**Easter 2025**

 A popular 1963 holiday song proclaims that Christmas is "...the most wonderful time of the year." Easter, of course, is at least as wonderful as Christmas, and is, in fact, its culmination. Christina Rossetti's beloved hymn tells us that, "Love came down at Christmas." At Easter, this same Love in Christ Jesus proves that it is stronger than sin and death. And so, Easter's message is: **Love rose up at Easter!**

 The love of the risen Christ has been changing lives here at Trinity for 115 years, through the worship and service of the Church in the world. That's what we’re all about. **Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!** It's simple and easy to remember. It fits nicely into our Easter baskets with the eggs and chocolate. As disciples, we learn the work of Jesus. As apostles, we do the work of Jesus. It's a wonderful year-round rhythm of life-changing love.

 The love of Christ produces joy and gratitude, the two primary marks of the Christian. My heart is brimful and overflowing with joyful thanks for who you are and all you are doing to pray and work toward a future for Trinity Church, the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the wider Episcopal Church. The generous sharing of your time, talent and treasure is inspiring and helps to transform lives through the love of Christ every day!

 Finally, I love being your Priest-in-Charge, and we’ll see what God might have in store for the growth of this congregation in the days and years ahead. I love you and your families. I love Jesus and ask that God would be glorified in our lives and labors. He loves us. He died for us. He rose again for us. He pours out his precious Holy Spirit upon us. God for us. God with us. God in us. God through us. From Christmas to Easter and all year round, it's a wonderful rhythm of life-changing love! Love rose up at Easter! **And in the end, Love wins!**

In the love of Christ,

**David+**