

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday
April 5, 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

Concerto in C for Two Trumpets & Organ

A. Vivaldi

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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,

8:00 & 10:00 am

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have

loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures for ever.*
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, **"His mercy endures for ever."*
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, **and he has become my salvation.*
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory **in the tents of the righteous:*
- ¹⁶ "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! **the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"*
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, **and declare the works of the Lord.*
- ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, **but he did not hand me over to death.*
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; **I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.*
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; **he who is righteous may enter."*
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me **and have become my salvation.*
- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.*

²³ This is the Lord's doing, **and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; **we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Musical Selection

My Redeemer Lives

E. Larter

Melissa Wise, Soprano

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is

my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Mozart/Trapp

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and some phrases end with a fermata.

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Sermon

The Reverend Kevin 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 written by our Sunday School Children

We thank you God for your creation. We thank you for water, trees, bushes, air, flowers, and us. Bless our dogs and other pets who provide us joy and companionship. They are special. *Dear God, Hear our prayers.*

We thank you for boats - for all boats. We thank you for lacrosse and baseball. *Dear God, Hear Our Prayers.*

We pray for our world and country. There are a lot of problems. Please help us to make this a better world. Please help the leaders of the world listen to you God. Please help the people who are fighting in these brutal wars. We pray for all of the wars of the world to end. *Dear God, Hear our prayers.*

God, there are a lot of people in need. Thank you for all the people who contributed to Change for Change so the Sunday School can help people in need locally and in the world. We pray for the hungry, the sick, and the poor. Please help people to have enough food, water, shelter, money, and education. We pray that the homeless have homes and that everyone is happy. *Dear God, Hear Our Prayers.*

We pray for our community and families. Thank you God, for all those who protect us - for parents, grandparents, for you God, for teachers, brothers and sisters, police, the fire department and

volunteers. Lord, protect our minister Father Kevin because we need him. Thank you God for our families, especially cousins. Please help us see them more often. Thank you God for Jack and all brothers and sisters. Thank you God for Jesus and Sunday School and church. Please help us help our parents by doing our chores. *Dear God, Hear Our Prayers.*

We pray for those who are sick, lonely, oppressed. Please bring comfort to those who need to be comforted. Please let there be enough doctors and medicine. Help those in Hospice and their families. Help those who are fighting through life-threatening cancers and illness. Help those who had a bad day yesterday, to have a good day today. *Dear God, Hear Our Prayers.*

Dear God, we pray that soon there will be world peace. Let us all say together:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in war torn areas of the world. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort will 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 Prayers.

God our Father, through Christ you have made us your daughters and sons. We pray for the grace to accept and live to the full the new life you have given us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
A period for personal meditation is observed

Peace

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

People: *And also, with you.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory

8 am On Easter Morning Early

S. Douglas

10 am Lift High The Cross

Arr. J. Black

The Holy Trinity Choir with Wendell Banyay, Trumpet

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.

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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:

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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

Arioso

J. S. Bach

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns, vs. 1-3

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Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crow

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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Sending Forth

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude

La Rejouissance (The Rejoicing)

Handel/Smith

Thank you our Vestry for hosting Fellowship hour.

Please join us for the Easter egg hunt after the 10:00 am service.

*Thank you Melissa Wise, Michelle Webb, Wendell Banyay and
The Holy Trinity Choir for sharing your joyful music.*



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Easter Flowers



Byron LaMotte

In Memory of His Parents
Byron & Virginia LaMotte

Missy Warfield

In Thanksgiving for Our Family

Allison & Steve Walk

In Loving Memory of
Their Parents Mary and Bill Read and
Sybil and Everett Walk

Ted Thaxter

In Memory of My Family

Bill & Susan Grauel

In Loving Memory of Our Parents
Harry & Dorothy Grauel & Charles &
Charlotte Poynter

Rich & Ginny Wagner

In Thanksgiving for Fr. Kevin &
Barbara Cross and Our Holy Trinity
Family

Cynthia Orem & Family

In Loving Memory of Sandy Orem

Ray Stevens

In Loving Memory of Bonnie Stevens

Ed & Laura Cassidy

In Loving Memory of Our Mothers
Haretta Cassidy & Greta Stovall

Gordon Fronk

In Loving Memory of Sally B. Fronk

Veronica Wainwright

In Thanksgiving for
Elizabeth Wainwright

Connie Greenhawk

In Loving Memory of
Phil Greenhawk, Joe Schwaninger Jr.,
Joe Schwaninger Sr., and Sophia
Schwaninger Biddle

Marty & Al Sikes

In Loving Memory of Our Loved
Ones Who Are No Longer With Us

Katherine K. Gilson

In Loving Memory of
Christopher T. Gilson

Stephen Weissenberger & Jan Nelson

In Memory of Our Parents

June L. DeHart

In Memory of My Parents
Dr. John & Gloria Langston

Anne Ryan Neary

In Loving Memory of Sally & George
Howard Ryan, Nancy Wooten, &
William J. Neary Jr.

Worship Service Schedule

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

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

<u>Monday - April 6</u> 5:00 pm - Men's Bible Study	<u>Friday - April 10</u> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday - April 7</u> 8:30 am - Prayer Group 9:30 am - Grief Group	<u>Saturday - April 11</u> OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Wednesday - April 8</u>	<u>Sunday - April 12</u> 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist
<u>Thursday - April 9</u>	

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	Michelle Mactavish	Barbara Cross
Acolyte	Susan Grauel	Steve Weissenberger & Beverly Rohman
Usher	Ray Stevens	Marty Sikes & Rene Van Erven
Vestry Greeter	Art Dent	Bill Ritchie & Al Sikes
Altar Guild	Nancy Roberts, Karen Walbridge, Linda Wilson	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Victoria Chandler, Pam Dent, Suzanne Litty, Susan Middleton, Chloe Pitard	



Trio Animoso Community Concert
April 12, 2026 2 p.m.
The Church of the Holy Trinity
502 S. Morris Street, Oxford MD

An exciting afternoon of incredibly beautiful music with Trio Animoso comes to Oxford, compliments of the Chesapeake Music Competition. As a finalist, these virtuosic musicians will share music from their extensive repertoire and competitions in a free Community Concert. Performing for outreach concerts at educational institutions, public schools, and retirement communities along with concert series, such as the March 2026 Essex Winter Series, Yale Vista Concert Series, and the opening concert of the Philadelphia Athenaeum fills the schedule of these young Yale University musicians. If you have not experienced the sounds of harp, viola, and flute in Holy Trinity Sanctuary's beautiful acoustics, you must come!

