

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

April 26, 2026

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always
One, we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius

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All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

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 in Excelsis

The following is said, all standing

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

I Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

No. 664

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: *Resignation* David Hurd

The Holy Gospel

John 10-1-10

Priest 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Pervez Baig

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

All remain standing.

Jesus, you are the good shepherd of your people. Hear the cry of your flock as we pray,
“Good Shepherd, receive our prayer.”

Good Shepherd, you call us to follow where you lead. Give us ears to hear and know
your voice. Give us the courage and strength to lay down our lives for one another, as
even you laid down your life for us.

Good Shepherd,
People: Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, gather to yourself the people of the world so there will be one flock under your reign. Forgive us for our hatred and divisions.

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you have blessed us with green pastures and still waters—places in your world where we find rest and renewal. We thank you for the beauty of the earth.

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, even when wolves attack, you never leave your loved ones; even in the valley of the shadow of death, you are present. Be with all victims of violence. Comfort them in their distress.

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you love us so much that you call us each by name: we pray for the healing of our brothers and sisters in your name.

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you are our salvation. Grant all who have died a dwelling place in your house forever.

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. A period of silence is observed. Celebrant and People together say

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.

The 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.

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 663

The Lord my God my shepherd is; how could I want or need?
In pastures green, by streams serene, he safely doth me lead.

To wholeness he restores my soul and doth in mercy bless,
and helps me take for his Name's sake the paths of righteousness.

Yea, even when I must pass through the valley of death's shade,
I will not fear, for thou art here, to comfort and to aid.

Thou hast in grace my table spread secure in all alarms,
and filled my cup, and borne me up in everlasting arms.

Then surely I can trust thy love for all the days to come,
that I may tell thy praise, and dwell for ever in thy home.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The Celebrant then continues

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

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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.

Festal Easter Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting 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 among you, and remain with you always.

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Latin, tr. Francis Pott; Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina, adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk

The Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

April 26, 2026

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Church of Nigeria...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for the Ministry of Flower Guilds ...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Parish Treasurer...

For our Sons and Daughters in the Military Nathan, Kennedy, Zack, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this Week Raymond Woods III 04/28; Chris Hoffner 05/02...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Stephen, Mark, Julia, Olivia,

John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Ben, Margie, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Michael, Douglas, Christine, Al, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Michael, Audrey, John, Colleen, Bob N., Kay, Milton, Shelley, Buddy, Bob, Gordon, Maggie, Sally, Tim, Howard, Butch, Jeff, Jack, Jessica, Bernadette...

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew Staszewski given by Rob & Carol Staszewski.

PLEASE WELCOME The Rev. Pervez Baig who is filling in for The Rev. Martin Gutwein who will be on vacation for the next four Sundays.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Saturday, May 2 - World Labyrinth Day (see insert)
- Saturday, May 9 - Town-wide Yard Sale (see announcements page)
- Saturday, May 23 - Collingswood Mayfair (mark your calendar)
- Saturday, May 30 - Holy Trinity 140th Birthday Party BBQ on the Plaza

AND A LITTLE FURTHER OUT!

- Friday, June 12 - Ukes & Brews Open Mic Night 7-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 27 - Collingswood Home & Garden Tour
- Saturday, July 11 - Tropical Beach Party with Cocktails on the Plaza 7-9:00 p.m.

*At the Church this week:

- **This afternoon:** TransFormation Spaghetti Dinner 2-5:00 p.m.
- **This evening:** Liberti Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00
- **Monday evening:** AA Parish Hall
- **Wednesday evening:** Boy Scouts

**Note - Additional events are added frequently. All facility usage should be coordinated through the Verger to ensure no double booking of spaces.*



2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART - is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$50.00.

WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 9th Volunteers are needed to help us get ready for the Collingswood town-wide yard sale.

- On Tuesday, May 5th at 7 p.m. we'll be doing indoor set up including moving, unwrapping and placing items for sale. Sneak peek pre-sales are encouraged!
- On Saturday, May 9th (Sale day), outdoor set up begins at 6:30 a.m. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during the day volunteer positions include cashiers, food/beverage table, grill master, baked good contributions, and cleanup. Please see sign-up sheets in church. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP every other Sunday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be TODAY, April 19th. Activities include a children's chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, contact Theresa Hoyt-Chattin (609) 941-1651 for more information.

ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS meet the second Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM - Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

ONLINE GIVING- To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission

International Labyrinth Day Celebration!!!

Join us on Trinity Plaza at
12:30 PM this Saturday, May 2
to Walk our Labyrinth and
Celebrate this Worldwide Event



Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in The Labyrinth Society's moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience.

Last year, people from 37 countries joined in the annual "Walk as One at 1" at their local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. Our event at Holy Trinity is one of this year's more than 400 registered Labyrinth Day events! **Come be a part of it.**

- Rain or shine, we'll gather at 12:30 p.m. on the plaza for lite refreshments and a short introduction (for anyone new to labyrinth walking).
- The walk itself will begin at 1:00 p.m. so we can join our positive energy with the positive energy of our brothers and sisters from all over our planet.

Have questions or need more information? See Theresa at Coffee Hour or email her at theresa15@aol.com.

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Friday, June 12th
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— Sign Up at 6:30 —
Showtime 7:00 -9:00 pm