



# Trinity Episcopal Church

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Holy Eucharist

10 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

Raphael, *Paul Preaching in Athens* (late 15th/early 16th century)  
Tapestry, Vatican Museums

#### 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 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

TUNE: *Royal Oak*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

GRADUAL – Psalm 148.7-14

*Laudate Dominum de terra*

*The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.*

Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.**

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3.8-22

Now all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called-- that you might inherit a blessing. For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel*

SEQUENCE HYMN 455

O Love of God

TUNE: *Dunedin*

THE GOSPEL

St. John 14.15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON

Fr. Geoffrey Mackey

*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 Down, O Love Divine*

WORDS: Bianco Da Siena, ca. 1367, Tr. R. F. Littledale, 1867

MUSIC: "Down Ampney", Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. P. R. Dietterich

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight

and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long  
shall far outpass the power of human telling.  
For none can guess its grace  
til he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

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

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*)

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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 344

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

TUNE: *Sicilian Mariners*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE PASCHAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 392

Come, We That Love the Lord

TUNE: *Vineyard Haven*

THE DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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**This Week at Trinity**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Trinity Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Smoot Girls Ensemble (Trinity Hall)
WEDNESDAY	12:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist (Adams Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Education (Trinity Hall)
	7:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice (Conference Room)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	G.H. Dance Club (Trinity Hall)
SATURDAY	11:00 a.m.	Retirement Party (Trinity Hall)
	11:45 a.m.	Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
	1:00 p.m.	Land Blessing (Curry Farm)
	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)

### **CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION**



Father Geoff has spoken to several parishioners over the past months regarding the sacrament of Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church. The Bishop's official visitation will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you plan to be Confirmed or Received, the rector will need to meet with you before May 15. Please speak with Father Geoff *today* if you are interested. *"Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop"* (BCP, 860). Because Episcopalians recognize the confirmations of other churches that have bishops in apostolic succession, if you have been confirmed in one of those churches (e.g. Roman Catholic, Orthodox), one is not re-confirmed. Rather, one is "Received" into the Anglican Communion.

## **ROGATION WEEK: BLESSING OF THE LAND**

Though somewhat rare nowadays, **Rogation Days** are liturgical days dedicated to prayer for the land. Rogation Days were traditionally observed on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension. In more recent years, they may be observed on other, nearby convenient days. 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 the fields, orchards, and farms. This year, we will observe a **Rogation Day** on Saturday, **May 16 at 1:00 pm** at the Curry Farm, 2277 Winding Road, Parkersburg.



## **LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS**

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

## **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, Graham, & 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](http://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.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER HELP**

Since Bree will be at Peterkin in June and July, she is asking for help with Sunday School during those months. There is a sign-up sheet in the Memorial Library. One leader and one helper are needed each week, beginning June 7 through July 26. Lesson plans will be provided.

## **WORK DAY- May 30, noon to 3:00 p.m.**

Please help get Trinity Hall ready for the Bishop’s visit on May 31. Tables, chairs, and walls need cleaned and the windows need dusted. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church and in the Memorial Library. Note that Trinity Hall will be closed from May 25, 1:00 p.m. through May 30, noon for cleaning, stripping, and waxing of the floors.

## Serving This Week

Presider: Fr. Geoffrey Mackey (5:30p, 8a & 10:30a)

Lectors: Volunteer Needed (5:30p); Everett Orem (8a); Bree Fleming, Xenia Smykova (10:30a)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Tucker (5:30p); Everett Orem (8a); Jennifer Currey, Xenia Smykova (10:30a)

Crucifer: Fin Warren (10:30a)

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

Ushers: Ken Currier (5:30p); Larry Nutter (8a); Michael Dillon, Mark Edwards (10:30a)

Musicians: Marie Mallory (organist, pianist) (5.30p, 10:30a)

Coffee Hour: Susan & Tom Walsh

This week we celebrate the birthday of Ellie Rose Parsons (S), and the anniversary of Becky & Jeff Stump (M).

*The Altar Flowers this week are given by Cheryl Harb  
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of her mother,  
Margaret Duffy, and her grandmothers, Lovina Allspaw and Opal Harb.*

### 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*  
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Jacob Miller, *Sexton*

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