

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Finlandia

D. Bish

Processional Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I make faith's af-firm - a - tion: thus far by thy help I've come,
3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy com-pas-sion, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious mea - sure, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan - dering from the fold of
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I

bove; O the vast, the bound-less trea - sure of my God's un - chang - ing love.
God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
love; take my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Amen.

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



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

First Lesson

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *I shall not want.*

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: *he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

³He restoreth my soul: *he leadth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: *for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: *thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: *and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn

Come Now O Prince of Peace

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come Now O Prince of Peace'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are provided below the vocal lines. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

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Gospel

John 10:1:10

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all

his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Kevin M. Cross

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts and the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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. *Lord, 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. *Lord, 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. *Lord, 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. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for: (*read the names on the prayer list*)...

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Gary Kaufman</i>	<i>David Harrell</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Lisa Strang</i>	<i>James Turrell</i>
<i>Brendan Fuller</i>	<i>Andy Coleman</i>	<i>Lisa McDougall</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>	<i>Mike McMillen</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Betty Mackart</i>	<i>Fr. Ambrose Boyd</i>
<i>Connor Frank</i>	<i>Elsbeth Ritchie</i>	<i>Dick Barnes</i>
<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Owen M.</i>	<i>Dan O'Neill</i>
<i>Ron Fisher</i>	<i>Sue Schulze</i>	<i>Leslie Howells</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Shaun</i>	<i>Jackson Beaumont</i>
<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>	<i>Polly Obermeier</i>	<i>Courtney</i>
<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Lisbeth Drake</i>	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart.(*pause*)... *Lord, 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. We remember especially the members of our military who died in

service to our country and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart...(pause) ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *Dear God, hear our prayer.*

All: God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.

A period for personal meditation is observed

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

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

Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

D. Forrest

Melissa Wise, Soprano

Doxology *(please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

People: And of thy own we have given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

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

Preface

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

Arr. Malcolm Archer

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

He Hideth My Soul

P. Drennan

Melissa Wise, Soprano

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Birthdays

Ginny Wagner, 4/28	Doug Becker, 4/28
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Anniversaries

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms



1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and secure from



all a-larms; lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

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Sending Forth

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

Brenda Portman

*Thank you Margaret Munsch & Sandy Wrightson for
hosting Fellowship hour.*

Altar Guild General Meeting

On **Thursday, May 7th at 4:00pm**, there will be a general meeting for all Altar Guild members in the **Parish Hall**. Snacks and drinks will be provided! We'll review schedules and teams and wish Ginny Wagner our best as she steps down from the Directress position.

Also, if anyone has wanted to know more about joining the Altar Guild, Please Come! New volunteers are always welcomed and needed. Training is provided and you will work with experienced team members. Any questions- please reach out to Nancy Roberts (609-647-2622) or Sandy Wrightson (410-822-0205).

Please RSVP to Connie

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

<p><u>Monday - April 27</u> 5:00 pm - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><u>Saturday - May 2</u> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p><u>Wednesday - April 29</u> <u>Thursday - April 30</u> <u>Friday - May 1</u> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Choir Practice</p>	<p><u>Sunday - May 3</u> 9:30 am - Healing Holy Eucharist 4:00 pm - Bob MacDonald/Tony Nalker Concert</p>

Vestry Members

Margot McConnel Sr. Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk - Emeritus
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	8:00 am	10:00 am
Reader	Laura Cassidy	Susie Dillon
Acolyte	Dennis Roberts	Dennis Roberts
Usher	Chloe Pitard	Rene Van Erven
Vestry Greeter	Art Dent	Walda Roseman
Altar Guild	Midge Menzies, Ginny Wagner, Marty Sikes, Meg van den Berg	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard	



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