

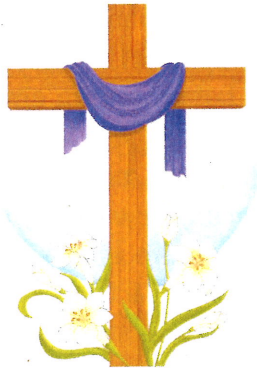


THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

APRIL 2025
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.



Easter and the Cost of Freedom

*Find the cost of freedom, buried in the ground
Mother Earth will swallow you, lay your body down*

That's the chorus of a song Stephen Stills wrote after witnessing a Civil War battlefield. The cost of freedom is blood. In the Easter liturgy, we sing another kind of freedom song. We sing, first and foremost, the Exsultet (BCP, p. 286ff.). This is the song of our mighty King, who has won a great victory by shedding his own blood. It's a song about Jesus, who broke the bonds of sin and death for our sake—and rose victorious over the grave.

At the Great Vigil of Easter, in many ways the central liturgy of the Prayer Book, the story of the Exodus is the only mandatory lesson from the Old Testament. It is a story about a battle, where God intervened with a mighty arm to set his People free. In the Exodus, as in much of life, death is the cost of freedom.

This brings me to another kind of freedom song, namely the great songs of the Civil Rights movement. Many of them come from African-American spirituals. These are the kinds of songs one sings as one prepares to be beaten or arrested, perhaps killed, in the cause of human freedom. One of my favorites goes like this:

*Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round (turn me 'round)
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on walkin' (keep on talkin') walkin' into freedom land.*

I like to imagine Jesus, like many of his friends since, singing this song on Easter day. When the women arrived at the tomb, their hope was crushed. The Friday before, they'd seen Jesus killed. For three days, he lay imprisoned in the earth, like the blood of an unknown soldier, crying out to God from the dust of some forgotten battlefield.

In my mind's eye, I see the angel of God, blazing like the sun, sitting on the stone and talking to the women. "Do not be afraid," the angel says, "He is not here...Come and see...where he lay." Then, they meet Jesus himself. In his presence, their fear and grief turn to great joy as they worship him. "Do not be afraid," he tells them. And then, he sends them off, walking into freedom.

It's not that the passion was undone. Jesus still bears its scars. He knows the cost of freedom better than any of us. As he once said, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Jesus is alive. And he gives us hope. Hope to never turn around. Hope to keep on loving people and doing justice no matter what it costs us. Hope to keep on walking (and loving and struggling)—right on in to freedom land.

Fr. Bill+

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector
Cindy Verhalen, TST Head of School
Rachel White, Youth and Family Minister
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
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Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll or Mother Vivian Shelby with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep them informed of any pastoral issues that they may need to know about.

You can reach them at any time:

Father Bill Cell - (903) 399-1190

Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072

frbill@trinityparish.org / mothervivian@trinityparish.org

They will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10:00 PM for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need their urgent attention.



Children's Church

Children's Church meets during the 10:30 AM service and is led by our Youth and Family Minister, Rachel White. Children beyond nursery age are always welcome in the service and invited to sit with their parents in church. For more information about Children's Church, please contact Rachel White - rwhite@trinityparish.org

We have a fully staffed nursery available for infants - 3 years from 9:00 AM to Noon on Sundays. The nursery is located in the former Flanagan Room in the hallway behind the nave.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

LONGVIEW
Community Ministries

Serving With Love

The Longview Community Ministries was formed in 1983 to serve Longview residents in need by providing temporary assistance to relieve suffering and/or prevent homelessness. Longview Community Ministries meets these needs in many ways: cooked meals delivered to the homebound, computer skills; free coats and jeans in the fall for youth; emergency medical assistance; and help for those in crisis with emergency rent or groceries. This ministry serves as an organization to enable Longview congregations and groups to work together more effectively in the community through cooperative acts of service to assist persons in need regardless of race, religion, or creed. Trinity Church is proud to partner with Longview Community Ministries.



FAITH

GATHERING WOMEN. KNOWING GOD. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

What: *Finding Jesus in the Psalms*, a Lenten Study by Barb Roos

When: Every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

March 6th - April 10th


Where: The Church Library

Who: All women of Trinity. Please invite your friends.

