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The Rev. Dr. Martin Muhia
Assisting Priest

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Bowen
Deacon

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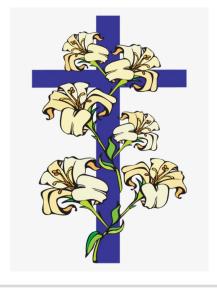
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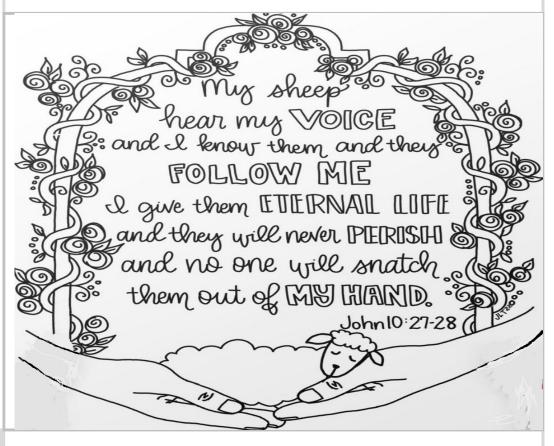
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3rd Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 4, 2025 10:15 AM



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10:15 AM Service Participants

Lector: Mike Nichols

Lay Minister: Avril Arthurton-Brudy, Carolyn Hackman

Acolyte: Benisha Brudy

Torch Bearers: Alonzo Middleton, Quinto Middleton

Usher: Shawn Galbreath
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Martin P. Muhia
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Tamsen E. Whistler

Live Stream Coordinator:

Harlan Meyer

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FORWARD DAY DAY

Daily Meditations

of Forward Day by Day

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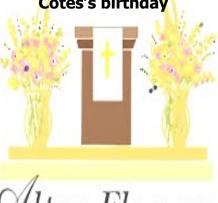
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The May/June/July edition

and the **May/June** edition

EIPPER ROOM

Altar Flowers are offered today by **Claudia Cotes** in celebration of Richard Cotes's birthday



MAY FISH WISH LIST

Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup Can Pears & Applesauce Box of instant Pudding Mix Rice & Dry Beans Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper

Dish Soap Clothes Detergent Shampoo/Conditioner Women's Deodorant Bar Soap Adult Toothpaste and Kids Toothpaste



A Season of Transition

9 AM Forum: A Season of Transition.

Mike Fowlkes, member of Trinity Church in the Central West End (STL), will present a workbook and process he and his sister developed after their mother died. It's not only for those who have just lost a loved one and have had some difficulty dealing with the many details necessary to take care of immediately, but also for ALL OF US to prepare information ahead of time to make everything easier for our survivors after we have died. Pick up a 30th Anniversary treat in the Reception Area and go on up to the St. Hilda Room for this very important presentation and conversation!



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS (and THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY)

Note: Trinity Church Events in **Bold**. Sharing our building is both outreach and stewardship

8 AM	Sun	May 11	4th Sunday in Easter, HE I (In-person)
9 AM	TODAY	/May 11	Forum: A Season of Transition, dealing w/death Mike Fowlkes
10:15	Sun	May 11	4th Sunday in Easter, HE II (In person and online)
10 AM	Mon	May 11	AA Group #496 (St. Hilda Room)
7 PM	Mon	May 12	Boy Scout Troop #763 St. Hilda, Parish Hall, Reception Area
7 PM	Tue	May 13	NA (Narcotics Anonymous) (St. Hilda Room)
10 AM	Wed	May 14	Bible Study
10 AM	Wed	May 14	AA (This Is the Solution) (Parish Hall)
5:30 PM	Wed	May 14	CMA (Crystal Meth Anonymous) (Parish Hall)
6:00 PM	Wed	May 14	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Wed	May 14	CODA (Co-Dependents Anon <i>Women</i>) (Library/Parish Hall)
6:30 PM	Thu	May 15	Bell Choir Practice (Church)
7 PM	Thu	May 15	Al-Anon (Parish Hall)
10:30AM	Fri	May 16	AA Group #228 (St. Hilda Room)
6 PM	Fri	May 16	AA Group #1118 (Parish Hall)
8 AM	Sun	May 18	4th Sunday in Easter, HE I (In-person)
10:15AM	Sun	May 18	4th Sunday in Easter, HE II (In person and online)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

May 11, 2025/10:15 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn 208 "Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done"

Victory



Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.*



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

BCP 224

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

THE FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Reader A Reading from the Book of Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Revelation

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God.**

BCP 621



The Gospel: John 10:22-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was

walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they

follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The SermonThe Rev. Dr. Martin P. Muhia

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Officiant and People together

We believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

Of all that is seen and unseen

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have not end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge on baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively 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;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord, by waving and smiling.

