



# Trinity Tidings

April 2026

## Holy Week and Easter Day Service Schedule



### The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday March 29

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Rt. II) and  
Liturgy of the Palms.

*Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen. (BCP, pg. 101)*

### Maundy Thursday April 2

7:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist of the Institution.

### Good Friday April 3

Noon – Liturgy of Good Friday, *a said service*.

### ***Important Upcoming Dates:***

**Easter Day, April 5:** 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, April 12:** 10:30 a.m., Morning Prayer.

**Sunday, April 19:** 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 26:** 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Week:** March 29 – April 4.

**Decorating of the Church:** Friday, April 3.

**Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, April 21.

**Rummage Sale:** April 24-25.

**TECW Meeting:** Saturday, April 11.

**Sonos Saxophone Quartet:** Sunday, April 26.

### The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day April 5

*Please note the special service time*

10:00 a.m. – Choral Eucharist (Rt. II) and  
Lighting of the Paschal Candle.

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## **Episcopal News Service**

### **A Pastoral Word to The Episcopal Church from the March 2026 gathering of the House of Bishops**

[www.episcopalnewsservice.org](http://www.episcopalnewsservice.org)

Posted: March 23, 2026

*Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”  
John 11:44b*

Dear people of God:  
Grace and peace to you in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Introduction**

The bishops of The Episcopal Church gathered from March 17-24 at Camp Allen Conference Center in Navasota, Texas. Our gathering included 122 bishops and bishops-elect, representing 89 dioceses and special ministries across 17 countries and territories. As we conclude our meeting, we give thanks for the mutual affection and fruitful collaboration we experience during our time together, and we renew our commitment to bear witness with clarity and unity to the transforming power of the Gospel.

#### **Reflections from our meeting**

Our gathering was focused primarily on the challenges and opportunities before us as a church. We welcomed 12 representatives from Episcopal seminaries and local formation programs to engage in thoughtful dialogue about the state of theological education and our need to better integrate traditional and innovative modes of discernment, recruitment, and training for future clergy and lay leaders. We explored possibilities for expanding the work of church planting and the redevelopment of existing congregations. We reflected on our relationships within the Anglican Communion, including discussion of [The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals](#) and expressed our concerns regarding the urgency to change the definitions and structures of the communion. We rejoiced in the election of the Rt. Rev. Alba Sally Sue Hernandez Garcia as primate of the Anglican Church of Mexico. Finally, we issued a courtesy resolution celebrating the installation of the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally as the 106th archbishop of Canterbury.

While engaged in this important work for the church, we gathered each day to pray for the church and the world. We prayed for a swift conclusion to the armed conflict with Iran; the wars in Ukraine, Sudan, and Myanmar; and all hostilities across the globe. We prayed for peace in the Holy Land, for Archbishop Hosam Naoum, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and for all those living in the reality of violence in that region. We prayed for healing and reconciliation among the nations of the world, that there may be justice and peace on the Earth. We prayed for those who are victims of injustice and discrimination, terror and war, and the pervasive degradation of human dignity. We prayed for strength and courage to continue the robust and tangible response in our respective dioceses to the myriad and varied challenges before us. And yet, in the face of these challenges, we are not without hope.

#### **A word of hope**

We find our hope in God’s promises as made known to us in the words and actions of Jesus Christ. Christian hope is the sure and present confidence, grounded in the resurrection of Jesus, that suffering is not the end. Hope is the stubborn trust that God is not finished. Even in the shadow of the cross, God is already at work, bringing life out of death.

This promise of hope is central to the story of the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45). Jesus stands before the tomb of his friend, surrounded by grief and despair, and a community aching for his intervention. It is precisely in the moment when all hope seems lost that Jesus speaks the Word of life. There is hope because “even in death, Lazarus has access to the voice of life.” Jesus, the Word of God, commands Lazarus to “come forth,” and that same divine Word immediately calls the gathered community to “unbind him and let him go.”

