



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist at 8:00am

18 May 2025

***Trinity Episcopal Church
Wilmington, Delaware
in
The Episcopal Diocese of Delaware***

Welcome!!!

We are Glad you are Here

Nursery

For those with small children, we have nursery staff available for the 10 am and 12 pm Services in the Sunday School Room.

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INTRODUCTIONS TO TODAY'S LESSONS

Acts 11.1-18

Peter has been instrumental in the conversion of a Gentile to Christianity. Cornelius, an officer in the Roman army, has received the Holy Spirit and has been baptized – as have members of his household. Peter has now returned to Judea where members of the Christian community who are of Jewish origin seek an explanation as to why Gentiles have become Christians.

Revelation 21.1-6

The book of Revelation is “the revelation of Christ” made through John. It is prophecy which reveals secrets of heaven and earth. In a vision, John has seen the destruction of the old city, and of the old heaven and earth. Now he sees the new creation, of divine origin and free of evil forces – for ultimately God’s love will prevail.

John 13.31-35

Jesus is preparing his followers for his departure. After the Last Supper, he has washed the feet of his disciples, a symbol of servanthood. He has predicted his betrayal. Judas Iscariot has gone out into the night – a symbol of the dark deed he is about to commit.

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PRAYER LIST

Week of Sunday, May 18th to Saturday, May 24th, 2025

This list combines all the prayer and thanksgiving requests we have received for this week, along with “cycles” of prayer for the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of Delaware (The Episcopal Church in Delaware). We invite you to have your prayer requests and thanksgivings listed by calling the Parish Office at 302.652.8605 or sending an email to office@TrinityParishDE.org or contacting Dr Marta at Marta@TrinityParishDE.org or Fr Kirtley at FrKirtley@TrinityParishDE.org. Names will remain on the list for a period of two weeks. Should you wish for a name to be renewed, please contact the Parish Office with a status update.

In addition to being listed here, those who are sick or have special needs will be mentioned by Christian name in the Prayers of the People at each liturgical service. Anyone who has died this week will be remembered by using their full name.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

For the Church: Kevin our Bishop Diocesan, Sean our Presiding Bishop and Primate, the Anglican Consultative Council.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Clergy and Congregation of St. Paul’s Church, Camden.

Rector Search Committee, Trinity Forward: Greg, Rachel, Betsy, Steve, Brian, Doug, Angelica, Toni.

For Government Leaders: Donald our President; Matt our Governor; John our Mayor.

For Health and Healing: Jim, Andy, Phil, Tritstina, Richard, Jesús, Jack, Vanessa, Mercedes, Alyse, George, Richard, Debbie, Marilyn, and Diane.

For Anniversary of their Birth: Jay, Luke, and Alyson.

For those celebrating the Anniversary of their Marriage: Michael & Cee.



Altar Flowers

The flowers are given in memory of Frances Vaughan Finletter
and Ruth Gerstell Debevoise.

WELCOME TO TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH. We are glad you are here!!! We are a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware. The Episcopal Church welcomes all who worship Jesus Christ, in 106 dioceses and one mission area in 22 nations or territories. The Episcopal Church is one of 42 member provinces of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and contains all of the material needed for this service.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Welcome to Trinity Parish

A period of silence is kept.

Processional Hymn *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness*

Please stand, if able; sung by all

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Easter Greeting *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant proclaims

ALLELUIA. † CHRIST IS RISEN.

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

Collect for Purity *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant and People then say

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria *remain standing, if able; spoken by all*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All pray in silence for a space.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson

Acts 11.1-18

The Lector first says

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

THE APOSTLES AND THE BELIEVERS who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

After the Lesson, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

Gradual Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

The Congregation remains seated. The psalm is recited in unison.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 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!

Please remain seated.

The Epistle

Revelation 21.1-6

The Lector first says

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the

new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

After the Lesson, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Holy Gospel *please stand, if able*

John 13.31-35

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

AT THE LAST SUPPER, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Dr Kirtley Yearwood SR

A period of silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed *standing, if able; said by all*

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 *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant bids the Intercessions with these words

UNITED in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Silence

The intercessor then leads the Prayers

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we
may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ
our Savior.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless Kevin our Bishop Diocesan, Sean our Presiding Bishop and Primate, the Anglican Consultative Council and all ministers of your Church, especially in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the Clergy and Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Camden, for Kirtley and Marta our Priests, our Staff, and Wardens and Vestry of our Parish, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are in illness, especially Jim, Andy, Phil, Tritstina, Richard, Jesús, Jack, Vanessa, Mercedes, Alyse, George, Richard, Debbie, Marilyn, and Diane that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Silence

At the end of the Intercessions, the Celebrant adds the following concluding Collect.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence *remains seated*

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Please stand, if able, as the gifts of bread and wine and alms are brought forward.

Sursum Corda

The people standing, if able. The Celebrant says,

The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

Preface of Easter

Then, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit *remain standing, if able; sung by 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.

Eucharistic Prayer *remain standing, if able*

Then the Celebrant continues

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In of all, your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

WE CELEBRATE the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. †Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer *remain standing, if able; said by all*

The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

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 *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People and Celebrant

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

The Episcopal Church invites all Christians of any age to the Lord's Table. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the consecrated Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered, by gently guiding the base with your hand to allow the rim to reach your lips; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you are not baptized, or if you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms).

Gluten-free wafers are available at the Altar rail. Please speak to the priest when you come forward for Communion.

A period of silent prayer is kept.

Prayer after Communion *standing, if able; said by all*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

GOD OF ABUNDANCE, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer for the Calling of a Rector

Celebrant and People

ALmighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and so guide the mind of the Discernment Team, Trinity Forward, who shall recommend to the Vestry of Trinity Parish, a Rector for this congregation, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

Easter Blessing *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant gives the blessing

THE GOD OF PEACE, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

remain standing, if able; sung by all



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Dismissal *remain standing, if able*

The Celebrant dismisses the people

Alleluia, alleluia. With the risen life of Christ within you,
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

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

Postlude



Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Come, See...Go and Tell

Announcements

Save the Date! Bishop Brown is coming to Trinity on June 22nd, which will also be Confirmation Sunday. The Bishop will preside over the 10 am and 12 pm services. We will not have an 8 am service on June 22nd. A special coffee hour will be held after both services. We hope you can join us either in person or online.

HELP NEEDED! The very old Steinway baby grand piano in the upstairs choir room at Trinity is in extremely bad condition and the poor quality of the sound has impeded our rehearsals. The problem goes well beyond anything a tuning or minor work can fix, which all the piano experts who have looked at it agree we should get a replacement piano. If you would be interested in providing the funds needed to purchase a suitable new (or used) baby grand piano for the choir room, please email our Director of Music, David Simmons at: david@trinityparishde.org

Service Participants

David Simmons—Pianist

Martha Diver—Reader/ Intercessor/Coffee Hour Stan Diver – Server

Flowers arranged by Kathleen David.

Team 4: Ava Vandergast, Amelia Welch-Wierzbicki—Altar Guild



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