

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

8:00 am

Trinity Episcopal Church



THE SEASON IS — Lent. The season of Lent lasts 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with Saturday before Easter. Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation for the entire parish community. Since Sundays are feast days, they are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, but are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. We are called to use this time as a period of introspection, self examination and repentance. Just a reminder, alleluias are omitted from the liturgy during Lent.

STEWARDSHIP— This week’s Sunday’s Collect provides special reassurances – that if we love what God commands, and desire what He promises, then among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found, and we need not look only to the world around us for love, affirmation, serenity and peace. What a relief!

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Processional Hymn 495

Hail, Thy Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

Psalm 130

*Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.*

*If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?*

*For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.*

*I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.*

*My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.*

*O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;*

*With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.*

The Epistle

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law -- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed

two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America; and in our own diocese we pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Christian Council.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially for Jordan, Joanne, Doug, Emily, and Sienna.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we pray for Anne, Keith, Juan, Lauren, Julia, Phillip, Nona, Alejandro, Marie, Greg, John, Suzanne, and the staff and horses at Wellspring Farm.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

The Holy Eucharist

The Offertory

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

And with your spirit.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

It is meet and right so to do.

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Pascal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for that you did create heaven and earth, and did make us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, did give your 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 you, 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 you shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people do celebrate and make, with these your holy gifts which we now offer unto you, the memorial your Son has 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 you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your 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 your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your 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 you, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Healing Prayers

Please if you are so inclined, come forward following communion to the altar rail for the laying on of hands for healing. A member of the clergy will ask you if there is anything in particular for which you would like prayers. They will then anoint your forehead and pray. If you don't come forward please pray the following:

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Prayer

Celebrant

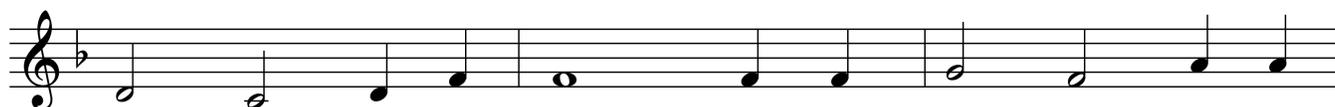
Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice Bore the
2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your
4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice Forth in



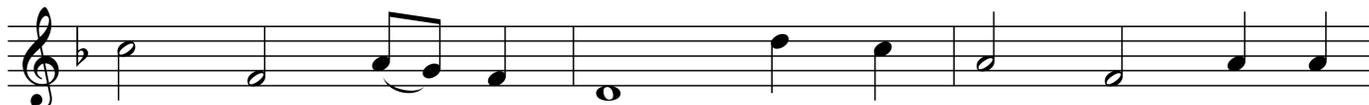
weight of hu - man need, Who did on the Cross for -
hun - gry cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for
love's re - veal - ing light, Till the height and depth and
your great name we go, To the child, the youth, the



sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed;
free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight:
a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;



We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of
As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion Healed the
Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com -
Hope and health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel,



voice a - lone, but heart: Con - se - crat - ing to your
 sick and freed the soul, Use the love your Spir - it
 pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to faith - ful
 aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren, Lord, in



pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 free - dom, May your mer - cy know and live.

Recessional Hymn

Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

Final Week: Lenten Adult Formation series on Forgiveness—Trinity Parish and Christ Church, Christiana Hundred are partnering for a 5-week series on the Christian theology of forgiveness. Participants will explore how we engage forgiveness in ourselves, our worship, and in the world. You have the option of joining us on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Christ Church (505 Buck Road, Wilmington) for a meal, discussion, and sung Compline or on Wednesdays at 11am at Trinity (1108 N. Adams, Wilmington) for a discussion followed by Holy Eucharist. Content will be the same at both sessions. We request that participants register to ensure we have enough food. Sign up at trinityoldswedes.church, via the link on the Wednesday email.

Easter Flowers: Using flowers to celebrate the Risen Christ is an ancient custom in the church. At Trinity, we continue this by inviting parishioners to contribute memorial flowers honoring loved ones. The minimum contribution is \$25; please include a list of those you are honoring with your check, and mark the memo line 'Easter flowers.' If you choose to give online, please send an email to office@trinityparishde.org with the list of those you are remembering. The deadline is Friday, March 30. Questions? Please call Ashlin Bray at 302-658-5821. Thank you for participating in the celebration of Easter.

Easter Egg Hunts will be held after every service on Easter Sunday. So we need eggs! Please sign up on the chart in the back of the church to bring and/or help hide the eggs. Real eggs are requested.

