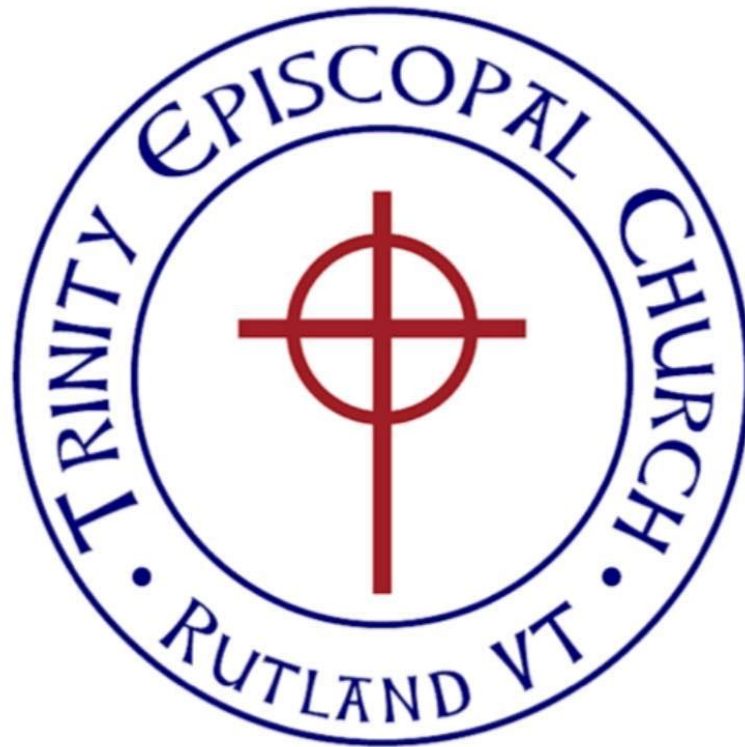


# TRINITY CHURCH

*First Sunday after Easter*

*April 7, 2024*

*9:30 a.m.*



## WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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**The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi, Rector**

# 9:30a.m. First Sunday after Easter – Morning Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Prelude	<i>A Prelude for Easter</i>	Gerald Near
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Opening Hymn #206	<i>O Sons and Daughters, let us sing!</i>
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### Opening Sentences

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

### Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.  
All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.  
Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.  
All: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!*  
Officiant: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.  
People: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia.*

### Pascha Nostrum (Christ Our Passover)

Officiant: Let us rejoice together reciting:  
*Alleluia.*  
*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \**  
*therefore let us keep the feast,*  
*Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \**  
*but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*  
*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \**  
*death no longer has dominion over him.*  
*The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \**  
*but the life he lives, he lives to God.*  
*So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \**  
*and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*  
*Christ has been raised from the dead, \**  
*the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*  
*For since by a man came death, \**

*by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

### 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.

## The Word of the Lord

### Lessons of the Day

#### First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm (A Song of Christ's Humility)

Canticle L

Officiant: Please join me in reciting the canticle.

All: *Though in the form of God, \**

*Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,  
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \*  
and was born in human likeness.*

*Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*  
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.*

*Therefore, God has highly exalted him \**

*and given him the name above every name,  
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \*  
to the glory of God the Father.*

#### Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because

you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm (A Song of Judith)

Canticle J

Officiant: Please join me in reciting the canticle.

All: *I will sing a new song to my God, \**

*for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.*

*Let the whole creation serve you, \**

*for you spoke and all things came into being.*

*You sent your breath and it formed them, \**

*no one is able to resist your voice.*

*Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \**

*rocks melt like wax at your presence.*

*But to those who fear you, \**

*you continue to show mercy.*

*No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \**

*but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.*

A Lesson from the Gospel

John 20:19-31

*When a Gospel lesson is read during daily offices, the congregation remains seated as with the other readings.*

*Responses are those of other lessons, rather than the Holy Eucharist Gospel response.*

Officiant: A Lesson from the Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

Choral Anthem

*Now glad of heart be every one*

*Richard Peek*

Apostles' Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Apostles' 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

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.*

The Suffrages and Intercession Prayers

Intercessor: Help us, O God our Savior;

People: *Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*

Intercessor: Look upon your congregation;

People: *Give to your people the blessing of peace.*

Intercessor: Declare your glory among the nations;

People: *And your wonders among all peoples.*

Intercessor: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People: *Never forget the lives of your poor.*

Intercessor: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

People: *And your favor to those who are true of heart.*

Intercessor: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*People: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

*Intercessor: We pray for the Church, and all its bishops, priests and ministers, that they may lighten the hearts of the people with the good news of Jesus' resurrection. We pray especially for Shannon, our bishop and Sarah, our priest and all the lay leaders at Trinity Church. In our cycle of prayers, we pray for The Episcopal - Anglican Province of Alexandria; St. Luke's Episcopal Mission, Fair Haven; the Rev. Melanie Combs. God, in your mercy,*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Intercessor: We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Audrey Murdock, Cherry Bateman, David Rampone, Elizabeth Franzoni, Linda Raymond, Randi Ray, Jonathan Morgan, Keri Franzoni. And we honor those celebrated with this year's Easter flowers. 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. God, in your mercy,*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for: Kathy, Joe, Kyle, Hawa, Tom, Barbara, Ryah. 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. We pray that the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda receive those blessing's necessary to sustain their physical and spiritual well-being. God, in your mercy,*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Monique Densmore who died last week, and all those who have been remembered with the Easter flowers this year, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. God, in your mercy,*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Officiant: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### A Prayer for Mission

*Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.*

#### The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Officiant and Congregation*)

*Officiant: Please join in the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.*

*All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

The Blessings

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen.  
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.

