

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GALVESTON, TEXAS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 26, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

8:00 a.m.

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Founded in 1841 and still making history.*

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## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays – 8:00 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion

Sundays – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Sundays – 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion & Music

Wednesdays – 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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## 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 should remain in the sanctuary until the processional hymn and watch for the director of Children's Ministries to walk down the center aisle. At that time children may join her and walk to the Children's Chapel located on the cloister. 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.

# Holy Eucharist - Rite I

Beginning on page 323 in The Book of Common Prayer

*The Clergy begins*

**Clergy** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## **Pascha Nostrum**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**Clergy** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

**Clergy** Let us pray.

### **Collect**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people:  
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth  
us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee  
and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons*

### **Acts 2:42-47**

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the  
apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and  
the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were  
being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and  
had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and  
goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by  
day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke  
bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,  
praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by  
day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Following the Lesson*

**Lector**      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 23** (*Read responsively by half verse*)

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Following the Lesson*

**Lector**      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel** – **John 10:1-10** *Please stand*

**Clergy**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**People**      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find

pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*Following the reading of the Gospel*

**Clergy**      The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Jimmy Abbott

**The Nicene Creed – *Please Stand***

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.

### **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*

*Malachi Joseph-Egbe, Laura Brotherton, Scott Sherry, Polly Goodner, Molly Wright, Allan Matthews, 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 April, especially Mike Ellis, Valeria Martin, Martha McLeod, Andrew Kelso, Evadney Hudson, Scott Hughes, Heidi Haglund, Philip Thomas, Carson Blancken, Catherine Thomas, Bobby Mascorro, George Parsons, Taylor Williams, Katharine Galindo, Michael G. O'Reilly, Karen Rush, Lyda Slayton, Sarah Piel, Susan Horton, Ed Muncey, Tracy Ray, Gwynith Camp, Stuart Petty, Gerald Williams, Scott Galindo, Kathleen Galbraith, Margaret Mathers, Jonathan Zende Del, Susan Polk, Jim Bratton,*

*Richard Lee, Tom Clark, Keith Davis, Gina Thomas, Walker Mascorro, Sal Patane, and Jo Ann Ware.*

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 Confession** (*Kneel or stand*)

**Clergy:** Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Clergy and People:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Absolution**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen

you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

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

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

– **Welcome and Announcements** –

**Offertory**

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- *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory, or*
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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer II**

**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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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 who 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, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**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.*

### **Postcommunion 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.**

### **Dismissal**

**Clergy**        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
                    Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

# **LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

## **RECTOR**

The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

## **CURATE**

The Rev. Chase Bradley

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Kevin Melgaard

## **LECTOR**

Brian Malechuk

## **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Joseph Painter

## **USHERS**

Claudia Stein, Team Leader

Ann Anderson, Lisa Figel, Jane Dembski and Susan Milligan

# This week at Trinity

## **Sun., April 26**

*Worship services*  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Church Sanctuary

*Sunday School for all*  
9:30 a.m.  
Adults – Lower Eaton Hall  
Children – Children’s Chapel  
Youth – Episcopal Student Ctr.

*Sunday School – Soul of an Artist presenter schedule:*  
April 26 – Kathy VanDewalli

*TES Board of Trustees Retreat*  
11:45 a.m. – Upper Eaton Hall

## **Mon., April 27**

*Women’s Bible Study*  
5:30 p.m. Student Center

## **Tue., April 28**

*Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study*  
6:30 a.m.  
El Jardin Mexican Restaurant  
413 24<sup>th</sup> St.

*HAPS Exercise Class*  
5:30 p.m.  
Lower Eaton Hall

## **Wed., April 29**

*Evening Prayer*  
5:30 p.m. – Church Sanctuary

## **Wed., April 29**

*Choir Rehearsal*  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Choir room on cloister

*College Bible Study*  
5:30 p.m.  
Episcopal Student Center

## **Thur., April 30**

*Geezers Lunch Group*  
11:30 a.m.  
Sonny’s Place Restaurant

## **Fri., May 1**

*May Fete – Trinity Episcopal School*  
10:00 a.m.  
Lawn/Garth/Eaton Hall

*First Friday Lunch & Learn*  
*Jodi Wright – Galveston County Museum*  
12:00 p.m.  
Lower Eaton Hall

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

### **Save the Date!**

*Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Trinity Sunday*  
Trinity Episcopal Church celebrates 185 years!  
11:45 a.m. - Lawn

# Trinity Top Picks

**THE SOUL OF AN ARTIST – Kathy VanDewalli and the FIFA Soccer Ball!**  
**Sunday, April 22 – 11:45 a.m.**

Our featured artist this week for the Adult Sunday School “The Soul of an Artist” is Kathy VanDewalli. Kathy will share her spiritual artistic journey – and offers a viewing of her recently completed FIFA soccer ball sculpture painting “Galveston Icons.” The soccer ball will be available for viewing during Sunday school and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

## TRINITY CHURCH LUNCH & LEARN

**Friday, May 1, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Lower Eaton Hall**

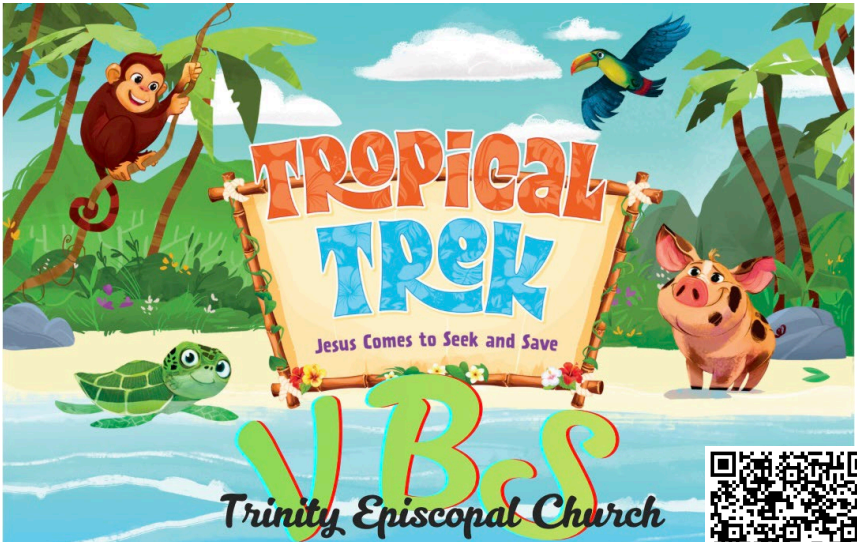
Join us for Trinity's May 1st *Lunch & Learn* event! A simple lunch will be provided at 12:00 p.m. in lower Eaton Hall, followed by a presentation from **Jodi Wright-Gidley, Director and Curator of the Galveston County Museum.**

So that we may prepare adequate food, please RSVP with QR Code listed here.



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**Celebrating 185 Years of Ministry**  
**at Trinity Episcopal Church**  
(More details soon!)



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