

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GALVESTON, TEXAS



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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

March 29, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

8:00 a.m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Founded in 1841 and still making history.

Visit www.trinitygalv.org/calendar for a complete listing of services, meetings and events.

Holy Week & Easter Day

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2026

5:30 p.m. worship service with foot washing, Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

Good Friday – April 3, 2026

12:00 p.m. service, followed by Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m. service

Easter Day – Sunday, April 5, 2026

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Easter Vigil

Begins outside near Columbarium, moving to Upstairs Eaton Hall

8:00 a.m. worship service in Church Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. worship service in Church Sanctuary

Flowering of the cross precedes this service

11:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is held during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service each week, and welcomes children, ages 4 through 5th grade.

Children who wish to participate are invited to follow the Children's Cross. Children's Chapel is led by two Safeguard-trained adults. At the Peace, children will be brought back to their families in time for Holy Communion.

Children's Nursery

The nursery is open each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The congregation will gather on the front steps of the church and all will enter the church during the procession.

Clergy Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Clergy Let us pray.

Clergy

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the

road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Clergy then says the following blessing

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Clergy Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Clergy Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Clergy Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

At this time, the congregation will process into the church.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

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.

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.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
**form a procession with branches up to the horns of
the altar.**

"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

When the people have gathered, the service continues.

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Clergy Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**

For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *

**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;

fear is all around; *

they put their heads together against me;

they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Following the Lesson

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion According to Matthew

The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom

they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

PILATE'S WIFE: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

NARRATOR: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

CONGREGATION: "**Barabbas.**"

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: All of them said,

CONGREGATION: "**Let him be crucified!**"

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: "**Let him be crucified!**"

NARRATOR: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

PILATE: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: "**His blood be on us and on our children!**"

NARRATOR: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

(Please stand as able.)

NARRATOR: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And

when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

NARRATOR: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "This man is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Sermon

The Reverend Jimmy Abbott

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian our own Bishops and

Jimmy and Chase our priests that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our President, Greg our governor and Craig our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Parish Prayer List

Scott Sherry, Polly Goodner, Molly Wright, Allan Matthews, Bob Newding, Carol Ramirez, Cort Thornton, Debbie Williams, Carolyn Speich, Shirley Ellis, Sandra Sterling, Jennifer Kelso, Brenda Atchley, Tim Nelick, Mike Ellis, Elizabeth Sullivant, Leta Higgins, Mary Bratton, and Roger Lindsey.

Those in active military service, especially Will Kerr, Christopher Citti, Charles Lewis, John Parker Unbehagen, Theo Unbehagen, John Kelso, Jr., and David Middleton.

Those celebrating birthdays in March especially Patty Wood, Alex Petty, Rick Swanson, Debbie Adriance, Kay Sandor, Jimmy Abbott, Bill Ansell, Mia Hawkes, Chris Hofstad, Robert Ingraham, Phil Leasure, Cheryl Tucker, Bob Hern, Sid Farmer, Trish Clason, Sara Hawkes, Alex Monteith, Ava Rawlins, Bill Stewart, Tammie Taylor, Danielle Alvarado, Amy Chase, Tina Mathers, Sherry Levering, Gretchen Schulz, Jane Munoz, Jennifer Daugherty, and Charlotte Ray.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

Clergy The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory

Thank you for your financial gifts that support our mission and ministry! You can make a donation by:

- Putting a check or cash into the offering plate
- Using the credit card scanner in the narthex
- Visiting our website
- Using Venmo
(all Venmo donations are only for our special Easter offering)



– **Welcome and Announcements** –

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer I (BCP 333)

Clergy The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit.**

Clergy Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Clergy Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Clergy continues the Eucharistic Prayer

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Clergy continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless

and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *(said by all)*

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

Clergy O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Clergy O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Clergy O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **grant us thy peace.**

Clergy The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

The minister receives the Sacrament, and then immediately delivers it to the people.

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact our clergy.*
- *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- *You may drink or intinct (dip wafer) from the common chalice.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available – signify request for GF wafers by extending palms down.*
- *To receive a blessing only – cross your arms over your chest.*

Post Communion Prayer (*Kneel or stand*)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Clergy Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

RECTOR

The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

CURATE

The Rev. Chase Bradley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Susan Edmonson

LECTOR

Tammie Taylor

USHERS

Claudia Stein, Team Leader

Ann Anderson, Jane Dembski, Lisa Fiegel, and Susan Milligan

Trinity Top Picks

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

See the form inserted in today's bulletin to donate towards flowers and music for our Easter services. Donations can be made in honor of, or in memory of a person, group or event. Donations can also be made online – see form for the QR Code. If donating online, please fill out a paper form for any memorial or honoraria notations.

THE SOUL OF AN ARTIST – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:30 – Upper Eaton Hall

No Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter Day

Artist presenters schedule:

April 19 – Dixie Messner

April 26 – Kathy VanDewalli



PHOENIX PROJECT STAINED-GLASS items are now on sale online!
(Just in time for Easter and Mother's Day!)

Use QR Code to view collection and email order requests, or contact the church office to come view most pieces in person. (Jewelry pieces are kept at *Mock & More Gallery* on Postoffice Street; all other pieces are available in the church office). Contact church office at 409.765.6317 or at info@trinitygalv.org



A decorative invitation for a tea party. The background is a light pink color with a pattern of large, faint pink lily flowers and green leaves. At the top, a teal banner with a white outline contains the words "TEA PARTY" in a pink, serif font. Below the banner is a white teacup with a gold floral design and a pink interior, sitting on a matching saucer. The text is centered and includes the event name, date, time, location, contest details, and attire. A QR code is located at the bottom center.

TEA PARTY

Benefit for the Junior Daughters of the King

Sunday, April 12, 2026

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Upper Eaton Hall

Contest for most creative:
Fascinators / Hat or Top Hat

Attire: Sunday Best



There is no charge to attend the Afternoon Tea, but reservations are encouraged and donations are greatly appreciated. All donations are used for outreach programs of the Ben E. chapter of the Jr. Daughters of the King.

Donations accepted at the event, or online with QR Code.

For more information, contact the Trinity Church Office at
409.765.6317 or info@trinitygalv.org

Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 2026

5:30 p.m. Worship Service with
foot washing, Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 2026

12:00 p.m. Worship Service, followed by Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Easter Day

Sunday, April 5, 2026

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Easter Vigil

Begins outside near Columbarium, moving to the church

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt



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