



## A Service of Holy Communion

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book located near the entrance. Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western New York and is a part of the Anglican Communion which is based in England but found worldwide.

Cover image: Trinity's "Noli me tangere" window by John La Farge, based on a painting by Florentine Renaissance artist, Lorenzo de Credi.

In spirit or in body, the congregation stands to sing hymns.

# Welcome to Trinity's gathered community! We are together on-site and online!

The people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. If you are at Trinity in person, know that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want. If you are watching the Facebook Live Stream, you may add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on-site, you can use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshippers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down! WiFi internet access is publicly available. Use the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"

**Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people.** Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together. This communal worship service is many things, including an offering of your prayers. If you are onsite, you may light a candle on one of the candle walls at any time during worship as a tangible way to make a prayer offering for yourself or on behalf of those who are online. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued.

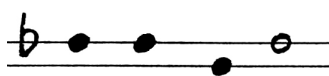
Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship. It is perfectly appropriate to keep your kids with you in the pew. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play, there are Kids' Corners in both side aisles. These are enclosed and safe spaces for small children (attended by their parents) to play quietly on the floor while staying in church. Additionally, there is a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair and a changing table where you can attend to your child's needs. Also, just through the door near the baptismal font near the front-right side of the church, there is a staffed nursery, which is available for toddlers through age 5.

**Name tags** are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table in the red carpet area near the entrance.

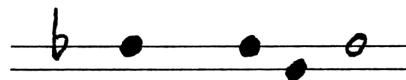
Sing 3 times.

## PRELUDE

"HYMN TO FREEDOM" BY OSCAR PETERSON



The Light of Christ!



Thanks be to God!

## HYMN

"Welcome happy morning, age to age shall say"

Musical notation for the hymn, consisting of a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:  
 3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en-ing light,  
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,  
 6 Loose the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;  
 6 all that now is fal - len raise to life a - gain;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,  
 6 show thy face in bright - ness, bid the na - tions see;

1 Christ their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!  
 6 bring a - gain our day - light: day re - turns with thee!

*Refrain*

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

**FIRST READING**

**ACTS 10:34-40**

**S**o Peter said to them, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality—rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all. "You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with him. We are eyewitnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Bible readings are taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality.*

*Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.*

*The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.*

*John O'Donohue (1956 – 2008) was an Irish priest and theologian. In 2000, he left the priesthood to focus on his writing. O'Donohue was the published author of books, including volumes of poetry. Much of his writing and poetry drew deeply from Irish Celtic perspectives, both in Christian and pre-Christian wisdom, while speaking to a widely diverse, modern audience.*

*It is customary (but not required) to stand for the Gospel reading because it symbolizes the mystical presence of Christ.*

*The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.*

## ECHO

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

## MIDDLE READING

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,

## ECHO

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.  
Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

## GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:1-18

**E**arly in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!” At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn't enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground, and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus' head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn't understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain. They asked her, "Why are you weeping?" She answered them, "Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body." No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, "Please, if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned to him and said, "Rabboni!"—which means "Teacher." Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them that I say I'm ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!" Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ECHO**

**"Hallelujah Changes"**



Hal-le - lu jah, Hal-le lu jah, Hal - le - lu jah, lu jah, Hal - le - lu jah!

*The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. A recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.*

**SERMON**

**THE REV. MATT LINCOLN**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God, who is the source of all creation, seen and unseen.**

**We trust that God's divine life is conceived by God and was born in the human form of Jesus, through his mother Mary.**

**In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus embodied God's self-giving love for the world and God's will to regenerate life, and to reclaim us from the oblivion of death.**

**We trust that the Spirit of God is present in this world, in our hearts, and within the community of faith, guiding us into all truth and inspiring us to love as we have been loved, to create as we have been created.**

**Amen.**

*In spirit or in body, please stand.*

*This affirmation, written by Matt Lincoln, is an adaptation of the Nicene Creed. Like the creed on which it is based, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership.*

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In particular, we have been asked to pray for:

Everson Kalman

Olivia - mental health struggles

Marilyn Kauderer - recovery from brain bleed

Jackie Carubba - biopsy

Mark Gaines - for successful quadruple bypass surgery

Lynnie

Nick

Teresa and Liam - loss of their unborn child

Sandra Foster - cancer diagnosis

Debra Park - Battling severe vertigo

Danette Porto - recovering from surgery

Mary Lou Seilheimer - cancer diagnosis

Rosie - surgery recovery

Ellen Bean - broken hip

Jud Munro - battling cancer

Michael Renn - traumatic brain injury

Mary & Eugene Rigby

Mary Beth & family - in hospice

Linda Rossitto - battling cancer

Ron Luczak - recovering from a serious car accident

Jeff Watson and family - battling multiple myeloma

Perry - recovering from stroke

Linda Harris - battling stage 4 lung cancer

Betsy Curtis

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by scanning the  
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*These prayers are  
an effort to pray  
with one voice even  
though we have a  
diversity of needs  
and hopes.*

O Lover of Souls, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us vision and wisdom, and the strength and trust to respond to your call.