Closing Hymn #209

*We walk by faith and not by sight*

Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
People: Thanks Be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

*Fugue in D major*

*Johann Pachelbel*

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*Many thanks to Nanci Gordon who leads us in Morning Prayer this day.*

**Potted Plants Need Homes**—Please take a potted plant home with you today!

**Women of Trinity and Friends Meeting**—WOTF will meet in the library following today's worship and fellowship.

**Spring Rummage and Bake Sale**—The sale is scheduled for Friday, April 19 from 5:30-7:00pm and Saturday, April 20 from 9:00-11:00am. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Nourse Hall for the various tasks we'll need help with—please be generous with your time and talent! We are also accepting rummage: all items must be clean and usable; no furniture, electronics or books.

**Office Closures**—The main office will be closed Monday, April 8.

**Pride Festival Support**—The Vestry is committed to supporting this year's Pride Festival events and invites the congregation to join them with individual donations. Donations can be made by cash, check (note Pride Festival on the memo line) or online (as an "Other Outreach" gift).

**March Drive for Companions in Wholeness**—This month, we are collecting presweetened cereal, family-sized fruit juice, and shelf-stable milk for CIW. Please choose canned items that have a pull top since some may not have a can opener. Please use the bin in the Sanctuary for your donations, or drop them off in the office.

**Supporting Companions in Wholeness**—Trinity continues to help provide meals on Tuesdays and if you'd like to join the team, please contact Ellie McGarry (emcgarry222@hotmail.com) at Rutland United Methodist Church. Also, Mondays are usually a high-need days as well and some Trinity parishioners may choose serve on that day instead.

**Special Lecture Event**—Sr. Melinda Pellerin is a Sister of St. Joseph of Springfield, MA. She is the only black Sister in her Community. Sr. Melinda has a very dynamic presentation called, *Unfolding Racism*. Although born in Springfield, MA, Sister's family roots go back to Broussard, LA. In exploring her history, Sister has discovered many facts about slavery and prevailing customs throughout the years to the present time which are not generally known. You are cordially invited to attend *Unfolding Racism* on April 20 at 1 pm at Christ the King Church, Rutland in Engle Hall. Contact#: 802-775-0791

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**Today's Liturgical Assistants:** *Altar Guild*—Lois Jaworski, Sue Beriau, Melissa Slenker, Karen Cartier; *Chalice Assistant*—Jay Slenker; *Old Testament Reader*— Sue Beriau; *Epistle Reader*— Sarah Danner; *Intercessor*— JoAnn O'Hagen; *Ushers*— Bruce Howard, Judy Hall; *Live Stream Tech*— Marc Brierre; *Fellowship Host*—Linda Fay

## 2024 EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

### In Loving Memory of:

William B. Thomas  
Walter & Janice Patrick  
Peter Svahn, Sr.  
Alexis J. Smith  
John & Shirley Dumouchel  
Betty Dumouchel  
Karen Welch  
Ernie Wright  
William H. & Leone Fryer  
Alfred & Patricia Peterson  
Doris F. (Dotty) Scott  
Wesley D. (Mike) Scott  
John C. Kaufman  
Anna A. Kaufman  
Mary Ellen Harder  
James & Iris Harder  
William Harder  
William & Mary McFie  
Robert McFie  
Edna Dadson  
Christopher & Pamela Peplau  
Robert & Helen Kinney  
Rita Keeler & Robert Morgan  
Florence & Charles Perry  
Robert Perry  
Henry Perry  
Catherine Quirk  
John Jaworski  
Carleton & Beatrice Grace  
Terry & Meredith Roberts  
David McClure  
Harold L. & Nellie Cook  
Peter & Lorraine Markey  
Mae Markey  
Harold & Peggy Cook  
Kenneth & Anne Cook  
Bruce Cook  
Peter Hall  
Warren & Sue Romans  
Colette Romans  
Arnold Swope

Pasquale & Antoinetta Di Sarno  
Domenick & Giovannia Palo  
Geraldine Palo  
Neil Domenick Di Sarno  
Cindy Riddle  
John & Marion Riddle  
Mabel K. Riddle  
Jeffrey Thompson  
Charles & Virginia Thompson  
Gladys Milliman  
Harry & Estelle Beer  
David Mudgett  
Kenneth Michnay  
Veda & Al Ghio  
Avis & Al Bond  
Rod Phillips  
William Holden  
Robert Holden  
Francis Reis  
Kimberly Oakman  
Welles Patrick Levins  
Jeremiah Warner  
Hazel Sodegren  
Hazel Looker  
Marion Driscoll  
Joan Briggs  
Mary V. Phillips  
Patricia Rowell  
Joel Williams  
Sarah & Lexi Oliver  
Lillian Ann Perry  
Loring & Esther Hill  
Grace McCullough  
Richard & Mildred Lancour  
Norine & Arthur Harris  
Cindy Ryan  
Mark Eitapence  
Peter Eitapence  
2023-2024 Trinity Deaths:  
Jamie Stacy  
Peter Franzoni

### In Joyful Celebration of:

Ethan Hall Cresswell  
Albert Hall

