



HOLY TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Easter
A Season of Hope



TO OUR VISITORS... Welcome to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in beautiful Clearwater, Florida. Holy Trinity wants to share God's redeeming love with you and your family! We believe "come as you are, whoever you are" best describes us and our worship style. We are defined by our depth of spirituality, our support for one another, and our commitment to outreach in the community. We are part of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, and believe ALL baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table.

At Holy Trinity, we have two primary services on Sunday Mornings. Our 8AM Service is Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer and is a spoken service. Our 10AM Service, also Rite II, offers a wide array of music from our choir and music department. Additionally, this service includes nursery care, in-worship children's story, and Sunday school for kids Pre-K to 5th grade. Our worship is primarily Rite II for most of the year, with seasonal changes for Advent and Summer. We offer breakfast and fellowship on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month at 9AM in our Café.

We would like to send you the Holy Trinity digital newsletter. Navigate to <https://www.holytrinityclw.org/connect> to sign up for our newsletter and learn more about Holy Trinity. If you have any questions, please call 727-796-5514 or email church@holytrinityclw.org. We're so glad that you're here!

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 at 10:00a.m.

Prelude

Improvisation

Call to Worship

“Westminster Quarters”

Traditional

Holy Trinity Bell Choir

Entrance Hymn

“How Wonderful and Great”

Hymn #533 (Blue Book)

All standing

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with You.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children’s Story

All Sit. Children Pre-K to 5th grade proceed to Sunday School following the Children’s Story.

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter

Psalms 22:24-30

Remain seated. The congregation responds by reading the verses in bold.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Epistle of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God”

Daniel Iverson

Verse 1

Spirit of the Living God,
fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall a-fresh on me.

Verse 2

Spirit of the Living God,
fall a-fresh on us.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall a-fresh on us.
Melt us. Mold us. Fill us. Use us.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall a-fresh on us.

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

All Stand

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Raynald S. Bonoan

Recognition of The Rev. Joseph H. Diaz and Jan Diaz

Prayers of the People

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel. The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold**.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; we pray for the participants and team members at the ZCI Kairos this weekend, especially Steve Greer, Charlie Kunath, and John Wenrick.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for our military, national guard, coast guard, police and first responders.

Protect those in harm's way.

We pray for our teachers, mentors, and educators, remembering especially Sandy Lane Elementary.

Empower those who inspire the next generation.

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Jacksen Jacobsen and Terry Boyd; and also for those celebrating their anniversaries, especially Donna and Todd Salisbury.

Bless those who rejoice on special occasions.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for friends and family weakened through illness of mind or body, especially Joanne, Christie, Thomas, Jamie Lee, Paul, Ryan, George, Ann, Barbara, Rudy, Tyler, Breck, Kathy, Janie, Jim Kathleen, Albert, Brian, and Karen.

We lift up all in need of your healing.

Give to all the departed eternal rest, remembering especially Surinder, Eileen, and Steve.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant continues

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Offertory Anthem

"Honored, Glorified, Exalted"

Vader & Rouse

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Hymn #380, Verse 3 (Blue Book)

The people stand and sing the following

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

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer B

With the people standing, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant 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.**

The Celebrant continues

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

Hymnal S-125 (Blue Book)

The following is said 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.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel. 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.

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 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. **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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

Ministration of the Sacrament

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but prefer a blessing, please come to the altar rail, and cross your arms over your chest. To receive the consecrated bread, please hold your hands outstretched together and the minister will place the bread in your palm. To receive the consecrated wine, you may sip from the chalice or intinct (dip) the bread. For intinction, please lightly dip the bread so only the edge of the wafer touches the wine. If you desire bread only, cross your arms over your chest as the chalice minister approaches. Please inform the eucharistic minister if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Communion Hymn

“Here I am Lord”

WLP #812

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant 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.

The Blessing

Concluding Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymn #473 (Blue Book)

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words.

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Improvisation

Holy Trinity Annual Picnic is TODAY!

Join us on **Sunday, April 28th** on the front lawn **after the 10am service** to celebrate our Holy Trinity family. We are **honoring The Rev. Joe Diaz and his family** for his years of service at Holy Trinity. **Lunch will be catered by Sonny's**. Cool down with an iced tea and dance on the tent shaded lawn. **DJ Les N More** will join us again. There will be a **bounce house for the kids** and kids at heart!



Desserts for Teacher and Staff Due TODAY

Holy Trinity will be providing desserts for the teachers and staff on April 29th during **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**. Your desserts can be **homemade or store bought, should be easily transportable and should not need refrigeration. Bring your donated desserts to either service this Sunday, April 28th**. If you have any questions, contact Donna Salsbury (dmsalsbury80@outlook.com).

Grief Share

Grief Share is a **13-week Christ-centered support group** seminar for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death. Each session is held on **Monday morning from 10:00am to 11:30am** through April 29th, and features a video presentation followed by group discussion. Each participant is provided with a workbook for journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics. **A new 13 week session will begin May 13th**. If you plan to attend, please **sign up in the Narthex**, and please note **there will be a \$10 registration fee**. For further information, please pick up a brochure in the Narthex or speak to Deacon Bob or Pastor Daniel.



Coffee with the Clergy

Coffee with the Clergy is an educational series, hosted by Pastor Daniel, which consists of fellowship, formation, and discussion. Topics may range from scripture, theology, history, liturgy, current events, or anything else the group wishes to discuss. **We meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00AM** in the upstairs conference room. The current topic is **The Book of Genesis – Genesis 29:1-30:43**.



