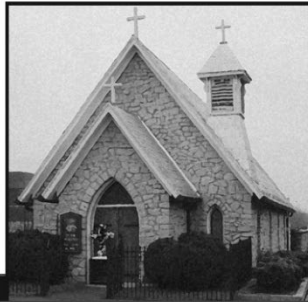


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**The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris, Rector
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Ryan Whittington, Organist
Maddox Marshall, Trumpet**

**The Sunday of the Resurrection:
EASTER DAY
April 17, 2022**

Flowering of the Cross during the Prelude

We invite children of all ages to come forward with the flowers at this time

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

Hymn in Procession #207

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
our triumphant holy day,
who did once upon the cross,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 3 But the pains which he endured,
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- 4 Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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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.*

Song of Praise Hymn # 210

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



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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**.

(use second half of chant)

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

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Sequence Hymn #180

- 1 He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

- 2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore-
sin and pain can vex no more.

- 3 Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

- 4 He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 *(stand as you are able)*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

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.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Holy God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Peace

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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.

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.

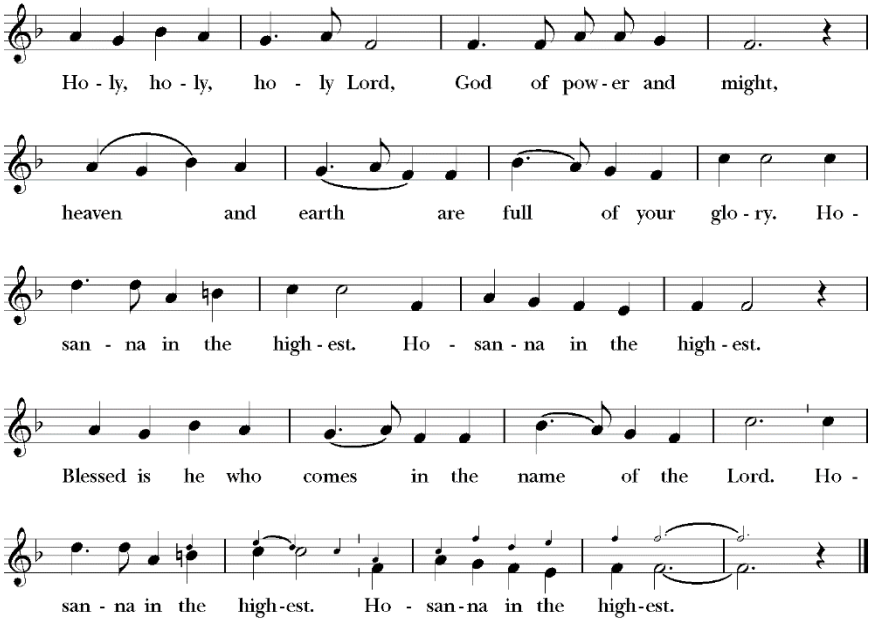
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #125 The Holy Eucharist II,
Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: Christ Our Passover Hymnal S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

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

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.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion Hymn *Eat this Bread* by Taizé

Eat this bread, drink this cup,

Come to him and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,

Trust in him and you will not thirst.

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

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn in Procession #182

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.
- 3 Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.

- 4 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
- 5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs:	Tammy Moore	Melissa Roth Culver
Erin Apperson	Michael Morgan	Ron Doerschug
Tina Brown	Craig New	Linda Doerschug
Jane Carper	Wade Nichols	Mark Donnell
Cindy Cebula	Angie Nolfo	Donna Fargo
Mazie Chilton	Bill R. Pendleton	Betty Grady
Mary Couture	Lance Porter	Linda Hicks
Anne Cox	Julie Pratt	Betty Hooven
Kevin Cox	Juanita Puckett	Kelly Jarvis
Sarah Springthorpe-	Kerry Reagan	BJ Johnson
Denmark	Candace Sammons	Sandy Johnson
Sonia Donnell	Rob Sanderson	Yvette Jones
Barbara Embry	Evedene Schafer	Amory King
Marcus Ford	Rose Mary Smoot	David Kroupa
Susan Fulk	Miki Spencer	Angelia Lawrence
Ginny Gilbert	Sid Spencer, Jr.	Martha Marcum
Abbie Gray	Johnny Springthorpe	Will Merritt
Brian Gray	Tammy	Susan Olchak
Raelynn Harp	Springthorpe	Victoria Rogelin
Melissa Hopkins	Carolyn Town	David S.
Rita Johnson	Carla Warner	Betty Town
Larry Keesler	RJ Wilhite	Vicky Town
Mike Keziah	Betty Wright	Mike Wilson
Polly Kidwell	Long Term Needs:	Jack Woltz
Joy King	*Anonymous	Hope Zimmerman
Carrie Krahn	Theresa Caravello	
Kay MacAllen	Ann Cochrane	
Rebecca McNabb	Kat Cook	
Susanna Metz		
John Moore		

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, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole & Matthew Quilliman.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Andrew's, Greensboro
St. Barnabas', Greensboro
St. Francis', Greensboro

BIRTHDAYS

April 20th Charlotte Wuenschel, 23rd Jill Borders

ANNIVERSARIES

12th Mark & Kate Appler, 21st Tom & Mary Fawcett, 22nd John & Karen Springthorpe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us outside following each service today for cookies and lemonade on the lawn.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the 10:30 service in Trinity Park.

