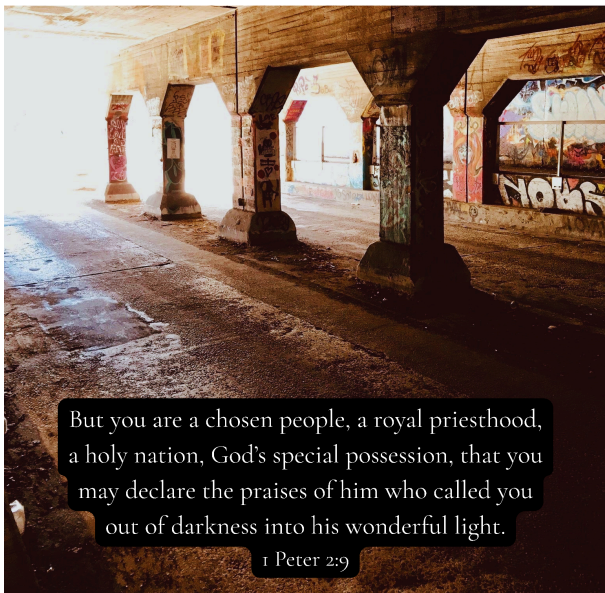


I am the way, the truth, and the life.

John 14:6a



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

## Trinity Presbyterian Church Arlington, Virginia

**Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Fift Sunday of Easter  
Worshipping in the Sanctuary

11:15 AM



# Service for the Lord's Day

May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Welcome.  
We are glad that you are here.  
As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.  
We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.  
So take a moment.  
Breathe.*

*This service is livestreamed and recorded. People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.*

## Welcome

### Prelude

*Arabesque, No.1*  
Matt Wheeler, piano

Claude Debussy

### Announcements

*Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.*

### Call to Worship

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Leader:** Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**All:** Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

### Hymn

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*  
Congregation

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### Call to Confession

*Please be seated.*

### Prayer of Confession

**All:** Almighty God,  
Your words offer freedom from sin,  
but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.  
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;  
we have been deceitful in our relationships;  
we have been insincere in our commitments;  
through gossip, we have slandered our friends.  
Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.  
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk  
that we may grow into the joy of salvation  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance & Faith

*Leader:* Friends, once you were not a people,  
but now you are a people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### Response to Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Be Not Afraid*

Congregation

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## Passing of the Peace & Greeting

### Children's Message

*Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.  
Please be seated.*

### Blessing of the Children

**All: You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.**

### Anthem

*Morning Dance*

Trinity Ringers

Cathy Moglebust

### New Testament Reading

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The

1 Peter 2: 2-10

NRSVUE

stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Gospel Reading

John 14:1–14

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“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this

time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

### **A Priestly Calling**

Whitney Mallory, Seminarian

## Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The Church’s One Foundation*

Congregation

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## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Table

### Joys and Concerns

*Please be seated.*

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Leader:* It is right, ... on earth and in heaven:

*(spoken)*

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Leader:* Thank you ... taught us to pray:

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Words of Institution

### The Kin-dom Feast is Shared

### Prayer After the Supper

**All:** Through the power of your Spirit unite us with Christ  
and with each other  
as we work and wait in hope,  
confident in that day  
when Christ will come to make all things well  
and we will feast together at his heavenly table. Amen.

### Invitation to Stewardship

[www.trinityarlington.org/give](http://www.trinityarlington.org/give)

### Offertory & Reflection

*Easter Joy*  
Trinity Ringers

John Behnke

### Prayerful Setting of Intentions

*Please take this moment of silence to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.*

**Prayer for the Coming Week**

**All:** Almighty God,  
your son promised to grant  
whatever we ask in his name.  
By your Holy Spirit  
empower us to minister to the world  
as his faithful disciples  
that our work may testify to what we pray  
and show forth your eternal glory,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymn**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Congregation

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Arabesque, No. 2*  
Matt Wheeler, piano

Claude Debussy

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.  
As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

## Song List

### ***Here, O Lord, your servants gather***

1 Here, O Lord, your servants gather,  
hand we link with hand;  
looking toward our Savior's cross,  
joined in love we stand.

As we seek the realm of God,  
we unite to pray:  
Jesus, Savior, guide our steps,  
for you are the Way.

2 Many are the tongues we speak,  
scattered are the lands;  
yet our hearts are one in God,  
one in love's demands.

While in darkness hope appears,  
calling age and youth:  
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us,  
for you are the Truth.

3 Nature's secrets open wide,  
changes never cease;  
where, O where, can weary souls  
find the source of peace?  
Unto all those sore distressed,  
torn by endless strife:  
Jesus, healer, bring your balm,  
for you are the Life.

4 Grant, O God, an age renewed,  
filled with deathless love;  
help us as we work and pray;  
send us from above  
truth and courage, faith and power  
needed in our strife:  
Jesus, Savior, be our Way;  
be our Truth, our Life.

