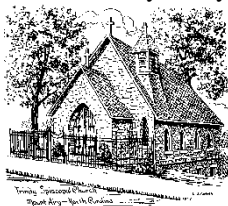


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris, Rector**  
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**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 11, 2021**

*During the season of Easter, it is customary to stand for the Great Thanksgiving and the reception of communion.*

**Hymn in Procession** *That Easter day with joy was bright* Hymn # 193

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
- 2 His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.
- 3 O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.
- 4 O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide;  
from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed for ever shield.

5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**The Collect for Purity**

*Book of Common Prayer 355*

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.*

**The Collect**

*(kneel or stand as you are able)*

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.*

*Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.*

**The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Psalm 133** *Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**The Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Sequence Hymn** *I want to walk as a child of the light* Hymn # 490

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

*In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

*Refrain*

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

*Refrain*

**The Gospel: John 20:19-31** (*stand as you are able*)

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.

**Sermon**

The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris

### **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 Form IV**

BCP p. 388

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop when present, or 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**

BCP 360

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

**Announcements**

**Offertory and Doxology**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP 367

*Stand as you are able.. The Celebrant faces the people and sings or says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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:

**Sanctus** (*Celebrant and People*)

Hymnal S-128

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.

*Stand or kneel as you are able*

*Then 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.

*People*                      *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

***Fraction Anthem*** (*Celebrant and People*)

Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The priest will bring communion to you in one kind saying:*

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
Amen.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior 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.

**Blessing**

*Celebrant*

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and for ever.

*People*

Amen.

**Hymn in Procession**      *Jesus is Lord*

Hymn # 178

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give Praise to his Name.*

- 1      Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

*Refrain*

- 2      Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

*Refrain*

- 3      We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

- 4      Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior

*Refrain*

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

**People**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

<b>Immediate Needs:</b>	Bill Pendleton, Jr.	Chandra Harmon
Susan Archer	Darryl Quesenberry	Adam Hewko
Erin Apperson	Melanie Rodenbough	Linda Hicks
Lynn Bickerstaff	David. S.	John Hidley
Luke William Blank	Evedene Schafer	Betty Hooven
Faye Bowman	BJ Shelton	Kelly Jarvis
Julianna Caldwell	Bob Smith	Allen Johnson
Mazie Chilton	Carolyn Smith	Patti Kirchoff
Kat Cook	Penny Snyder	David Kroupa
Mary Couture	Cathy Spires	Butch Lancaster
Richard Croom	Brooke Springthorpe	Angelia Lawrence
David Dalessio	John Springthorpe	Linda Light
Mildred Edwards	Tammy Springthorpe	Will Merritt
Marcus Ford	Chuck Stein	Wade Nichols
Jayjay Franks	Christi Stevens	Rocks-Anne Paul
Arthur Groves	Belinda Stillwagon	Bill Pugsley
Kim Halden	Annie Tayloe	Theresa Rizzo
Whitney Hall	Carolyn Town	Bobby Scales
Tim Herron	Vicky Town	Evelyn Scales
Jan Frye-Hill	Jerry Varn	Thompson
Harry Holyfield		Haley Selby
Leroy Johnson	<b>Long Term Needs:</b>	Gary Sheldon
Larry Keesler	*Anonymous	Richard Snyder
John Kidwell	Melissa Belcher	Sid Spencer, Jr.
Kale & Amory King	Shayne Bell	Betty Town
Carrie Krahn	Theresa Caravello	John Townsend
Augustine Lewis	Jim Couture	Mike Wilson
Susannah Marais	Melissa Roth Culver	Jack Woltz
Martha Marcum	Ron Doerschug	Hope Zimmerman
Ruth Marion	Linda Doerschug	
Susanna Metz	Donna Fargo	
Robert Morris	John Foltz	
Abbie Mummert		
Susan Olchak		

*If you would like yourself or someone else included, please call the church office.*

### TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch,  
Haley Muething, John Nichols, Robert Poole & Matthew Quilliman.

### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Andrew's, Haw River  
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson  
St. John's, Henderson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special thanks** to Norma Johnson for playing for us this Sunday.

**Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple** will be visiting Trinity on April 25, 2021. We will have one service at 10:30 a.m.

We are now resuming **altar flowers**. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, sign up now. Our new chart is on the way but you may contact the church office to choose your Sunday.

We are planning to begin **Backyard Bible Study** again in May. If you would be willing to host a meeting in your backyard, please let Sarah know.

Soon we will begin a joint **book study** with Grace Episcopal in Clayton, NC. We will read together "Love is the Way" by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. The group will be led by The Rev. Sarah Morris, The Rev. Dr. John Gibson, Rector of Grace Episcopal and The Rev. Ken Kroohs. Contact Sarah for more information.

Please make sure when you send correspondence or contributions to the church that you **send it to our post office box**. We do not have a mail receptacle and it will cause it to be returned to you or delayed in reaching us. Our mailing address is PO Box 1043 Mount Airy, NC 27030.

**Trinity Chats** continues to meet each Wednesday at 2:00 pm through Zoom. Join us for some great conversations and we stay in touch with each other.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

April 11<sup>th</sup> Larry Keesler

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

12<sup>th</sup> Mark & Kate Appler

### **8:30 service**

Theresa Gray-Lector & Greeter  
Wendy Tatman-Greeter  
Mike Wilson-Acolyte

### **10:30 service**

Brenda Goings-Lector  
Ann Vaughn-Greeter  
Margie Martin-Greeter



*No matter where you come from or where you're going  
No matter what you believe or what you doubt  
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today  
No matter whom you love  
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God  
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows  
your mind, and...  
Who wants to have a relationship with you*

