

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:30 a.m.

At Christ UCC

TRINITY
Episcopal Church



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The Liturgy of the Word

✠ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude*

PRELUDE

Aria con Variazonne

George Frideric Handel

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

MORNING HYMN

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 *4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:
 thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.*

EASTER CANTICLE

Christ Our Passover

WLP 880

Descant

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a descant at the beginning. The lyrics are as follows:

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in
There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

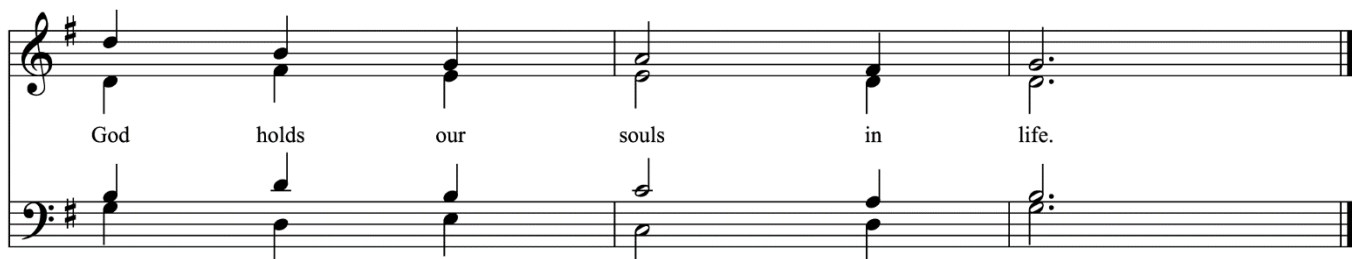
Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

THE PSALM

Psalm 66:7-18



Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

ANTIPHON

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

ANTIPHON

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

ANTIPHON

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

ANTIPHON

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

THE SERMON

Father Michael Molina

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 As those chosen and appointed by God to bear fruit in love, let us offer prayers to our God who has given us the Holy Spirit saying: *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that in all our ministries we may be emboldened to live and love as Jesus did and so reveal God's love for the world. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may be filled with hope and remain confident in God's love for us and always see the hand of God in the people and events in our daily life and in the created world around us. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all mothers and those who have shown us a mother's love, that God will watch over them, bless them with every good gift, and fill their hearts with joy. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all who experience injustice, that God will raise up and heal those who are disrespected or treated unfairly, and bring forth the truth that will set them free. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all who are struggling economically, that God will calm their fears, guide them to resources that will sustain them, and enable them to be open to others who wish to help them. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For troubled people and troubled places, remembering especially those we now name (*pause*), that God's strong arm will lift them up, ease their suffering and restore them to wholeness. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name (*pause*), that they may live forever with God in Christ. *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 Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of love, you have taught us that your commandment is fulfilled in loving you and our neighbor. Hear our prayers and let your Holy Spirit abide with us, that we may live in you and you may live in us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *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.

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY

O sing unto the Lord a new Song

Peter Aston

O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song: sing, O sing, sing unto the Lord, all the earth. O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day, from day to day. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised, and greatly to be praised.

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,
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. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

God be in my head

H. Walford Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at my end, and at my departing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Strengthen us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
 *2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
 4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;
 peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;


guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.


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

Fugue a'la Gigue

Johann Sebastian Bach



Liturgical Ministers

May 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Steve Filko
Glen Walls
Joanne Gulya
Ken Grieshaber
Linda Cortis
Ken Grieshaber
Sandy Mesics

Altar Guild
Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Intercessor
Usher
Usher
Acolyte

Choir

Garry Applegate
Jonathan Boksan
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Stacy Gabel
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Joyce Meinke
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
May 10, 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. George's, Hellertown; St. Paul's, Harrisburg; and the Diocesan Staff



In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of Pakistan (United)

Please pray for these friends in need:

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, Jacob MacCauley, Sally MacIntosh, John Majczan, Susan Martin, Rheta Matthews, Jody Miller, Andrew O'Connor, Bob Opdyke, Patti Pasda, Terri Sheldon, 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 - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

Announcements

May's SECOND SUNDAY Collection: Second Harvest Food Bank!

The following are the most needed items for donation. Second Harvest **accepts all nonperishable items** (*foods that do not need to be frozen or refrigerated*). We *prefer non-glass containers*. Please keep in mind that we need *nutritional food items that are low in sodium/salt and sugar*. It's important that those individuals with limited financial (and other) resources receive the most nutritious foods available.



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: canned vegetables and fruits (dried fruits, fruit cups), vegetable or fruit juice (100%), Tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce without meat; **PROTEINS:** canned meat (tuna and chicken) Dried beans, lentils or peas, canned beans canned chili, peanut butter, nuts, trail mix, soups/stews (canned or dried); **GRAINS:** low-sugar/high-fiber cereal, oatmeal, whole-grain pasta, rice and crackers, whole-wheat flour; **MILK:** evaporated milk, dry milk; **COOKING OIL:** olive oil, canola oil, coconut oil; **NON-FOOD:** paper products, diapers, toiletries



Trinity's Night Out Thursday, June 18th!!!

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 18th**. Contact Steve Filko (267)736-1109 or Lynn Piccolo (610)462-2133 for more details. Hope to see you all there!

Mark your calendar 5/31 is Trinity's next COFFEE HOUR!

Please plan to join us Sunday, May 31. We will meet after the service in the UCC's ALL PURPOSE room. There will be light refreshments (pastries, fruit, etc.) and of course coffee and tea will be available.



About Trinity Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

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

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Aram Basmadjian, Artist in Residence

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Linda Cortis

Ken Grieshaber (Senior Warden)

Joanne Gulya (Junior Warden)

Ross Mangina

Ivan Martin

Sandy Mesics

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