he Church of the Holy Trinit

The Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Morning Prayer, Rite II



April 27, 2025

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, April 27	9:30 am	Adult Education Class	Church
	11:00 am	Morning Prayer - 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, April 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, April 29	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, April 30	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, May 1	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Saturday, May 3	4:00-5:30 pm	Chestnut Street Singers Performance	Church
Sunday, May 4	9:30 am	Adult Education Class	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Church
		*Undie Sunday: Bring newly bought	
		underwear donations for Open Hearts!	
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	3:00 pm	Singing City Choir Performance	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Robbin McCarthy, Deacon-in-Training, Officiant
Shreve Simpson & Veronica Aplenc, Lectors
Margaret Dowling, Intercessor
Connor Gardner, Acolyte
Margaret Dowling & Mark Ritter, Ushers
Sally Griffith, Welcome Table

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

Our Vivid Vision

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

Core Values

Inclusion/Welcome

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

Innovation

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

Collaboration

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

Community Mindedness

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

Culture

Joyful

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

Fearless

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

Embracing

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

Engaged

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Morning Prayer

Today we worship with the Morning Prayer service; a kind of service that has been around for millennia. Morning Prayer was once the principal service for Episcopal Churches, and this church would have had communion only once per quarter or on high holy days, like Christmas and Easter throughout most of its history. Today we have invited our Deacon-in-training to lead this service as part of her training. This will allow her to experience leading and preaching at a service that deacons can preside over. We hope you enjoy this service and learn something new today! Thank you for joining us!

Prelude Jesus Christus unser Heiland der den tod uberwand Georg Friedrich Kauffmann All rise in body or in spirit to sing

Opening Hymn 194

St. Albinus



The Opening Sentence

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where

Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All

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.

Officiant

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

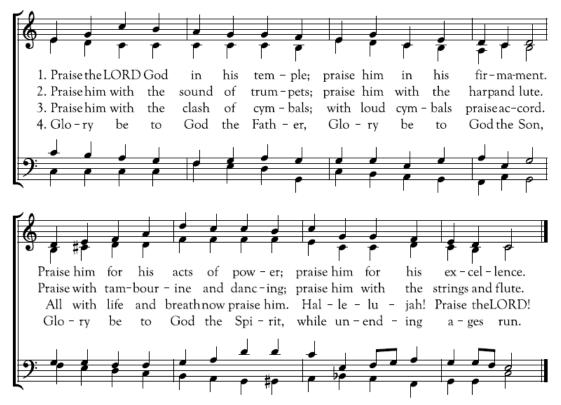
All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum



Following the Pascha Nostrum, all may be seated to sing the Psalm.

Psalm 150 Wycliff



THE READINGS

Reader:

The First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

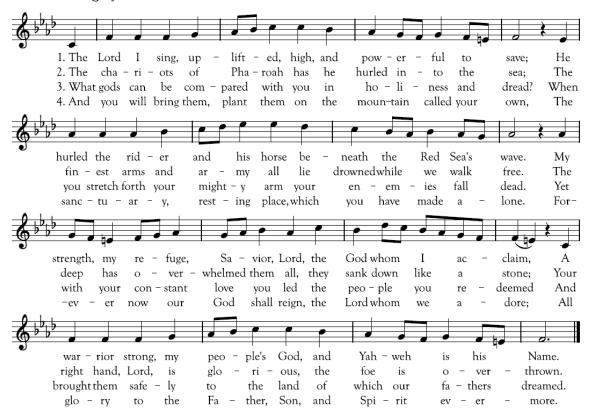
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Shreve Simpson

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

After a period of silence, all rise in body or in spirit to sing



All may be seated for the readings.

The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Veronic Aplenc

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

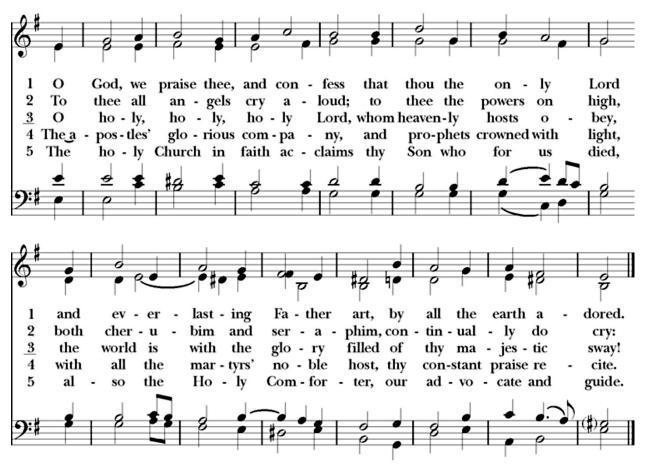
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Canticle 21 Te Deum laudamus

Manchester



- *6 Thou art the King of glory, Christ, the everlasting Son; humbly thou cam'st to set us free, nor Virgin womb didst shun.
- *7 When thou hadst overcome death's sting and opened heaven's door, thou didst ascend to God's right hand in glory evermore.
- *8 When thou shalt come to be our judge, bring us whom thou hast bought to dwell on high with all thy saints in joy surpassing thought.

The G# may be reserved for the final stanza.

The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Officiant: A Reading from the Gospel of John

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

All may be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

Robbin McCarthy, Deacon-in-Training

All rise in body or in spirit.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant I invite you to join me in saying the Apostles's Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All

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.

Suffrages A

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord; People And grant us your salvation.

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People Let your people sing with joy.

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; People For only in you can we live in safety.

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new

covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray

you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are

ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful

people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may be seated.

Welcome, Parish Notices and Celebration Prayers

Offertory Sentence

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

All rise in body or spirit.

