

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Happy second half of Eastertide! Nearly all of May falls into this season which is central to our liturgical and theological life. Every day of Eastertide is a reminder to us that Easter is not just a single day, but a season and a way of life. For the disciples, the Resurrection of Jesus was not a moment in time, an event, but an ongoing reality that changed everything. As Jesus was the central relationship in their lives, the Resurrection was at the core of their proclamation of Jesus as the Son of God, who had raised Jesus from death to eternal life.

That is our proclamation as well, in the words of the Creed and woven through the words of our liturgy. We open with "Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!" and during the Eucharistic Prayer we say "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Following the ancient pattern of the Church, we encourage standing for prayer in place of kneeling as a recognition of the gifts of forgiveness and new life we receive through Christ's death and Resurrection. In April we also omitted the Confession for a time for the same reason. (Please remember that sitting may replace standing if your physical body objects to standing too long. Standing is "as you are able" – God cares more about the posture of your heart than the posture of your knees.)

Also part of this season is the Feast of the Ascension which takes place on the 40th day of Easter. According to Acts 1:3, Jesus appeared to the disciples for forty days prior to his bodily ascension into heaven. Since this means it always falls on a Thursday, it is often not celebrated on that day in smaller churches

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Why fifty days of Easter Time?

Its actually quite simple. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.

Luke writes in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus "presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."

In chapter two, we find the followers of Jesus gathered for the Day of Pentecost, which actually means "fifty."

So the Great Fifty Days are a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

Living as Easter
People in
Eastertide



Links to Sunday Services

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or <https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary April 17, 2024

All members present.
Opened with a prayer.

Changes to the vestry agenda that were suggested during the vestry retreat on 4/13 were discussed.

New vestry projects were discussed. More information on those will be forthcoming.

Priest-in-charge, Rev. Pineo updated the vestry on those who were currently sick and/or hospitalized. She also discussed potential changes to worship music post Eastertide.

Vestry members updated the body with various committee reports including communications, evangelism, outreach, and facilities. The vestry voted on the adoption of previous minutes and the treasurer's report.

No future actions were needed at that time.

The vestry person of the day was set for each Sunday in May and June.

The vestry adjourned with prayer.

The next vestry meeting will be May 19th.

Our Mission Statement: To emulate Christ; being a loving and caring family to the community and ourselves.



Love Mysteriously Impressed Richard Rohr call this “the icon of icons ... the most perfect piece of religious art there is.” Rublev’s *The Trinity* shows us a community of love. As we gaze at the icon, do we feel invited to be part of this divine community? ... In those unexpected times; When you cannot pray ... Too tired or too restless; Too exhausted or depressed ... You look at these figures; So intimately connected ... And their love on your heart; Is mysteriously impressed.

The icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the early 15th century. It is his most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons and it is regarded as one of the highest achievements of Russian art.

The Trinity depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (*Genesis 18:1-8*), but the painting is full of symbolism and is interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility. Trinity Sunday is May 26th.



The 50th Anniversary t-shirts have arrived! Please pick yours up in the church office before or after church. Checks are payable to the church with a memo note: T-shirts

Thank You! from the Evangelism Committee to all those who helped with preparation of informational doggie treat bags and to those who participated at the BBQ, Boogie, and Blues event!

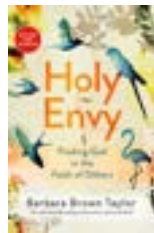
Sharing our good news is the core of evangelism.



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The Education Committee

This group will meet before church in the Parish House beginning May 7 at 9:45AM with coffee provided. The book for discussion is *HOLY ENVY: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. See Charlie or Linda Phelps or Kelli DeGuire if you have questions.

ALL ARE INVITED!



He is risen! He is risen indeed!



St. Timothy's
Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

(unless they happen to be Church of the Ascension), but is acknowledged on the following Sunday, sometimes called Ascension Sunday. The Feast of the Ascension ranks with Easter and Pentecost as being recognized across all Christian denominations.

The three days preceding Ascension have traditionally been observed as Rogation days. "Rogation" comes from the latin *rogare*, meaning "to ask", and was understood as beseeching God to protect from calamities. This observance goes as far back as the fifth century. The faithful typically observed the Rogation days by fasting and abstinence in preparation to celebrate the Ascension, and farmers often had their crops blessed by a priest at this time. In churches in England, and some churches in our country, a common feature of Rogation days in former times was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwarden, and choirboys, would process around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. The preceding Sunday is known as Rogation Sunday, and in some places has been observed as the church version of Earth Day, with prayers for agriculture, industry, and the environment. (adapted from Wikipedia.org)

On May 19th, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost, one of the major feasts of the Church. There is an article about Pentecost on page 2 of the Parchment. We invite everyone to wear red (color of flames representing Pentecost) to church. On Sunday, May 26th we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Fr. Frank Wilson is scheduled to celebrate and preach while I attend my 55th (!) college reunion in western Massachusetts.

As we go through the remainder of Eastertide, here is the important thing for us to remember: Jesus is alive! He is alive, and present, and available to each of us in every moment of our days and nights. We are alive in and through Jesus Christ. We have already been raised to new life through his Resurrection. May we live and proclaim that truth!

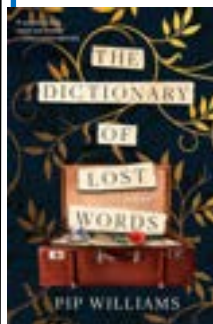
Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Rev. Linda +



May 5 David & Denni Moss
May 30 David & Paige Smith

**COVER TO COVER
Book Club**

All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet at the Parish



House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, April 15, we'll discuss THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS by Pip Williams. "In 1901, the word 'Bondmaid'

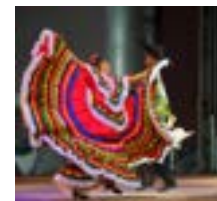
was discovered missing from the *Oxford English Dictionary*. This is the story of the girl who stole it." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.



May 2 Sally Peterson Wyatt
May 2 Jeri Dunn
May 4 Scott Cooper
May 7 Emory Dunn
May 13 Whitney Carnes
May 16 Caroline Leggett
May 17 Garry Jones
May 20 Trisha Moore
May 21 Ellen Vaughn Parker
May 22 George Trudell
May 24 Rev. Linda Pineo
May 30 Mari Shirley Ernstsens

FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH:

On May 5th we will celebrate Dani Tate's graduation from Calhoun High School and Cinco de Mayo. Prepare your favorite Mexican inspired dish and let's have a party!



Pentecost on May 19, the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek *Pentēkostē*, which literally means "the 50th day."

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He goes on to say to them, "You will receive power

when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up to offer flowers for the altar. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed for the month. Remember checks for \$30 are not made to the church.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help in filling the *Little Red Wagon*. For May VAC requests that we provide canned vegetables. These are the items they are needing to refill their pantry.



Together we emulate Christ!



Pentecost