Beginning April 24th we will begin a 5 week study called "The Faithful Heroes of the Old Testament, Esther, Gideon, Malachi, Nehemiah, and Hosea" by various authors including Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter and Beth Moore. Study guides may be purchased through Elise at \$15. Contact Elise or Vicky about ordering a copy of the book being used.

Call Elise Hill (903) 736-5176 or Vicky Bright (903) 738-6752

Come learn the Word of God and meet new people through fellowship and conversation



BISHOP DOYLE
INVITES YOU
TO THE ANNUAL: **GRANDE
FAMILY
REUNION**
MAY 2-4, 2025 * CAMP ALLEN

Join your Episcopal Diocese of Texas family for a weekend full of fellowship, play, live music, and worship at our beloved home away from home... Camp Allen! This weekend retreat is designed for all ages with a casual schedule to allow plenty of time for respite and connection.

The Service of Compline
Sung by the Men's Compline Choir
April 13 • 8:30 PM
Reception following in Guild Hall



TRINITY VETERANS GROUP
Will hold their second quarter meeting at 0900, April 13th, 2025 in the Adult Sunday School Room. We hope to have a quick meeting, so hope to see you there.

USHERS NEEDED

FOR THE 8:00 AM SERVICE. Please call Jeff Richardson in the church office at (903) 753-3366 to be put on the schedule. Training and instruction will be provided.

EASTER FLOWERS

Honor Those You Love and Decorate our Nave for Easter

Contributions are now being accepted at the church office by completing this form and returning it to the office or placing it in the alms basin. To contribute by phone, call Jeff Richardson in the church office at (903) 753-3366 or email jrichardson@trinityparish.org. Your gift will glorify God and can be in honor or remembrance of loved ones, and in thanksgiving for blessings. Although \$25 is the suggested amount, no amount is too small or too large.

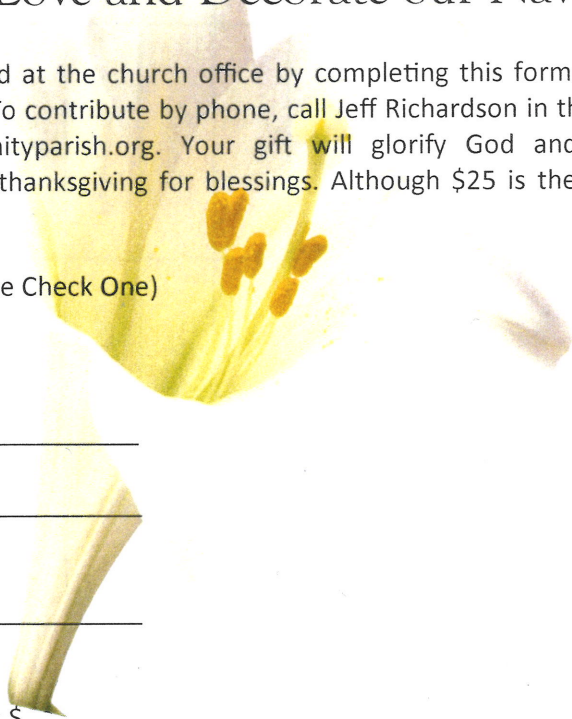
Please place flowers in church: (Please Check One)

- ☐ In Memory of
☐ In Thanksgiving for
☐ In Honor of
 Other _____

 Name/Names

 Given by

I will contribute the following amount: \$ _____



Trinity Serving Schedule
April 2025 – Lectionary Year C

Date	April 6, 2025 5th Sunday in Lent	April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday	April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday	April 18, 2025 Good Friday	April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday	April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter
Readings	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4-14 John 12:1-8	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
Altar Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team			Collins Team	Charles Team
Coffee Hour	Bill B.	Cherry S.			Trinity Men	Michelle G.
Flower Delivery	LENT	LENT		8:00 AM	LENT	Jim & Nancy S.
8:00 AM Service				Bill K.		
Verger	Sallie T.	Rusty T.			Dinah R.	Sallie T.
Ushers	Lynn A./Juanita T.	Peters Team		12:00 PM	Bright Team	Lynn A./Juanita T.
L. E. M.	Mike A.	Bill C.		Richard Joos	Gayland R.	Jack W.
10:30 AM Service			7:00 PM			
Verger	Bryan W.	Bill K.	Dinah R.	5:00 PM	Linda L.	Bryan W.
Ushers	Tate Team	Martin/Sikes Team	Lynne A./Bright Team	Richard K.	Wilcox Team	Howard Team
Readers	Trevor E.	Tricha W.	Richard J.		Richard J.	Jessica W.
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Alan R.	Richard J.	Gayland R.		Jim S.	Sammy Y.
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Assigned		All Available	Team 1

