



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

3 May 2026 at 10:30 AM

Welcome to Trinity Church

Everyone is welcome here.

Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The Hymns can be found in *the Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. The text in **bold type** is the parts of the service that you say.

If you have arrived after the start of the service, please don't worry.

Please ask one of the ushers (welcomers) in the back – or anyone else – if you need help.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying. There are special activities for them at the back of the church if you would like.

We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

COVER ART

Giorgio Vasari, *Martyrdom of St. Stephen* (1560s)
Pinacoteca Vaticana

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

The Liturgy begins on page 351 of the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE

Please stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 47

On This Day, the First of Days

TUNE: *Gott sei Dank*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✕ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – S 236

SETTING: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7.55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 **Incline your ear to me; ***
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2.2-10

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.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The 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 race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN

Thou Art the Way

TUNE: *Morning Song*



Thou art the Way, to - thee a lone from sin and death we
 Thou art the Truth, thy word a lone true wis - dom can in -
 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering
 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to



flee; and all who would the Fath - er seek, must
 part; thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and
 arm; and those who put their trust in thee nor
 know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose



seek him, Lord by thee.
 pur - i - fy the heart.
 death nor hell shall harm.
 joys e - tern - al flow.

THE GOSPEL

St. John 14.1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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 me 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Fr. James Offenberger

Please stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM 3

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements may be made at this time.

THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.
During the Offertory Anthem, a collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Come, My Way*

WORDS: George Herbert

MUSIC: Mark Schweizer

Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Please stand as the Offerings are brought forward and we sing

THE DOXOLOGY

TUNE: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -bove ye heav'n -ly host; praise Fa -ther, Son, and Ho -ly

THE G
SUR

Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS – S 130

SETTING: Schubert; arr. Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus

THE CONSECRATION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

BCP 364

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE AGNUS DEI – S 164

SETTING: Schubert; arr. Proulx

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately
deliver it to the people.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, ye Disconsolate

Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish;
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
"Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrows but heaven can remove.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE PASCHAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 518

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

TUNE: *Westminster Abbey*

THE DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE



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This Week at Trinity

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Smoot Girls Ensemble (Trinity Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	JULIET's Dinner (Colombo's)
WEDNESDAY	12:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist (Adams Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Education (Trinity Hall)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice (Conference Room)
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	W.V. Music Teachers (Sanctuary)
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer to take care of our lawn this season, please contact the office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO (MSP)

The ministry schedule for May, June, and July was generated last week. An email was sent to everyone listing their assignments. Contact the office with any questions.

JULIET's MAY GATHERING

This dinner group which is open to women from both Trinity and Good Shepherd will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:00 PM at Colombo's Restaurant on Seventh Street. Please plan to attend and let the parish office know by May 4 if you will be there.

KATIE'S LADIES MAY GATHERING

Katie's Ladies will be joining the Pot Luck Ascension Service on Fort Boreman Hill on Thursday May 14 at 5pm. Service is at 6pm. Meat and Root Beer Floats will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

HELPING HANDS FOOD & CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please consider donating non-perishable, easy open food to help those in Saltine, Ritz, Grahm, & Club Crackers, small jars of Peanut Butter, cans of Vienna Sausage, Chef Boyardee and other pop top meats, Tuna Cereal, Fit & Active Tuna or Chicken Salad kits (available at Aldi), shelf boxes, dry Dog & Cat food are all items that are greatly appreciated. donations at Trinity Episcopal Church, Monday through Friday 10am to



need in our community. individual size pop top pouches, single serve stable individual Milk Please drop off 2pm.

TRINITY BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity is holding its (now annual!) blood drive on Tuesday, June 2nd, from 11am to 4pm. We need to do our best to get all 30 spots reserved. If you or someone you know can participate, please reserve a donation time at redcrossblood.org. (Search for blood drives in zip code 26101) There are detailed instructions posted in Trinity Hall. Tom Gyongyosi can help anyone register as well, just leave him a message at 304-422-4121.

SAVE THE DATE:

Worship with our Sister Parish in May

On Sunday, **May 31** (Trinity Sunday), we will be joined here at Trinity by the parishioners of Good Shepherd Church. Trinity Sunday will also be our annual episcopal visitation from Bishop Matthew. If you are interested in being Confirmed, Received into the Episcopal Church, or Reaffirming your baptismal vows on that day, please let Fr. Geoff know.

BLESSING OF THE LAND

Join us for a Rogation Week **Blessing of the Land** on Saturday, **May 16 at 1:00 pm** at the Curry Farm, 2277 Winding Road, Parkersburg. Rogation Days were traditionally observed the three weekdays before the Feast of the Ascension. In more recent years, they have been observed on other days, depending on local conditions and the convenience of the congregation. Anciently, the observance consisted of an outdoor procession which culminated in a special celebration of the Eucharist. In late medieval England, congregations would gather to “beat the bounds” of the parish, walking in procession around the geographical extremities of the parish’s locality, praying for God’s blessing on agriculture.

Serving This Week

Presider: Fr. James Offenberger (5:30p, 8a & 10:30a)

Lectors: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Katharine Brown (8a); Scott Ramsay, Roland Mezick (10:30a)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Connie Bookman (8a); Michael McKibben, Xenia Smykova (10:30a)

Crucifer: Jacob Miller (10:30a)

Altar Guild: Jennie Brannon (8a); Betty Earl, Pam McGraw (10:30a); Mickie Richardson (Tuesday); Linda Tucker (Wednesday); Susie Fitcher, Joan Ramsay (Friday); Sherry Smith (5:30p)

Ushers: Ken Currier (5:30p); Larry Nutter (8a); Michael Dillon, Kevin Oliphant, Jr. (10:30a)

Musicians: Lori Clark (guitarist, vocalist) (5:30p); Marie Mallory (organist, pianist) (10:30a)

Coffee Hour: Sandy & John Tharp

This week we celebrate the birthday of Irma Grotey (S).

*The Altar Flowers this week are given by Carol Snyder
to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for our florist, Teresa Hanshaw's
many years of service and with best wishes for her retirement.*

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our Lord Jesus Christ – whom we have served and celebrated and honoured in his holy, glorious, life-giving, and divine mysteries – in his grace and mercy make us worthy of the beauty and glory of his kingdom, and of joy with his holy angels; and to have guiltless faces before him, standing at his right hand in the Jerusalem which is above. To him be praise and may the right hand of his providence rest upon us and upon all creatures, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of the Chaldean Church



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Very Rev. Geoffrey Mackey, *Rector*
Breellen Fleming, *Director of Religious Education*
Xenia Smykova, *Pastoral Intern*
Jacob Miller, *Sexton*

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