### **Where we can help, give us the determination and generosity to do so.**

When our neighbor needs only the courage to face difficulty, give us the patience and wisdom to listen and encourage in love.

### **We pray for those who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them.**

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

### **We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.**

We pray for equity, mutual regard, and peace.

### **We pray for those who are sick or sick at heart.**

We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury, from mental illness or heartbreak, sadness or loneliness.

### **We pray for those who have died and those who are bereaved.**

We pray for consolation and hope.

We stop also to remember the joy and grace in our lives.

### **We give thanks for God's abundance for us and for all. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### **And also with you.**

*Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“LORD OF THE DANCE” TEXT BY SYDNEY CARTER, MUSIC BY NEIL HARMON

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

### SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions!

All things come of thee, O Lord;  
**and of thine own have we given thee.**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open them to God and one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing to live openly in the presence of God and one another as grateful people. Splendor and honor are yours God of all being, your power sustains, your endless love restores this broken world. Always present with us, **you bring patterns to the chaos, and fill our emptiness.** Resurrection brings the dawn of hope. The light of Christ kindles life in us, and leads us to walk in your light. **Your Holy Spirit is fire in us, your breath warms our hearts to love.** As children of your redeeming purpose, freed when Christ burst from the tomb, we offer you our praise with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing your eternal glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

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*This Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from Eucharistic Prayer IV, The Scottish Liturgy 1982 in the book Gleanings.*

*Sanctus from Deutsche Messe by Franz Peter Schubert.*

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

On the night before Jesus was given up to death, at supper with the disciples, Jesus took bread, offered thanks to you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: **“Take, eat, this is my Body given for you.”** After supper, he took the cup, offered thanks, gave it to them and said: **“This is my Blood of the new Covenant poured out for you, and for all. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb, and the women’s sorrow changed to joy. In the garden Mary found the truth: the One whom they had loved and lost was restored to them in every place and for ever. And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

One in Christ, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, merciful God: **send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ; kindle in us the fire of your love, renew us for the service of your kingdom.**

Help us live and work in gratitude to you; that we may grow together in unity and love until, at last, in your new creation, we enter into the company of the apostles and prophets and of all our sisters and brothers, the living and the dead; through Jesus Christ by whom, with whom, and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours throughout all ages, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

Broken apart, this bread draws us together.

**Poured out like wine, Christ's blood makes our hearts beat as one.**

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion, regardless of religious background or affiliation. For those of you online, you are invited to have a morsel of bread and a sip of wine (or any substitutes you choose) during the time that communion is being shared.

For those in the building, you are invited to come forward and make a large circle around the perimeter of the open area, where you will be offered a morsel of bread dipped in wine. Please let the ministers of communion know if you prefer not to have your bread dipped in the wine. Also, let them know if you need a gluten-free wafer instead of wheat bread.

## PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and remembering the body of Christ,  
which has been broken for the life of the world.  
Now give us grace to trust that we are  
a people forgiven, healed, renewed.  
Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world,  
and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

*We are following a pattern of going back and forth between using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a few weeks.*

*This version of the Lord's Prayer is what many of us grew up learning. Although it is important to stay fresh and engaged by the words of our prayers, it is also important to be reminded that we as individuals are part of a great cloud of witnesses who have been inspired to turn to God in prayer throughout the ages.*

*\*Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer.*

*This blessing is based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).*

*In spirit or  
in body, the  
congregation  
stands to sing  
hymns.*

## HYMN

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”



1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!



*The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.*

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7. with alleluias  
Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

"TOCCATA FROM ORGAN SYMPHONY #5" BY C.M. WIDOR

*Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.*

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

All of our loved ones that have been called

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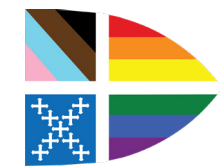
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Prayers: Steven Shanley

Announcements: Tim Lane

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Guest musicians: Claire Fisher, violin; Nancy Baun, cello;

John Hasselback III, trumpet; Tim Clarke, trumpet

Counters: Meg Knowles, Missy Stolfi

## All services are in person AND online:

### Sunday @10:30am

In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages after the service is over.

### Sunday @7:00pm

Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom. NO SERVICE TONIGHT. We resume on April 12.

### Wednesday @Noon

Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom

### Thursday @7pm

The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).

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