



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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

Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain: An Easter Call to Transformation

Easter does not simply undo the Cross. Rather, Jesus transforms an instrument of shameful death into the means of freedom and eternal life. Throughout the Easter season, we hear about Jesus, who was crucified, appearing to his chosen witnesses, victorious and alive. It is important to remember both the Cross and the Empty Tomb. For they belong together. Jesus wrestles with evil on the Cross and emerges victorious from the Tomb. He defeats sin, suffering, and death, once and for all. And so, we don't need to keep on living in the same tired old ways we always have.

This Easter, we should ask Jesus to transform those parts of ourselves that we have not yet brought to him. This process began in Lent, with radical honesty about ourselves and our limitations. In Easter, we are plunged into God's new world of grace. In a 2005 Easter sermon at Canterbury Cathedral, Archbishop Rowan Williams described the process this way:

It isn't so much that Christians say, "Death is not the end." In an important sense, it is the end, and we must prepare for it as people of faith by daily seeking to let go of selfish, controlling, greedy habits, so that our naked souls are left face-to-face with the creating God. If we are prepared to accept in trust what Jesus proclaims, we can ask God for courage to embark upon this path. We don't hope for survival but for re-creation... 1

In another place, Williams speaks about the transformation that happens during the celebration of the Eucharist. There, we are transformed from betrayers and deniers of Jesus into his welcome and beloved guests:

All meals with Jesus after Calvary speak of the restoration of a fellowship broken by human infidelity: the wounded body and the shed blood are inescapably present. We do not eucharistically remember a distant meal in Jerusalem, nor even a distant death: we are made "present to ourselves" as people complicit in the betrayal and death of Jesus and yet still called and accepted... 2

Over the next several Sundays, let's ask God to finish his new creation. For even now, through the risen Lord, he is making all things new. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." (Rev. 5:12)

Fr. Bill+

1 Rowan Williams *Choose Life: Christmas and Easter Sermons in Canterbury Cathedral* (London: Bloomsbury, 2013), p. 168

2 Rowan Williams, *Resurrection: Interpreting the Easter Gospel*, Revised edition (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002), p. 34.

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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MISSION OF THE MONTH



Heartisans Marketplace was formed in 2014 as a local ministry to help women transition out of lifelong poverty, abuse, and addiction toward self-sufficiency through their work readiness program. The program offers quality job/skills training, community networking, counseling, and safe transitional housing as a means of meeting the tangible needs of those in the program. Through the process, they discover each woman's God-given talents and interests and, as a result, there are women laying roads in our community, caring for the sick, providing services in company offices, and serving healthy meals to children in our school system, along with various other career fields. They continue to support many of their graduates as they hold down a job and provide for their families while attending higher education. All of these women fill vital roles in our community making life better for their families and our community. Trinity Church is proud to partner with Heartisans in this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Heartisans, visit their website at heartisans.org

Heartisans is changing lives, one woman at a time.

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 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.



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.



FAITH

GATHERING WOMEN, KNOWING GOD, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

FAITH Women's Bible Study will be on hiatus until September. For more information, please call Elise Hill (903) 736-5176 or Vicky Bright (903) 738-6752

Trinity Service Calendar

May 2025 – Lectionary Year C

Date	May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter	May 11, 2025 4th Sunday of Easter	May 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter	May 25, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter
1 st Reading Psalm 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29
Altar Guild	Sticher Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team	Collins Team
Coffee Hour	Bill B.	Cherry S.	Trinity Men	Loretta L.
Flower Delivery	Dot & Charles F.	Linda L.	Patsy & Bill C.	Nancy S.
8:00 AM				
Verger	Rusty T.	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.
Ushers	Thomas Team	Peters Team	Bright Team	Abernathey / Tucker
L. E. M.	Bill C.	Gayland R.	Jack W.	Mike A.
10:30 AM				
Verger	Bill K.	Linda L.	Ben B.	Bill K.
Ushers	Tate	Martin/Sikes Team	Wilcox	Gray/Pryor
Readers	Trevor E.	Tricha W.	Richard J.	Jessica / M.A. W.
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Alan R.	Richard J.	Sammy Y.	Jim S.
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

Faith and Freedom Picnic

Sunday, June 29th, following the 10:30 AM Service.

