



TRINITY E-NEWS

April 2026

The Romans Sent a Message; God Sent One, Too

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do — the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always. It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed ... But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it ... This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36). That is what Easter is all about. All praise to the living Lord!

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SUNDAY SERVICE
9:30 AM

Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to
restore people to unity with
God and each other
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

Our Vision

*Recognizing that we are all
one in Christ, Trinity
Episcopal Church is an
embracing family, growing
spiritually, and joyfully serving
the community; a home that
comforts the spirit; a place
where people's gifts for
ministry are identified,
nourished, and shared; and
place of learning where
disciples are formed.*

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Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care

A rainy day can be many things ...
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,
Or the picnic that has to be postponed;
It can be the replenishing of a stream,
Or the overflow of a flood;
It can be relief from a hot summer day,
Or the chill of an autumn wind.
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth
Is part of Nature's plan
For stability throughout the Universe,
As old as the hills,
And dependable as the seasons.
Rain and sunshine are equal partners
In the daily expression of God's love.

— Jeanne D. Birrell

Yes, I can!

I cannot end poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but I can offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of someone who is dying. These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

Our feeble prayers, our Father's response

In *He Still Moves Stones*, Max Lucado recalls the story of Derek Redmond, a 1992 Olympic competitor in the 400-meter race. Halfway through Redmond's semifinal run, a torn hamstring sent him tumbling to the ground. His dad, Jim, immediately ran onto the track. He met up with Derek, who, though crying, had managed to stand and was hopping forward.

“You don't have to do this,” Jim said. But Derek insisted. “Well, then, we're going to finish this together,” said Jim, who supported his son as he hobbled to the finish line. The crowd cheered and wept as Derek, with Dad's assistance, finished the race.

Lucado writes: “What made the father do it? ... Was it the strength of his child? No, it was the pain of his child. ... God does the same. Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.”

In an emergency for a priest, please call Mother Holly Burris,
rector of St. John's at 601 600-6774.



01 Avery Broussard
10 Peggy Coats
10 Robbie Wiggins
13 Ed White

18 Gordon Jones
23 Joshua Jones
24 Elizabeth Landry
29 Audrey Lodrigue

09 Sarah and Brady Broussard



Ellen, Nancy, Mike, Dean and Ed, Amalia, Stephen, Gerald, Gary, Ashley, Cathy, Sharon, Diane, Lee, Elizabeth, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Apr 02 Mary Hughes
Apr 05 Mary Hughes
Apr 12 Charles Parsiola
Apr 19 Elizabeth Blatt
Apr 26 Joan McCloskey
May 03 Judy Weber

USHERS

Apr 02 Peggy Coats
Apr 05 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
Apr 12 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
Apr 19 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
Apr 26 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
May 03 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats

ALTAR DUTY

Apr 05 Mary Hughes
Apr 12 Cathy Broussard
Apr 19 Judy Weber
Apr 26 Lisa Parsiola
May 03 Mary Hughes

VESTRY ON DUTY

Apr 02 Peggy Coats
Apr 05 Peggy Coats
Apr 12 Ann Myers
Apr 19 Mary Hughes
Apr 26 Robbie Wiggins
May 03 Peggy Coats

FLOWER CHART FUND

Apr 05 Easter
Apr 12 Judy Weber
Apr 19 Travers Koerner
Apr 26
May 03

COFFEE HOSTESS

Apr 05 Easter
Apr 12 Pot Luck Luncheon
Apr 19 Elizabeth Blatt
Apr 26
May 03 Pot Luck Luncheon



Maundy Thursday service is April 2 at 12:15 pm.

Easter Service is April 5 at 9:30 am.

Vestry Meeting is April 19 following the Eucharist.

Heifer Sunday is April 12. All loose offering that Sunday will go to the Heifer Fund.

April Pot Luck luncheon is April 12 as Easter is April 5.

United Thank Offering is April 19.

Collect for search for new rector

Almighty God, whose Son is the light of the world, we thank you for the many blessings bestowed on our church through the years. Grant that we, illumined by your word and Sacraments, may find a priest who will help us be a reflection of Christ's love for others. We look to thee, O God our Father, in Jesus our Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Compline Prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

For Peace Among the Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4–5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

There's Something Better Coming

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving. There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected. There's something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be! There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint." There's something better coming.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist and stripping of altar 12:15 pm 	3 Good Friday A.A. Meeting 6:00 (open)	4
5 Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers 	6 A.A. Meeting 6:00 (closed)	7 Choir Practice 3 pm	8	9	10 A.A. Meeting 6:00 (open)	11
12 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers Pot Luck Luncheon Heifer Sunday	13 A.A. Meeting 6:00 (closed)	14 Choir Practice 3 pm	15	16	17 A.A. Meeting 6:00 (open)	18
19 UTO Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers Vestry meeting 	20 A.A. Meeting 6:00 (closed)	21 Choir Practice 3 pm	22 Earth Day 	23	24 A.A. Meeting 6:00 (open)	25
26 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers	27 A.A. Meeting 6:00 (closed)	28 Choir Practice 3 pm	29	30	ECW Annual Gathering St. Matthews' House May 1-2	