Laundry Love Ministry

Our Laundry Love program provides dignity, a listening ear, and clean clothes to struggling residents of Clearwater the **first Wednesday of every month at Happy Bubbles Laundromat, 412 S. Missouri Ave from 4-7PM**. Volunteers and observers are needed for our upcoming **Laundry Love on May 1st and June 5th**. **Sign up at**

<https://signup.com/group/234729308848916064> or use the QR code.

Email laundrylove@holytrinityclw.org for more info. **Large black garbage bags are needed** so our guests are able to take their clean laundry home at the end of the evening. If you can donate large black garbage bags, please place them in the Laundry Love basket in the Narthex.



Hot Breakfast

The next hot breakfast will be served **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, in the Fellowship Café at 9AM, between services. **We offer breakfast on the first, third, and fifth** Sundays of each month. **Please join us to share in this fellowship** and get to know your fellow church members. **Volunteers are always needed** so please contact **Joanne Wallend** at 727-515-4104 if you would like to know more about this ministry.





CLEOs Ladies Luncheon

Our monthly gathering of the **CLEO's** will be on **Tuesday, May 7th at Noon** at Longhorn Steakhouse, 35645 U.S. 19N, Palm Harbor. Please r.s.v.p. to Joanne Wallend (727-515-4104) by Sunday April 5th to secure your spot, along with any friends you want to bring. We love having guests! Come for the food, stay for the fellowship! Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Outreach Meeting

Our Church's Outreach Committee welcomes you to our upcoming **May 21st at 2PM meeting** in person at the church or by *Zoom*. Our initiatives address the needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations, promoting a sense of community and reaching out to individuals facing financial hardships or struggling with social inequalities. **Contact Karen Owen** karen.owen@hey.com for more information.



Prayer & Share

The next Prayer & Share gathering will be on **Friday, May 31st at 5:30p.m. in the Church Cafe**. There will be a pre-planned speaker and lots of good potluck food for you to enjoy; this is a great way to get to know other parishioners. Bring a friend too! If you have any questions, please contact **Charlie Kunath** at cekunath@gmail.com or 727-239-5991. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Uniforms & Athletic Shoes Needed for Sandy Lane

Looking for a way to **support the students of Sandy Lane Elementary, a Title-1 School, and patronize our church's Thrift Shop?** Please consider purchasing the following gently used and cleaned items for students who cannot afford them: **Athletic shoes**-youth size 12 to adult size 5; **polo shirts**-youth sizes 5 & up; and adult sizes small and medium (no stripes or patterns but small logo ok); **shorts**-youth size 5 and up and adult sizes small and medium (blue, black, khaki; no athletic-type). Deposit your donations in the **basket in the Narthex**. Email **Donna Salsbury** dmsalsbury80@outlook.com with any questions. Thank you for helping equip students to **focus on learning without the worry of adequate clothing!**

Register for DaySpring Summer Camp

Campers experience fun, spiritual, and challenging activities that aim to **deepen their faith and strengthen their friendships**. In groups, campers learn team-building skills and are challenged on the ropes course, canoe, and kayak on the Manatee River. They play games, create arts and crafts, and **experience God's love** through great music, worship, and food. The camp sessions are led by chaplains (Episcopal Priests and Youth Ministers) who work with summer staff to offer programs that are meaningful and **celebrate our Christ-centered diversity**. Visit <https://www.eycofswfl.org/> to register.





April Food Pantry Donations

The March Food Pantry donations are for **Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP) Food Pantry**. Your **unexpired non-perishable food donations** as well as **pet food items** are being collected. Thank you for your donations.

Episcopal Relief & Development Gifts for Life

Discover new ways to empower people worldwide through Gifts for Life. Connect families with sustainable sources of food and income with Gifts to Foster Resilience; invest in women-owned businesses with Gifts for Women; give children every opportunity to thrive with Gifts for Children; or gather with friends and family to purchase one of our gift packages: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts/catalog>



Help Spread the Word about Holy Trinity!

- **FOLLOW** Holy Trinity on Social Media ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)).
- **LIKE & COMMENT** on Holy Trinity posts increasing our visibility.
- **SHARE** Holy Trinity posts on your own Facebook or Instagram page.



Thrift Shop Sale This Week

50¢ Clothes!
April 29 – May 4



Upcoming Events:

Mother's Day	Sunday, May 12, 2024
Trinity Sunday – Cake & Prosecco	Sunday, May 26, 2024
Holy Trinity Night at the Thresher's	Saturday, June 15, 2024
Father's Day – Donuts with Dad	Sunday, June 16, 2024

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 at 10:00a.m.
Participants in today's services**

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Barry R. Howe
Bishop's Chaplin & Liturgist: The Rev. Daniel J. Lemley
Preacher: The Rev. Canon Raynald S. Bonoan
Deacon: The Rev. Robert P. Kinney

10 a.m. Service

Music: Jeremy Silverman
Host, Server, Prayers of the People: Mickey Vallejo
Torchbearers: Diane Densmore, Betty Strout
Crucifer, Psalm: Michele Lurch
Lector 1st Reading: John Suhar
Lector 2nd Reading: Mickey Vallejo
Chalices: Diane Densmore, Michele Lurch
Ushers: Tiffany & Nelson Perez

Altar Guild:
Kristin Langley, Betty Strout, Mickey Vallejo

Thank you and bless all our volunteers for their contribution to our service today.



*Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Anne and H.P. Langley
by Kristin Langley; And in celebration of the twenty-three years of faithful
ministry of The Rev. Joe Diaz at Holy Trinity and the loving support of
Fr. Joe's family, and his wife, Jan.*



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