Welcome, Announcements & Blessings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving; make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn Tune 618

To the tune Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from who all blessings flow: Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

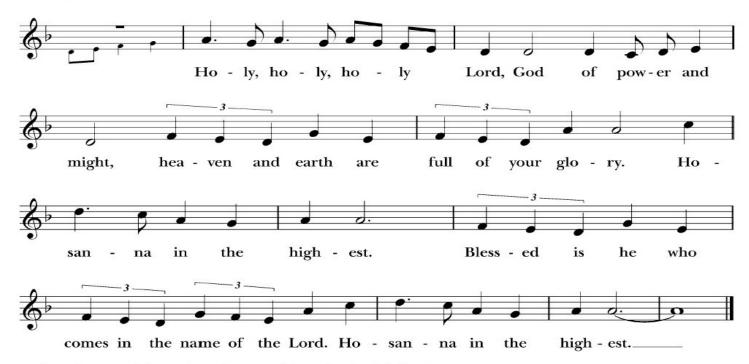
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People It is right to give him thanks and praise

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 Savior; 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:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #129



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The people stand or kneel. Then 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."

Celebrant

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

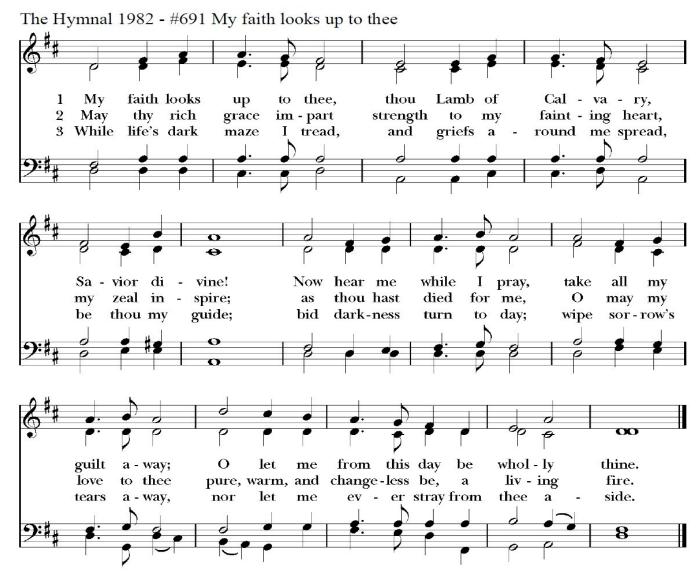
Communion of the People

Instructions for Receiving the Holy Eucharist

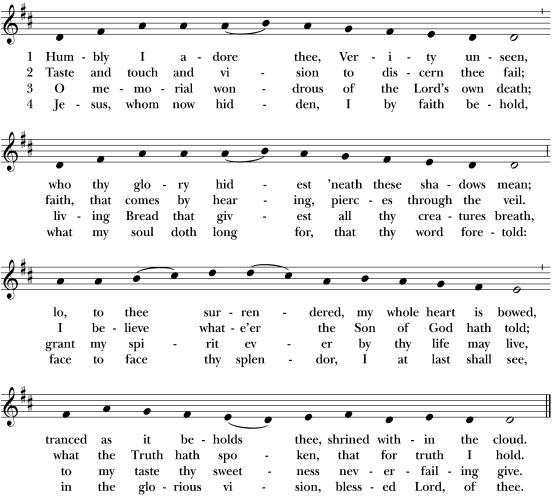
All are invited to receive communion. We will come forward from the rear of the church, beginning with the choir. Please blend your rows to form one line in the center aisle. If you wish to sip the wine, please to go left. If you with to instinct (dip) the host into the wine, please go to your right. After you receive communion, please return down the side aisle and return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing, rather than the bread or wine, please cross your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest when you come forward. If you need communion brought to you where you are, please tell the usher.

Communion Hymn 691

Olivet



Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



Thanksgiving after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Receiving Spiritual Communion

The Celebrant, to those who are watching live-streaming at home, says Let us pray

In union, O Christ, with those who have received the Body of Christ, we offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the desire always to be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we thank you that you have come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Easter Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of

his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People Amen.

Celebrant May God, who through the waters of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy

and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People Amen.

Celebrant May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the

Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and

remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Hymn 708 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

Sicilian Mariners



The Dismissal (Sending Forth)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Additional Prayers for Birthda	y Biessings &	Eucharistic	Visitors
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For Communion to the Sick

Priest In the name of Trinity Church, I send you, _____, bearing these holy gifts, that _____

may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we share in one bread and one cup. Amen

Birthday Prayer

Oh God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor on your servant(s) as they/she/he begin(s) another year. Grant that they/she/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their/his/her trust in your goodness all their/his/her days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music Permission

Intercessions, Petitions, and Thanksgivings

We pray for or *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop—and in particular, for his health; for *Deon*, our Bishop; For *Tamsen, Betty*, and *Erika*, our clergy; for *John, Michelle*, and *Ashley*, our staff; for *Phil, David, Erin, Jacob, Christy, Lori, Lucinda, John, Grace, Eleanor, Benisha*, and *James*, our Vestry; for *Harlan, Rich, Avril, Benisha, Patrice, Lucinda, Shawn, Melissa*, for technology on Sundays and weekdays; and for those who sing, read and pray, in person and from home. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Kirksville (1871) and Carrol, their priest. We also pray for Trinity's campus ministry at Truman State University. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the people and ministry of Misión San Matías, Apóstol in Lares.In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people and ministry of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