Offertory Hymn 209

St. Boltoph



The Prayers

Officiant Through Christ, who intercedes on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal

priesthood. Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the

blessing of peace.

People Lord, hear our payer.

Officiant Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power

from on high. For the worldwide Anglican Communion. For the Episcopal Church, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop. For our Diocese and Daniel, our Bishop. For our parish, for John and Rachel, the staff, the vestry, for all who

minister and worship here.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice

and wrong.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation, and grant us the needful gifts

of your grace.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially those who

have asked for our prayers, especially Emily, Carlotta, Juanita, Barbara, Juan, David, Ebony, Brenden, Johnas, Alayan, Alima, Iddin, Adonius, Cottrel, Jarred, Khalil, Kyree, Harmony, Sawyer, Leslie, Joshua, Collin, Halli, Chuck, Tonya, Lisa, Earnest, Rosemary, Chelsea, Christopher, Tracey, Jessica, Sydney, Shamor, Maricarmen, Shana, Scott, Erin, Mike, Gwenette, Debbie, Penelope, Robert, Moira, Bea, Linda, Bonnie, Silvana, and for our families, friends, and neighbors;

that they may live in joy, peace, and health.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially for Francis,

and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and

protection of God.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Officiant

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant A

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

All

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

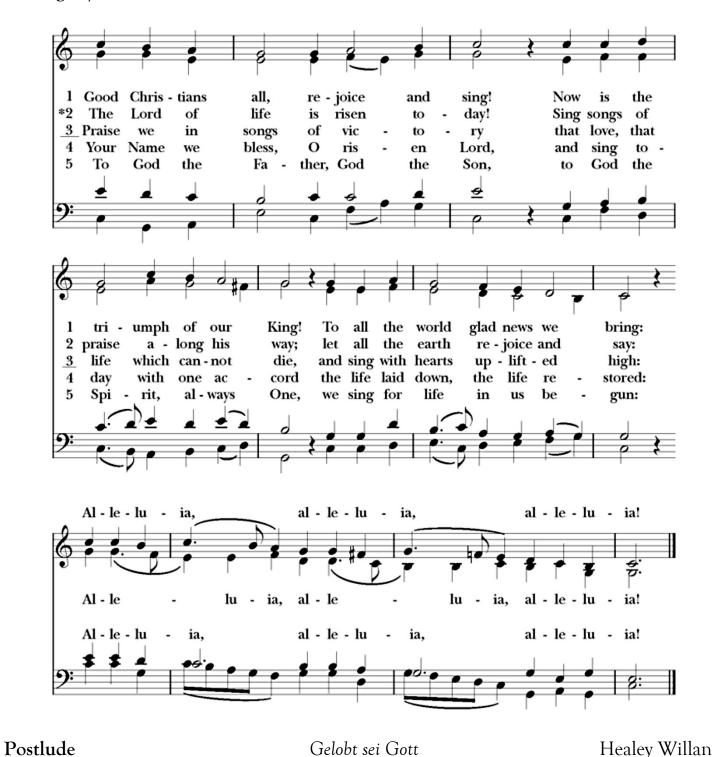
The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Closing Sentence

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians* 3:20,21



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About this service ...

Service: Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the "Pew Pen" in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door and turn left. Men's room is straight ahead, women's to the right. If you prefer a gender-neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Offering: Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text CHT DONATE to 73256 or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).

Volunteer with Open Hearts Café

Open Hearts Café, our weekly meal and clothing service for our neighbors, is always open for volunteers and donations. Gently used clothing, especially coats, jeans, and shoes, and new socks, underwear and under garments are always needed!



Sign up to volunteer: https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp

Undie Sunday!

Next Sunday, May 4, Bring Newly Bought Underwear!

Our church practices our food and clothing ministries through Open Hearts Café, where we feed and clothe hundreds of guests every Tuesday and Sunday, many of whom are food and housing insecure. Out of the many donations we accept, something that we have to have new is ... UNDERWEAR! The idea is simple: on the last Sunday of each month, we ask that all parishioners bring one pack of underwear. This way, as a church community, we can offer fresh, clean, and new underwear to our guests.

Many of our guests are men, so please consider purchasing male underwear. On Sunday, May 4, we'll be placing a basket at the receptionist desk where you can drop off a new, unopened pack of underwear. During service, our rectors will bless the offerings so that our good works may bring a little more comfort and ease into the lives of our friends, guests, and neighbors.

Get Involved with Worship

Ushers, Acolytes, Refreshments, Lectors, Intercessors, Oh My!

It takes a community to make our Sunday services happen. You may notice that along with our rectors and choir members, there are many parishioners that help! **Ushers** greet community members when they enter the church, pass out the service leaflets, collect offerings, and invite congregants to take Holy Communion. **Acolytes** are part of the processional and play a key role in the liturgy. **Refreshments** are shared at the end of Sunday service in the Narthex. **Lectors** and **Intercessors** are participants that speak from the lectern the readings and prayers for the people during the service.

Want to participate? Email communications@htrit.org! All are welcome and highly encouraged to participate!

Calling All!

New "Faces of Holy Trinity" Community Initiative

How many times have you come into the church, volunteered at Open Hearts, or lingered after Sunday service for coffee and snacks, realizing that you don't know the people and faces around you? Or maybe you've forgotten someone's name, or are curious to learn more about them?

Introducing the new "Faces of the Holy Trinity"! We'll be spotlighting various parishioners, community members, volunteers, guests, and staff throughout the coming months. You'll get to learn a little more about what brought each person to Holy Trinity, how they feel a part of the community, and some more fun facts about them!

Would you like to be featured, or maybe you know of someone that you want the rest of our community to know more about, please email communications@htrit.org!

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