In our present moment, in a world ravaged by war and the degradation of human dignity, Jesus is still speaking the Word of life. There is hope in this moment, because even in the face of grief, death, and despair, we have access to the voice of life—the voice of the One who calls us to participate in the Gospel mission of unbinding those who are held captive by the bonds of injustice and ensnared by the cords of corruption and oppression. We do not raise the dead; God alone does that. But we are summoned into the tender, deliberate work of unbinding, of participating in resurrection by loosening the grave clothes that still cling.

It is in this hope, as those who have received life and heard the voice of life, that we go forth in faith to bear witness to the resurrection, to unbind what is still bound, and to trust in Christ's promise to make all things new.

As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal feast, with the hope of the resurrection ever before us, may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**February 2026**  
**As approved at the March Meeting**

**Present:** Jake Wilkins, Junior Warden; Ann Sullivan; Jenn Wilkins; Cathy Berner (video-conference); Janeil Rey; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

**Excused:** Melisa Eichmann, Warden.

**Call to Order:** Father Clement called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., with an opening prayer.

**Meeting Agenda:** Agenda approved with a motion made by Ann Sullivan, seconded by Ginny Becker.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Jake Wilkins, seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:**

**Finance:** Written report prepared by Ginny Becker and presented. Cathy Berner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Janeil Rey. Motion carried. See attached report.

- **General Fund:** Invoices for monthly expenses were received and paid.
- **Snowden Lane Partners:** The accounts were up 2.23% at the end of January. Upon review with our financial advisor, a recommendation is made to move money from the sub account to the operating budget. This will allow easier transfer of

funds to support the 2026 budget as approved at the annual meeting.

- Bahgat & Laurio-Bahgat is now Doeren Mayhew Advisors, LLC. The cost of the accounting, figuring payroll taxes, and performing the action for direct deposit has gone up by just over \$10 each pay period. We also pay for preparing and submitting 1099s, which is assumed by the hour. The last invoice for this service was \$162.34. Further review may be needed in the future as to how this bookkeeping merger may affect the operating budget.

**Buildings & Ground:** Reported by Father Clement.

- Due to the recent build-up of ice on the parish hall roof, two leaks have occurred: One in the hall and the other in the stairwell leading to the church. As temperatures have warmed up, neither is currently a problem. Gugino will be contacted with regard to the hall temperature.
- Jake Wilkins will inquire as to the current person plowing the snow for the church and bank parking lots. Too much snow and ice are being pushed up against the parish hall exterior wall and to confirm that the main driveway is getting plowed.
- Jake Wilkins and Jim Wright held talks about a tentative plan to remove the exterior vinyl brick on the parish hall wall.

**Congregational Ministries:**

**Flower Guild:** Melisa Eichmann reported.

- The invoice for Christmas flowers was recently paid. Palm crosses and branches were ordered for the upcoming Palm Sunday service.

**TECW:**

- The next meeting is Saturday, March 7.
- The Epiphany Tea took place February 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in Garland Hall. Unfortunately, the scheduled presenter was not able to attend, but several of the student choristers stepped in to help and offered to perform. Approximately 15 persons were present at the event.

- Discussion regarding meal delivery teams. It is recommended that TECW review the list of team members.

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## Parish Notes

### Rector's Report:

- A Lenten Supper and Program will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning Feb. 25.
- Ash Wednesday will take place on February 18. Two services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



The decorating of the church for the Easter season will be on **Friday, April 3**, after the Good Friday service. All are invited to join together for this special event!

### Old Business

- N/A.