APRIL PARISH EVENTS

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 13th • 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM • Nave
Liturgy of Palms and Procession at 10:30 AM

Service of Compline

Sunday, April 13th • 8:30 PM • Nave

Daughters of the King

Monday, April 14th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, April 15th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17th • 7:00 PM • Nave

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 18th • 8:00 AM & 12:00 PM • Nave

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 20th • 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM • Parish Hall
Easter Egg Hunt on front lawn following 10:30 AM Service

WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

Crochet Group

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Study and Dinner

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

FAITH Womens' Bible Study

Easter EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

12:00 PM

The Easter Celebration is approaching! As we make preparations for the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, please consider donating candy to the Children's Ministry. This will help us all to have a great time together!
NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE

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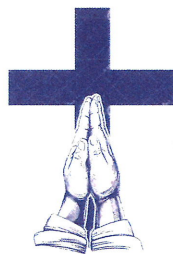


Birthdays and Anniversaries

Winn Lewis (4/01)	Noah Collins (4/15)
Tisha Grotemat (4/02)	Scott Stevens (4/15)
Craig Jackson (4/05)	Beverly Todd (4/16)
Micki Maly (4/08)	Steve Brice (4/16)
Elise Hill (4/08)	Christy Cravey (4/16)
Tom Taylor (4/08)	Stan Wiley (4/17)
Charles Fricks (4/09)	Gina Peters (4/18)
Christa Howard (4/09)	Bonnie Singer-Rast (4/18)
AJ Carney (4/11)	Jeffrey Hart (4/19)
Zackary Maly (4/12)	Henry Yarbrough (4/26)
Barbara McClellan (4/12)	Reagan McLemore (4/29)
Jack Abernathy (4/12)	Kate Wilkinson (4/29)
Neina Kennedy (4/12)	Isaac Snell (4/30)

Glenn and Lisa DeWitt (4/11)

Ryan and Mary Catherine Gest (4/29)

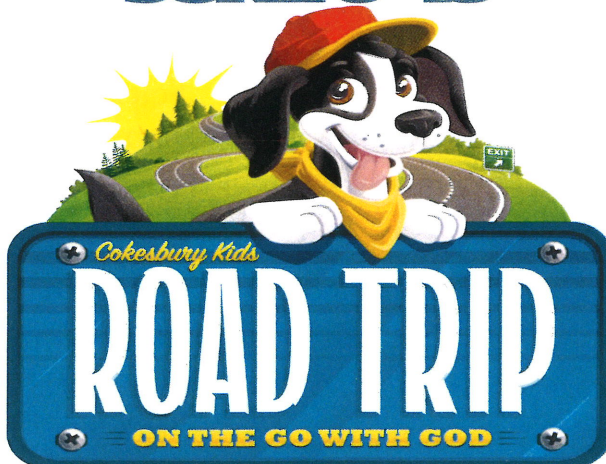


Do you need private prayers for yourself or a loved one?

As a ministry of the Daughters of the King, we would like to pray for you. Please place your request in the prayer box at the rear of the nave. The details of your request can be as specific or non-specific as you wish. Use initials, anonymous, child of God, human in need for healing, guidance, special concerns, bereavement, protection, or whatever you need.

Requests are always confidential.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 9-13



REGISTRATION OPENS
APRIL 7TH AT

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2025 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday (April 13) at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Play with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday (April 17) at 7:00 PM

Washing of Feet, Institution of the Lord's Supper, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday (April 18) at 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Solemn Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM

St. John's Passion, Solemn Collects, and Veneration of the Cross at 12:00 Noon

Traditional Stations of the Cross immediately after the noon liturgy

Easter Sunday (April 20)—at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Bring bells to ring at both services.

Holy Baptism at 10:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 AM service.