Drouin
Corinne Elizabeth Dumez
Elizabeth Anne Engelhardt
William McCall Engelhardt
Wilson Bonner Engelhardt
Celeste Claire Eustis
Eleanor Margaret Gardner
Dayna Ann Gessler
Anna Graves Gordillo
Alyce McCollum Gordon
Sarah Crusel Henry
Julie Campbell Hadzor
Allison N. Jones
Michael E. Jones
Kingsland Eastman LeBourgeois
Caroline Grace LeBourgeois
Gordon Chamberlain Lewis
Elizabeth Abbay Lloyd
Peter Cantine Loop III
Leah Elizabeth Nunn
Caroline Elizabeth Perlis
Lauren Michelle Perlis
Eliza Eugenie Pilant
Lillian Amity Powers
John William Sinnott, Jr.
Forrest Roy Wilkes
Melissa S.E. York

Presenter I present this person to be received into this Communion.

Katherine M. Determan, Germaine Bagot Vorhoff, Raelynn Tammariello Loop

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

∞ The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

∞ Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop continues saying

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your hold Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says
Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

∞ The Laying on of Hands

The Bishop lays hands upon those being confirmed and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *they* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *they* come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The Bishop lays hands upon those being received and says
N., we recognize you as a member of the holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer
Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

∞ The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another.

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

∞ The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop 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

All **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 Bishop 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,

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Bishop 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.**

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

∞ The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

∞ The Invitation

Celebrant 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.

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, please use the hand sanitizer station before receiving.

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

All stand and say together

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

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude, *Praeludium in C Major, BWV 545* J. S. Bach

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Altar Memorials

The flowers in the Church are given in loving memory of
Mary Alpaugh McIlhenny, Paul Westfeldt McIlhenny,
Gustaf Westfeldt McIlhenny, Barbara McIlhenny Nixon,
Douglas McIlhenny, Paul P.C. McIlhenny,
Virginia Smart McIlhenny, and Edmund McIlhenny.

The flowers in the Chapel are given in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strachan.

Sunday at Trinity

Faith and Fiction meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Check member emails or contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets at 9:15am on Zoom. All are invited to join us as we read the book Breathing Underwater by the popular Christian writer Richard Rohr. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

Youth Group meets at 4:00pm at Molly's House. Fire Crafts to get ready for the season of Pentecost.

Communion Update - You are welcome to receive Communion in one of two ways. Please walk down the interior aisle nearest to you, keeping distance from others in line. Pause at the front pew to receive hand sanitizer. Proceed to stand in front of the altar rail (please do not kneel) to receive the wafer in your hands. Return to your pew by the exterior aisle. OR For those who wish to continue to receive the host in an individual paper cup, proceed to the low altar with the tray of Communion. Take your wafer and cup to the end of the altar rail. Remove your mask to consume and leave the paper cup in the basket for collection.

The Season of Easter

Transition to Transformation: A Women's Journey - Over the last four weeks during this season of resurrection and transformation, we have gathered on Zoom and in person to explore our versatility and discover new areas in our lives longing to be cultivated. And now we must take what we have learned along this journey and share it, perhaps with those who do not have access to such luxuries as life-coaching, energy healing, heart-opening yoga, or labyrinth walking through candlelit sacred spaces.

Trinity Church is a mission partner with Eden House, a recovery home for women who are victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. We have met with the leadership of Eden House to explore ways in which the women of Trinity Church can serve the women of Eden House.

We have invited Peggy Babin, Interim Executive Director of Eden House, to speak to us about the work of Eden House, as well as one of the women survivors willing to share her story with us. We should have a date set in the coming days. Additionally, Eden House has recently purchased a second home to serve additional women. It is through the acquisition of this property that the women of Trinity Church can be of help. This beautiful new home will be in need of appointing.

We ask for your patience as we finalize the details of this final leg of our journey to transformation. If you have questions, please email or call Ashley Bond abond@trinitynola.com

Stations of the Resurrection - The Stations of the Resurrection brought forth such rich artistic talent and inclusion we are calling to all artists in our Trinity community to come forth and make yourselves known.....we are a coterie of faith and love ...and need you and the gift of your own unique talents which can be used together to glorify God through your artistry! So let your light shine and contact Tim Trapolin timothytrapolin@gmail.com or Maria Elliott melliott@trinitynola.com so you can be a part of the TRINITY ARTISTS GROUP.

Class of 2021 Seniors Recognition on May 23 - Congratulations to all graduating seniors in the class of 2021. You are in our prayers! On Sunday, May 23, all graduating seniors will be recognized. Please email Mother Jane-Allison at jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com with your senior's Name, High School, and College/Career Plans to be included in the bulletin---information must be submitted by May 17. Receive a gift and our prayers of support on May 23 at the 10:30 AM service.

Formation Opportunities

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 worshiping 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

The Spiritual Seekers Discussion group - Join together to explore questions of faith informed by short readings from recent theologians, The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 16 at 7:00pm via Zoom. This will be the last meeting before summer break. Contact: praabe@tulane.edu

Faith and Fiction will have a summer book club meeting monthly from June to August. The first selection will be The Yellow House by Sarah Broom. Copies are available in Trinity Treasures. The first meeting will be via zoom at 9:00 on June 20. July and August meetings may be in person with zoom also available. To get on the book club list, contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com. Faith and Fiction's weekly class will resume in September after Labor Day.

Save the Date for YogaMass! YogaMass brings together the practice of yoga, breath work, meditation, and Holy Communion as a way to encounter the Risen Christ on the mat, and to tap into the deep well of God's divine light within us so that it may shine through us and flow out into the world. You are invited Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 10:30am in the sanctuary for a yoga practice led by founder The Reverend Gena Davis from Houston, Texas. Afterwards we will enjoy a box lunch picnic together for those who wish to stay. YogaMass is 10:30am - 11:45am (with Eucharist) and lunch follows immediately after. Register at **bit.ly/TrinityYogaMass** or email Ashley Bond, Director of Formation, with questions (abond@trinitynola.com).

Education for Ministry (EfM) - Do you have questions about your faith? Most people do, and most find it challenging to get answers. Education for Ministry (EfM) was developed by the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee, to provide a mechanism for people to work through those questions. This four-year course of study provides the framework for the group to connect faith to their daily lives through reading and discussion.

EfM invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. If you are interested in participating next year, the class will meet on Monday mornings from 9:15am-11:45am beginning in September (Christina Fay and Maria Elliott, mentors). For information about registration, please contact Maria Elliott at (504) 670-2535 or melliott@trinitynola.com.

The following dedicated EfM participants will graduate in May:

Vicki Gustini Moran
Valeria Roberts Emmett
Katie Rafferty
Melissa Fisher Fanning
Beverly Rose Lamb

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 very much appreciate your donations as they go to support our WOTC and community outreach. Thank you!

Trinity Treasures

Confirmation Sunday has finally arrived! Celebrate your Confirmand with something special from Trinity Treasures. We have a wonderful selection of books, jewelry, and unique Trinity Church gifts to help mark the special occasion. Shipping or pickup available for online orders or shop in person Monday-Friday 8:30-3:30pm and Sunday before and after the 10:30 service. Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.



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