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Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

PRELUDE

Symphony Romane: Cantilène
Charles-Marie Widor

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

THE ENTRANCE OF THE RESURRECTION CANDLE

† **GATHERING HYMN**

Glory To God Hymnal, No. 232

[Jesus Christ Is Risen Today](#)

EASTER HYMN

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The stone is rolled away! The tomb is empty!

Many: Christ is risen!

One: Death has been defeated. Life has broken through.

Many: Christ is risen!

One: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice.

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD

EASTER WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection, we confess that even on this day of joy, we carry what feels heavy. You have rolled away the stone, yet we hold onto fear. You have spoken life, yet we listen to voices of doubt. You have gone ahead of us, yet we hesitate to follow. Forgive us, we pray. Lift what weighs us down. Lead us into the new life you have already begun. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

†WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear the good news: God has already done what we could not do.
Many: The stone is rolled away. Grace is alive.
One: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, loved, and made new.
Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

†THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –
And also with you!

†GLORIA PATRI

[Glory to God No. 582](#)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Matthew 27: 57-66

ANTHEM

Hallelujah from Messiah
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

SECOND READING

Matthew 28: 1-10

SERMON

The Stone was Rolled Away
Rev. Nick Cheek

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory To God Hymnal, No. 238

[Thine Is the Glory](#)

JUDAS MACCABEUS

†EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This Easter day, we rejoice that death is not the last word. God raised Jesus from death, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope. We sing hallelujah. We sing of Jesus raised from the dead. We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world. We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place. For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A MOMENT OF OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Canzon a septimi toni

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

Josh Westbrook and David Gordon, trumpets

George Marshall, horn

Ginny Lupka, trombone

Ryan Lupka, tuba

†[DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

†PRAYER FOR OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 552 to be sung by all*)

*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, hosanna in the highest.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

At Trinity, communion is served by intinction. At the appropriate time, come forward to the front of the Sanctuary. The two outside stations serve wine, and the two inside stations serve grape juice. All bread is gluten-free. Return to your pew by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, an elder will bring communion to you.

The Call
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Zachary Hugo, baritone

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
Such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
Such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
Such a Light as shows a Feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love.

(George Herbert)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

†SENDING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 363

[Rejoice, the Lord Is King!](#)

DARWALL'S 148TH

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Symphony I: Final
Louis Vierne

† Those who are able are invited to stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Nick Cheek, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, liturgist; Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events; Mark Swicegood, organist; Trinity Choir.

For those in need of hearing assistance, our Sanctuary is equipped with a "loop system" that broadcasts the audio into your hearing aids using t-coil technology. Alternately, headphones can be accessed in the Narthex.

Easter Lilies: Following worship all are invited to take a lily to anyone of their choosing.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

You are welcome and there is a place for you here at Trinity! We strive to be an open and inclusive community, acknowledging and embracing the rich diversity of God's creation so we embody our calling to, "grow together and welcome all." We love having children, and their wiggles, worship with us at Trinity. If you choose, childcare is provided for ages four and under. We are happy your family is here! Whatever in your life brought you to worship with us today, you are welcome, and we hope you feel at home.

INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY? - Are you interested in learning more about Trinity or exploring the next steps in your faith journey here? Whether that means getting involved, joining the church, or simply asking questions, we would love to connect with you. Please reach out to Rev. Nick, Rev. Rebecca, or the church office, and we will be glad to help you find your place at Trinity. You can also fill out a Welcome Card available in the pew racks and place it in the offering basket.

**The Easter Lilies in the Chancel are given to the glory of God
and in memory and in honor of loved ones by the following:**

In memory of Laura Magee by Diane and Herb Althouse.

In memory of Herb and Rose Althouse by Diane and Herb Althouse.

In memory of Boots and Lucille Cooper and Don Bobbitt by the Bobbitts.

In loving memory of Jim Calder by Ruth Ann and the extended Calder clan.

In memory of Anne Marie Early, a beautiful woman and loving mother, by Pam Early.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sanford, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackwelder (Fannie) and our father and grandfather, Mr. Claude Sanford, Jr., and in honor of our mother and grandmother, Louise Sanford by Cathie, Lily, and Cyrus Ghorbani and Frances and Eric Platock.

In honor of Cheryl Jernigan, with overflowing gratitude for her 20 years of dedication to Trinity, by Becky Hendrix.

In loving memory of John Lambert and Nellie Semans and in honor of Betty Lynn Lambert and Truman Semans by Katherine Lambert and Bill Semans.

In honor of Jerry and Cookie Parnell by their children and grandchildren.

In memory of Bruce Stribling, Jr. and Iverson Brendle, Jr. by Bruce and Caryl Stribling.

To the Glory of God by Doug and Claire Etheridge.

In honor of my three daughters, Martha, Nancy, and Susan, and in memory of Lucy Wyant and Carolyn Milford by Stowe Wyant.

In honor of our fabulous ministers, Nick and Rebecca, staff, choir and to our Way Forward Team who are planning our exciting future by Phil and Lisa Tappy.

In loving memory of Vernon Anderson by Gloria Anderson and Betty and Perrin Anderson.

In loving memory of our parents: Elizabeth Hester, Col. And Mrs. Vernon Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelvin Gray by Gloria Anderson and Betty and Perrin Anderson.

In honor of our grandchildren, Frankie, Theo and Eleanor by Cookie and Jerry Parnell.

In honor of Marty and John Brownlow with love by Robbie, Grey, Reid, Jane and Mac.

In memory of Margaret Love Blanks by Judith and John Parker.

To the Glory of God, given by Judy Clark and Ken Ewing.

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Patrick by Sally Anne Ellis.

In memory of Betty Jackson by Jean Dameron.

In memory of Buddy Dameron by Jean Dameron.

In memory of Robert (Bob) Harding by his family.

In memory of Tom Heuerman by Carolyn Heuerman and family.

In honor of Anna Coppedge by Rex and Patsy Bradley.

In memory of Teau and Tom Coppedge by Rex and Patsy Bradley.

In loving memory of W. Edward (Eddie) Poe by his family.

In honor of and with grateful hearts for the dedicated work of the Way Forward Vision Team and the Way Forward Implementation Team by Susanne and George Sawyer.