### New Business

- Parish Treasurer: Janeil Rey made a motion for vestry to approve the appointment of Virginia Becker as parish treasurer for the upcoming year, seconded by Cathy Berner. Motion carried.
- Vestry Clerk: Ann Sullivan made a motion for vestry to approve the appointment of Jenn Wilkins to serve as clerk for the upcoming year, seconded by Jake Wilkins. Motion carried.
- 2025 Parochial Report: Fr. Clement presented the parochial report for review and approval. Cathy Berner made a motion, seconded by Jake Wilkins, to approve this report and to subsequently send this report to the Diocese and to The Church. Motion carried.
- Resolution – Transfer of Funds: The treasurer presented a resolution to vestry with regard to a transfer of funds from the SUB Account to the MASTER Account: Document attached. Janeil Rey made a motion, seconded by Ann Sullivan to adopt the resolution as recommended so that funds can be released to the Lake Shore Bank account. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. with a motion made by Ann Sullivan, seconded by Jake Wilkins. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

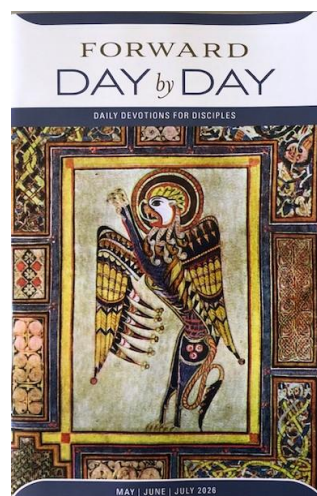
Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Wilkins.

### From the Parish Treasurer

Thank you for your timely pledges. First quarter giving statements will go out early in April. Let me know if you have any questions.

In appreciation,  
Ginny Becker

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### Forward Day by Day

Forward Movement Publication's Day by Day daily meditation booklet for the months of May, June, and July are now available. Free copies, both regular and large print editions, are located at each entrance into the church buildings. Pick up your copy today!



## Sonos Saxophone Quartet

Save the Date!  
Sonos Saxophone Quartet will perform a recital at Trinity on Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m.  
More information forthcoming. All are Welcome to attend this free event.

## Parish Register

### Burial Office

John A. Torrance  
February 21, 2026  
*St. Mary's Church, Gowanda, N.Y.*

## TECW

TECW meeting on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30 AM in Garland Hall.

### ITS HERE

The Spring Rummage Sale  
Friday, April 24, 9-3  
Saturday, April 25, 9-12

Please Drop off your CLEAN items  
starting Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are accepting: **children's items** (please make sure they are in good condition); **books**, (no text books or encyclopedias); **household items** (nothing chipped or broken or missing parts); **spring/summer clothes men's/women's** (no rips missing buttons broken zippers or stains please); **working small electronics** (no computers or printers); **clean tools and gardening items; Jewelry/purses / luggage; holiday decorations; bedding** (no rips worn out elastics stains); **kitchen/dining linens /household items; decorating items; Nic knacks; small furniture items in good condition.**

All items Must be donated by Thursday, April 23 at 10 AM. Vestibule of Garland Hall always open. Hall open Monday through Wednesday 9:30-3. Thursday 9-noon.

Please sign up to help sort, price, organize, or pack-up after event by April 19<sup>th</sup>. We need your help - every hour makes a difference. Sign-up sheet will be on Garland Hall notice board by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Invite your friends, neighbors, relatives to donate items as well.

Thank you,  
your TECW

## **Birthdays**

- 7 Holly Gould
- 7 William Weatherlow
- 8 Graciela Rey
- 9 Michael Liener
- 16 James Ivey
- 19 Megan Kyte
- 23 Robert Weatherlow
- 24 Benjamin Kyte
- 24 Charles Cinque

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

- 11 Melisa and Chris Eichmann
- 18 Fr. Bob and Patty Arnold
- 20 Russell Kyte and Bridget Russell
- 25 Marilyn and Bob Maytum

## **In Memoriam**

- 4 Virginia Maytum
- 9 Marjorie Hamann
- 15 Connie Van Scoter
- 30 Beth Parker

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#### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

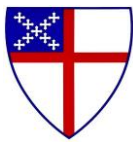
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Fredonia, NY 14063  
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#### **Parish Clergy and Staff**

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Ephesians 1:2*