

# The Feast of the Resurrection

## EASTER DAY



Festal Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 5, 2026

8:30 a.m.

At Christ UCC

TRINITY  
Episcopal Church





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## The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

*Sinfonia, from Cantata No. 29*

Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

EASTER HYMN

*Descant*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31:1-6**

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
 found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

*ANTIPHON*

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*

the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

*ANTIPHON*

I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

*ANTIPHON*

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

*ANTIPHON*

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

*ANTIPHON*

## THE EPISTLE

**Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

## THE GOSPEL

## John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out

and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Jane Arrington Bender**

## THE NICENE CREED

*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

*Intercessor* On this day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to the God who raised Jesus from the dead, saying: *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that we may be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, abounding with love for God and neighbor, and witnesses to the Risen Christ in our words and deeds. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all the human family, and especially the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that God will keep them safe and bring them to a springtime of hope and peace. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of the nations and all those in positions of public trust and leadership, that God will strengthen them with wisdom, patience, and a desire to open new channels for peace and reconciliation. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all those who cannot be with family and loved ones, that as they hear the Good News of the Resurrection, they may be bound together in love. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Risen Lord, we give praise and glory.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O Holy God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *AMEN.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



## SANCTUS

Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

FRACTION

Hymnal S 155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*The strife is o'er*

Henry Ley

The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's Triumph won: O let the song of praise be sung, Hallelujah. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath His foes dispersed, Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Hallelujah. On the third morn He rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign: O let us swell the joyful strain, Hallelujah. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting Thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to Thee Hallelujah! Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

HYMN

*Christ is alive!*

TRURO

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

*People*

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE

*Toccata, from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor



## Liturgical Ministers

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m.

Sara Klingner  
Sandy Mesics  
Joyce Meinke  
Ivan Martin  
Lynn Piccolo  
Glen Walls  
Ivan Martin

Altar Guild  
Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Intercessor  
Usher  
Usher  
Acolyte

### Choir

Garry Applegate  
Jonathan Boksan  
Bailey Fulginiti  
Stacy Gabel  
Hattye Magee

Joyce Meinke  
Jody Miller  
Christina Shoemaker  
Mark Shoemaker  
Stephan Taylor

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**  
**April 5, 2026**

**Our Partner-Parish:**

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

**In the Diocese of The Susquehanna:**

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Kevin, Nichols, Assisting Bishop

St. James, Dundaff; Christ Memorial, Danville; and Clergy of the Diocese of the Susquehanna



**In the Anglican Communion:**

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**Please pray for these friends in need:**

Sr. Rosina Ampah, Randy Alderman, Gary and Chris Battersby, Loretta Brobst, Abby Choi, Joan Dawson, Jen Delp, Connie Evans, Ward Fanning, Clare Filko, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Cole Hamel, Flex Illick, Mary Beth Kully, Lexi, Alex MacCauley, Sally MacIntosh, John Majczan, Susan Martin, Rheta Matthews, Jody Miller, Bob Opdyke, Patti Pasda, Judy and Barry Smith, Stefan Stanescu, Carol Vickrey, Mike Weaver

*For the Search Committee:* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Be with those called to seek a new Rector for our Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor and priest who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Parish:* Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

**[prayerlist@trinitybeth.org](mailto:prayerlist@trinitybeth.org) - by noon on Wednesday.**

Names will remain on the list for a month.



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*The Resurrection Icon was commissioned in memory of Gaby Whittier in 2019.*

*Trinity's Paschal candle (pictured below).*

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## A Special Thank You

### The Easter Flowers

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and in Thanksgiving for the beloved Memory  
of Family and Friends

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## Announcements



## Mark your calendar!



### **Trinity's Night Out Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026!!!**

Join us for a family-friendly, fun night out as we head to Coca-Cola Park, where the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs will take on the Worcester Red Sox. Tickets are \$13 (with a \$2 credit for park store or concessions). **Tickets are available through May 18<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Steve Filko (267) 736-1109 or Lynn Piccolo (610) 462-2133 for more details. Hope to see you all there!

# About Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Clergy

The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

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