Join us for hot dogs and fixin's.

Meet us in the back parking lot by the playground for
Bubbles, water balloons, water guns, games, and water slide for the smaller ones.

We are in need of the following donations: Water balloons, bubble mixture, 3 small hard plastic pools, and water guns. Please leave at the office. For more information contact Vicky Bright (903) 738-6752 or Maggie Mitchell (903) 576-9096

MAY PARISH EVENTS

Trinity School of Texas Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 11th • 5:00 PM • Nave

Daughters of the King

Monday, May 12th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Trinity School of Texas Graduation

Friday, May 16th • 7:00 PM • Nave

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, May 20th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

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 Dinner and Study

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Morning Study Group

Thursday Mornings at 9:15 AM • Butcher Shop

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Scott Jones (5/02)	Paige Maly (5/13)
Bryan Wilks (5/03)	Pearl Thorpe (5/15)
Linda Thomas (5/06)	Daryell Crawford (5/15)
Wyvonne Willoughby (5/07)	Kathleen Tate (5/15)
Karen Frith (5/07)	Mary Lou Gest (5/18)
Karen Hall (5/07)	Owen Robertson (5/19)
Wiley Thomas (5/09)	Jeanne Scott (5/20)
Sammy York (5/10)	Annabeth Baker (5/21)
Elizabeth Davis (5/10)	Christian Howard (5/25)
Georgia Scott (5/11)	Allen McReynolds (5/27)
Trace Shappell (5/11)	Heather Bane (5/29)

Bill and Sharon Keese (5/01)
John and Bobbie Michaels (5/04)
Bobby and Allyson Carney (5/16)
Tom and Trudy Taylor (5/21)
Michael and Peggy Rochford (5/23)
Clay and Jaclyn Abernathy (5/24)
Reagan and Debra McLemore (5/25)
Alan and Tovah Robertson (5/26)

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.

Grief and Resurrection by Mother Vivian Shelby

Trinity celebrated the Risen Christ during our Easter celebrations in April, but we first walked through Holy Week in grief. We participated in the trial of Jesus, his being condemned to death, his torture and death, and three days with him "gone." Unimaginable grief. Then...Easter morning! the day he is discovered Risen and what joy that brings. The truth is there is no joy without grief and the realization of new and unending life in Him. But this is not just an Easter story. It has been the Trinity experience, with eight people dying in the last six weeks and several of our elderly members being in poor health. It can feel very heavy.

In *The Unwanted Gift of Grief* by Tim P. VanDuivendyk, he speaks of grief as a wilderness journey.

"One may roam aimlessly for a while wandering and wondering around for a new direction, hope, and happiness... Similar to the children of Israel searching for the Promised Land, our soul searches for a promised life. We search for eternal and human comfort from the storms, droughts, and hungers that besiege the human spirit in grief."

Yes, this is heavy, and it is a part of life we must grow through, with God's help. This work is holy and difficult. Grief groups can be a wonderful support as well as family, friends, and clergy. There is resurrection and eternal life for us and them. That is where our hope rests as Christians and God will guide us through the work of grief.

"We move through the unwanted gift of grief and, if we are faithful to the gift, life becomes a new creation." - VanDuivendyk

Just as we celebrate Easter and the Risen Jesus, we can celebrate our life at Trinity even as life on earth has ended for some of our brothers and sisters. As The Book of Common Prayer says in the Proper Preface for the Burial Rite,

"For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended."

Our task in this world is to spread the truth of Jesus' love, compassion, and the gift of eternal life. Let us commit to this work until our dying breath. If you, or someone you know, are struggling, please contact us so we can help.

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