For those in particular need of prayer, especially

Bud Adkins; Jerry Aehle & Family: Connie Akers; Deborah Alessi; Andy Allen; Jaimie Allen, Lori Allen; Alyssa; Anne, Becky, Jerry Barnard; Valerie Barr; Terry Bell; Jackie Berger; Rich Berger; Bob Blattman; Breana; Lani Briggs, Kent Brown; Ralph Bruns & Family; Jim Burke; Rita Burnde; Deanna Campbell; Anne Chau; Joe Connor; Bill Cramer; the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry; Cather; Marc Daigle; Nancy Dale; Noreen Davis; Jess Dixon; Josh; Emily Drury; Rhonda Edge; Patty Eggers; Emery; Fred Engbarth; The Rev. Maria Evans; Bob Fagan; Alison Fambrough; Nancy Feeney; Bill Fields; Mandi Fisher; Sharon Fisher; Trisha Fitzpatrick, Liz Flynn; John Foley; Julie Fuchs; Paige Fuchs; Donna Furrer; Kelsey & Derek Funk; Sue Granger; Susan Goddard; Abigail Gogel; Suzy Gold; the Gossow Family, Jason Graff; Paul Graue; Carolyn Hackman; Connie Hall; Jackie Halter; Karen Hamby; Kate Hayes; Bill Haynes & Family; Larry Hewitt; Sherri Hugunin; Micah Jackson; Ryan, Emily, and Carly James; Paula Jeffery; Janis, Tyler Johnson; The Rev. Ruth Ann Jones; Cornelia & Jim Kriegh; Rick Kuhn; Karen Kupka; Del Kuzemchak; Kalisa Krouper; the Leyden family; April Lindbergh; Tim Lindley; Crystal Little; Doris Lohe; Rhonda Loughary; Mary Jo, Marissa, Lee Martin, Sally Martin; Brenna Mason; Barbara McKeel; Bob Miller; Neil; Jake Neu; John Nichols; Leslie Niebreugge; Jane Overstreet; Ernie Parente; Mary Parrella; Robin Perkins; Barbara Perkins, Rosemary and Hurley Perkins; Leslie Pribonic; Phyllis, Cindy Pricker; Yvonne Rankin's Family; Jenny & Bella Rausch; Ray & Adele; Allie Redmond; Warlene Reed; The Ritter Fimily; Robert; Lisa Schildknecht; Louis Seiler; Mary Vogel; Mary Walsh; Bill Warren; Joe Welton; June Westfall; Mary Willard;

Charlotte Williams; Pat Willmering, Annie Zimpfer.

For members of our congregation who cannot worship with us regularly, especially

Catherine Cummings; Karen Basanavicius, Pat Gutgesell, Pat Neal, Grace Nichols; Carol Nicholson, Charlotte Williams

For those in the armed services, especially

Travis Allen, Brian Barnard, Zachary P. Behlmann, Richard Broseman, Corey Burleigh, Scott Burleigh, Skylar Freeman, Justin Killian, Joshua LeDuc, Corey Ring, Zachary Taylor, James Warren, Joseph Warren, Christopher Westfall, Dustin Wilhelm, Gary Woods

For all first responders, especially

Emily Briggs, Jason Graff, David Horning, Aaron Morgan

For all health care providers, especially

Deanna Bowen, RN; Jim Crawford, Hospice Chaplain; Megan Culligan, DNP; Mary Ann Curran, CRNA; Emily (Crain) Green, RN; Christy Henke Ratliff, Hospice Chaplain; Shahla Kuypers, RN; Becky (Lackey) Logel, RN; Julie (Smith) McKenney, RN; Clay McKiddy, DNP; Jessica Middleton, RN; Nancy Noel, MD; Elizabeth Stansbrough (Liz Meyer), DDS; Cindy (Lackey) Waaso, RN; Ekene Onoforo, RN, PhD; Christine Ogawa, BSN; Julius Mensah, BSN

For anyone facing particular hardship, especially

For peace and hope in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Lebanon, and Sudan. For all victims of war and terrorism; for victims of wildfires, floods, earthquakes, extreme heat, or extreme cold; for victims of civil unrest, for all who have no home. We pray for all victims of gun violence, We pray for all victims of addiction, epidemic, injustice, pain, hunger, injury, or abuse here or anywhere; for all those who have attempted, contemplated, or completed taking their own lives; for all those who love and have loved them; and for all those whose needs are known to God alone.

For those who have died, especially

Thanksgivings

We give thanks for the glorious Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the Season now begun, the 50 Days of Easter! We give thanks for the gift of community, for shared sorrow and shared joy; for all those all whom we have lost but whose love we still know and whose memory we cherish. We give thanks for the gift of shared in-person worship; **AND**, we give thanks for the gift of technology, providing ways to gather without being in the same physical space—to be together, together, and together, apart. We give continual thanks for all those who have made a difference in our lives, both in the past and today. We give thanks for the people of Trinity Church; for the gifts they bring to the work God calls us to do in Faith, Compassion, and Community, wherever we are and wherever we go.