Knitters, cast on! The Trinity Knitters will meet at 9:30 am on Monday, March 27th. New knitters always welcome—we have yarn and needles for you!

Trinity's outreach support of Friendship House gives us many opportunities for Lenten Giving. On April 2, we will have a clothing drive to help fill the needs our community through the Clothing Bank of Delaware run by Friendship House. Please bring your gently used clothing, without hangers, in tied plastic bags to Trinity on Palm Sunday between 9-10 am. Sarah Berninger will fill her car with your donated items. Contact Sarah Berninger for more info at berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422.

Help make the church sparkle for Easter! Holy Saturday, April 8, we are polishing up the church for Easter Sunday. Please join us at 10 am at Trinity.

EASTER MORNING PRE-SERVICE RECITAL at 9:45 am: The 10:00 am Eucharist Service on Easter Sunday, April 9, will be preceded by a pre-service recital by brass quartet, organ and timpani that will begin at 9:45 am. A highlight of the recital will be Johann Sebastian Bach's "My Spirit Be Joyful," for organ and two trumpets, from Bach's Easter Cantata. Let the celebratory music of this recital help to prepare you for the joy of our Easter Eucharist!

April 16—Welcome Marta Coffee Hour. Bring your questions and welcome to coffee hour with Marta. Learn more about our newest Associate Rector during coffee hour after each service.

ENCORE SPRING CONCERT: The newly established Encore Chorale of Wilmington, for singers 55+, will present its second concert in Wilmington here at Trinity on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm. The concert, which will usher in the warmth of spring with songs of light and love, is FREE and the entire Wilmington community is encouraged to attend. Trinity's Director of Music, David Simmons, is the conductor of this new ensemble for older adult singers.

THE ARTS AT TRINITY presents the Serafin Ensemble in the beautiful acoustics of Trinity's sanctuary on Sunday, April 30, at 4:00 pm, in a program entitled "A Little Night Music with the Serafins." The repertoire includes Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and Beethoven's Violin Sonata in F (Spring). As with all TAAT concerts, there is no charge for admission to the performance, but donations are graciously accepted before and after the performance. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of gorgeous music!

Spring is right around the corner, and so is the Women's Retreat! This year our speaker is Susan Long. She is an experience facilitator at retreats and workshops, including at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. For our retreat, Susan's focus will be on Living Mindfully through meditation supported by scripture. The retreat will run from the evening of Friday, May 12 - noon on Sunday, May 14th. Price will be dependent on the number of attendees, but ranges from \$250-\$300. Scholarships are available by contacting Reverend Patty. Please contact Kim Denhardt at kdenhardt@gmail.com with questions or to sign up.

Trinity's Newcomer's Welcome Gathering will be held after the 10 am services on April 30th and May 7th. Join us in the Trinity Dining room for refreshments and an opportunity for us to know one another better. Anyone who has joined our community within the last 2 years is welcome. Week One will focus on getting to know one another and how the Holy Spirit led us to Trinity. Week Two will utilize the short book *A People Called Episcopalians* to explore who we are and how we worship. Please sign up at church or email the office so we can make sure we have enough books and snacks. Childcare will be available.

Join us as Trinity Episcopal Parish's team walks for Friendship House in the 2023 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. If Team Trinity Episcopal Parish raises \$2,000 and recruits 20 walkers, a generous donor will give an additional \$1,000 to Friendship House! You can support Friendship House and our team by signing up to walk, or virtually walk, or raise money, or donate to the Trinity's team making the walk. The money we raise goes directly to Friendship House. To register or donate to our team go to the events section of the Friendship House web site: www.friendshiphousede.org. Click on Register for the Highmark Walk. Then click on Register Here or Donate to the Walk. It is important that you search for our team name "Trinity Episcopal Parish" – not church, so that your donation will go toward our total and reaching our goal. Feel free to contact Sarah Berninger with any questions at 302-351-2422 or at berninger59@comcast.net.

TRINITY CHOIR - Are you a person who just loves to sing and have wondered what is like to be a part of Trinity's choir? The Trinity Choir is a fun-loving group of dedicated singers who rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in order to

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music for
10:00
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April 2 Palm Sunday 8 am and 10 am in English, 12 pm en español

April 6 Maundy Thursday 7 pm in English at Old Swedes Church
7 pm en Español a la Iglesia de Trinidad

April 7 Good Friday 12 pm in English

April 8 Holy Saturday 8 pm The Great Easter Vigil (bilingual service)

April 9 Easter Sunday 8 am and 10 am in English, 12 pm en español



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