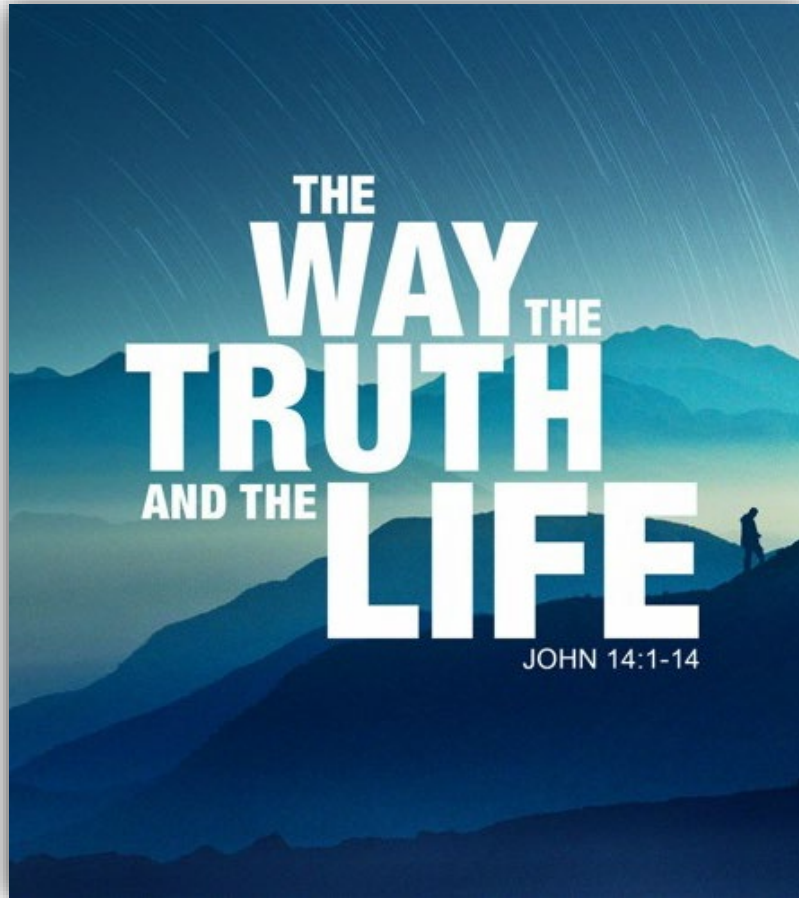


The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:30 a.m.

At Christ UCC

TRINITY
Episcopal Church



1 O day of ra - dian - t glad - ness, O day of joy and
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Liturgy of the Word

✠ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude*

PRELUDE

Prelude in a minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN IN PROCESSION

O day of radiant gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS
WALDVOGELEIN

(see hymn on opposite page)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.*

EASTER CANTICLE

Christ Our Passover

WLP 880

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

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.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



You have re - deemed — me, O LORD, O God of truth.

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

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

ANTIPHON

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.

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

ANTIPHON

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

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

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

ANTIPHON

THE EPISTLE

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

ST. BEES

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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."

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Mayo

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

Intercessor As a chosen people, a holy nation, and God's own beloved, let us offer our prayers on behalf of all in Jesus' name, saying, *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that like living stones built into a spiritual house, our ministries may be marked by prayer and service to those in need. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that together we may bear witness that Christ is indeed the way, the truth, and the life. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For leaders and legislators, that they may serve with wisdom, equity and compassion for the good of all. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and all places of conflict, that tempest, turmoil and temptation may give way to a search for the common good and the building of bridges and not walls. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all who work the earth, that they may use their skills wisely to feed the human family, and that God will give them favorable weather and an abundant harvest. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who are ill, alone or afraid, remembering especially those we now name (*pause*), that in Christ they may find hope, strength and peace. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially Wiley, and others we now name (*pause*), that they may be happy forever in God's house and in the place Jesus has prepared for them. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O God, we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, Holy One, who calls us to dwell with you in heaven. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and in the power of the Holy Spirit help us follow Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *AMEN.*

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In 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 maker 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and 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 God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

FRACTION

Hymnal S 155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Come, my way, my truth, my life

Malcolm Archer

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. 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. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God,
you show us your way
and feed us at your holy table.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.**

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!


ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!


BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon




Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in a minor

Johann Sebastian Bach



Liturgical Ministers

May 3, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Ann Szmania
Wayne Parr
Glen Walls
Ross Mangina
Steve Filko
Ross Mangina
Ivan Martin

Altar Guild
Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Intercessor
Usher
Usher
Acolyte

Choir

Garry Applegate
Jonathan Boksan
Bailey Fulginiti
Stacy Gabel
Hattye Magee

Joyce Meinke
Jody Miller
Christina Shoemaker
Mark Shoemaker
Stephan Taylor

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
May 3, 2026

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of The Susquehanna:

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Kevin, Nichols, Assisting Bishop

Prince of Peace, Dallas; St. Andrew's in the Valley, Harrisburg;
and Diocesan Youth



In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of North India (United)

Please pray for these friends in need:

Randy Alderman, Gary and Chris Battersby, Loretta Brobst, Abby Choi, Joan Dawson, Jen Delp, Connie Evans, Ward Fanning, Clare Filko, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Cole Hamel, Flex Illick, Jacob MacCauley, Sally MacIntosh, John Majczan, Susan Martin, Rheta Matthews, Jody Miller, Andrew O'Connor, Bob Opdyke, Patti Pasda, Terri Sheldon, Judy and Barry Smith, Stefan Stanescu, Carol Vickrey, Mike Weaver

For the Search Committee: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Be with those called to seek a new Rector for our Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor and priest who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Parish: Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month

Announcements

May's SECOND SUNDAY Collection: Second Harvest Food Bank!

The following are the most needed items for donation. Second Harvest **accepts all nonperishable items** (*foods that do not need to be frozen or refrigerated*). We *prefer non-glass containers*. Please keep in mind that we need *nutritional food items that are low in sodium/salt and sugar*. It's important that those individuals with limited financial (and other) resources receive the most nutritious foods available.



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: canned vegetables and fruits (dried fruits, fruit cups), vegetable or fruit juice (100%), Tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce without meat; **PROTEINS:** canned meat (tuna and chicken) Dried beans, lentils or peas, canned beans canned chili, peanut butter, nuts, trail mix, soups/stews (canned or dried); **GRAINS:** low-sugar/high-fiber cereal, oatmeal, whole-grain pasta, rice and crackers, whole-wheat flour; **MILK:** evaporated milk, dry milk; **COOKING OIL:** olive oil, canola oil, coconut oil; **NON-FOOD:** paper products, diapers, toiletries



Trinity's Night Out Thursday, June 18th!!!

Join us for a family-friendly, fun night out as we head to Coca-Cola Park, where the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs will take on the Worcester Red Sox. Tickets are \$13 (with a \$2 credit for park store or concessions). **Tickets are available through May 18th**. Contact Steve Filko (267)736-1109 or Lynn Piccolo (610)462-2133 for more details. Hope to see you all there!

Mark your calendar 5/31 is Trinity's next COFFEE HOUR!

Please plan to join us Sunday, May 31. We will meet after the service in the UCC's ALL PURPOSE room. There will be light refreshments (pastries, fruit, etc.) and of course coffee and tea will be available.



About Trinity Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

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Aram Basmadjian, Artist in Residence

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Linda Cortis

Ken Grieshaber (Senior Warden)

Joanne Gulya (Junior Warden)

Ross Mangina

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Sandy Mesics

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