Children's Sunday School is On!!! We will start our children's Sunday School next week, April 24, from 9:30-10:15 for children ages 4-12. This is an amazing approach by using storytelling, art, drama, and games to teach Biblical concepts. Please spread the word and volunteer. We look forward to an exciting time with our little ones.

Some Sunday School needs:

- Men's short sleeved shirts for art smocks
- Cushions and bean bag chairs
- Legos (general pieces)
- Twizzlers

Trinity's book group meets at 10 am every Wednesday morning in the parish hall. They are currently reading *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. The Reverend Taylor is an Episcopal Priest, and this is her story of teaching world religion to students at Piedmont College in Georgia. She talks about what the students learn, and what she learns. Please call or email Wendy Tatman if you have questions. Email wbtatman@yahoo.com or call 336-375-6828

Knit One, Pray Too meets next Wednesday, April 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Lyn's Medical Loan Closet is in need of volunteers. If you would like to learn more, please contact Kate Appler or Margie Martin.

Altar Flowers-There are several dates available to provide altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact the church office.

****If you have provided food for an event, please check the kitchen for dishes and pans that may belong to you.**

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Vicky Town	LECTOR	Theresa Gray
Mike Wilson	CHALICE BEARER	Jim Couture
Bruce Strohl	GREETER	Mike Wilson
Mike Wilson	ACOLYTE	Jim Couture

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Denny Jennings	LECTOR	Ann Vaughn
Brenda Goings	CHALICE BEARER	Janet Sosnowski
Jesse & Margie	GREETER	Gloria & Roxann
Nancy & Beckie	ALTAR GUILD	Pat S. & Martha
Margie Martin	VESTRY	Roxann Moore
Wyatt Fallin	ACOLYTE	Volunteer Needed

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt

Monday *Office Closed*

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Loan Closet

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Book Group
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Staples
3:00 p.m. Loan Closet

Next Sunday 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

TRINITY VESTRY

Kate Appler, Ross Borders, James Derrick,
Margie Martin, Roxann Moore, Jesse Slate,
Janet Sosnowski, James Tatman, Lee Wilsonwithers

The Easter Lily. For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life—the spiritual essence of Easter.

Easter lilies have been placed around the sanctuary today in celebration of the resurrection. They are given in honor and in memory of our loved ones by the following:

In loving memory of Susan Ashby and Flip Rees for all the good things they did for Mount Airy by Sandy Hutchens.

In loving memory of Marie Taylor by Nancy Taylor.

In loving memory of Robert Taylor by Nancy Taylor.

In loving memory of Theresa Rizzo by Nancy Taylor.

In loving memory of Ann Taylor by Nancy Taylor.

In honor of Henrietta Giannoni by Nancy Taylor.

In loving memory of Dr. Tom Harrill by Pam Harrill.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Woltz by Bill & Page Woltz.

In loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Murrell, Jr. by Bill & Page Woltz.

In loving memory of Dr. Tom J. Vaughn, Jr. with love by Ann, Scotti, Jay, Susan and the Grands.

In loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. A.W. Lewis, Jr. with love by Ann, Scotti, Jay, Susan and the Grands.

In loving memory of Wade and Erlene Frye by Bill Pendleton & Jan Frye-Hill.

In loving memory of Rebecca Pendleton by Bill Pendleton & Jan Frye-Hill.

In honor of William Rosser Pendleton by Bill Pendleton & Jan Frye-Hill.

In honor of Richard Nealis by Karen Nealis.

In honor of my family by Margie Martin.

In loving memory of my dear departed husband, George McGuirl by Ann Marie McGuirl.

In grateful thanksgiving for our Trinity Church family and for our children Emily Tatman and Nate & Amy Tatman by Jim & Wendy Tatman.

In honor of the Sanderson family by Pat Sanderson.

In loving memory of Warren Carper and Brandon Morris by Robert & Sarah Morris.

In thanksgiving for the people of Trinity by Sarah Morris.

The lilies on the altar are given in loving memory of those whose lives have been celebrated since last Easter:

*Josena Turcotte
Bud Yokley
John Kidwell
Rev. Kale King
Rosa Elliott
William Elliott
Shirley Tatum Auclair
Jack Campbell
Marie "Pat" Taylor*



Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

-Louise Lewin Matthews