### ***The church's one foundation***

1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation  
by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

### *How firm a foundation*

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said  
than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters  
I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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## **Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups**

*The priesthood of all believers means that we all share in a common ministry.*

*What will you do this week to minister in God's name?*

**My intention for this week is:**

### **Morning Prayer for the Week**

In you, O Lord, I put my trust.

You are my God

and my life is in your hands.

You are my rock and my fortress, O God;

Into your hands I place this day. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer for the Week**

Compassionate God,

in the quietness of the evening,

I come to you in prayer:

I lay before you any regrets of this day,

And anything that troubles or burdens me.

May this night bring rest and healing. Amen.

### **Readings for the Week** John 14:1-14

(Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words)

### **Questions for Reflection**

1. Which words or actions of Jesus have had the greatest impact on your life and behavior?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it?"
3. 1 Peter 2:9 reminds us that we are all priests. In what way do you minister in God's name?

### **Intentional in Community**

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or prayer partner.

## Our Thoughts and Prayers

*Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity*

### Joys:

- + Celebrating the return of **Sean Long**, son of **Petey and Richard Long**, from military duty in the Middle East.
- + Celebrating the engagement of **Luke Bultena** and **Cameron Pedretti**.
- + Celebrating the birth of **Blake Thomas Bodner**, son of **Ben and Sara Bodner**, grandson of **Sue Bodner**, born on April 8.
- + Celebrating the birth of **Ellie Baker Scholl**, daughter of **Ali and Ethan Scholl** and granddaughter of **Marilyn and Russ Scholl**, born on March 23.
- + **Lucy Driskill** and her friend **Sarah Watchman** are on a six-month hike of the Appalachian Trail. We will keep the congregation posted on their journey.

### Concerns:

- + Prayers for **Gabe Paulraj** for successful healing and recovery after orthopedic leg surgery this past week.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Suparmin Sunjoyo, Nugroho Mbeo's** father, who passed away on April 18.
- + Prayers for **Nancy Long**, sister of **Dan Campbell**, for healing and strength for dementia requiring 24/7 care.
- + Prayers for **Anna Marie Yates**, mother of **Alice Yates**, for her comfort and care, as she has been battling myelodysplastic syndrome; please also pray for wisdom in care-giving decisions.
- + Prayers for **Stephanie Irving**, aunt of **Cameron Pedretti**, with pancreatic cancer.
- + Prayers for **Jack Lutz**, brother of **Ted Lutz**, for his declining health and as decisions are being made about his future care.
- + Prayers for **Jean Meek**, in rehab at The Jefferson, after surgery for a broken leg.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Marjorie Douglas, Sandi Parker's** mom, who passed away on March 30.
- + Prayers for **Marilyn Scholl** as she is currently trying several alternative health practices to shrink or eradicate her breast cancer to avoid surgery.
- + Prayers for **Nanci**, friend of **Donna Parry**, who is recovering at home following open heart surgery on Monday, March 30.
- + Prayers for **Ike Eickstaedt, Pastor Judith's** father-in-law, in skilled nursing, healing from a hematoma.
- + Prayers for **Sandy Montgomery**, recovering at home after surgery for a broken ankle.
- + Prayers for all our military personnel currently deployed in the Middle East and beyond.
- + Prayers for **Beth Geiseman**, recovering after surgery for breast cancer and anticipating a second surgery.
- + Prayers for **Paul Sullivan**, who has stopped cancer treatments and is in palliative care at home.
- + Prayers for **Laura Mendelson**, mother of **Ellen Cathopoulos**, recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- + Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.
- + Prayers for relatives of **Randy Benn - Martie** (cancer), **Doug** (cancer), and **Jennifer** (bone infection).
- + Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.

- + Prayers for **Cathy**, a friend of **Pastor Judith**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- + Prayers for **Theresa Dike**, a colleague of **Clay Guthridge**, who is recovering from a cerebral event. Theresa is walking and regaining some speech.
- + Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.
- + Prayers for **Marilyn Brookens**, who is in a memory care facility in Iowa. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009.
- + Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.
- + Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.
- + **Bill Plitt**, in treatment for multiple myeloma.
- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year-old great-nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer. Please pray for strength as cancer spots were recently found on his brain, and the doctors have given him 3-6 months to live.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, brother of **Janae Ferguson**, has a recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, has ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality Assisted Living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and the mom of two young children, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines are with long-term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, is recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Prayers for those whose family members have died in ICE custody or during immigration enforcement actions.
- + Prayers for our country, that people who disagree can choose respectful and non-violent means of protest.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world are displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + Prayers for the innocent victims of war.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, oppression, or fear.
- + **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of **Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe**, and for all living through the trauma of the ongoing violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion of Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide in Sudan and the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Prayers for wisdom for our leaders as they handle the situations in Venezuela and Cuba, and for the people who live there.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA has shifted its model for international engagement.

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