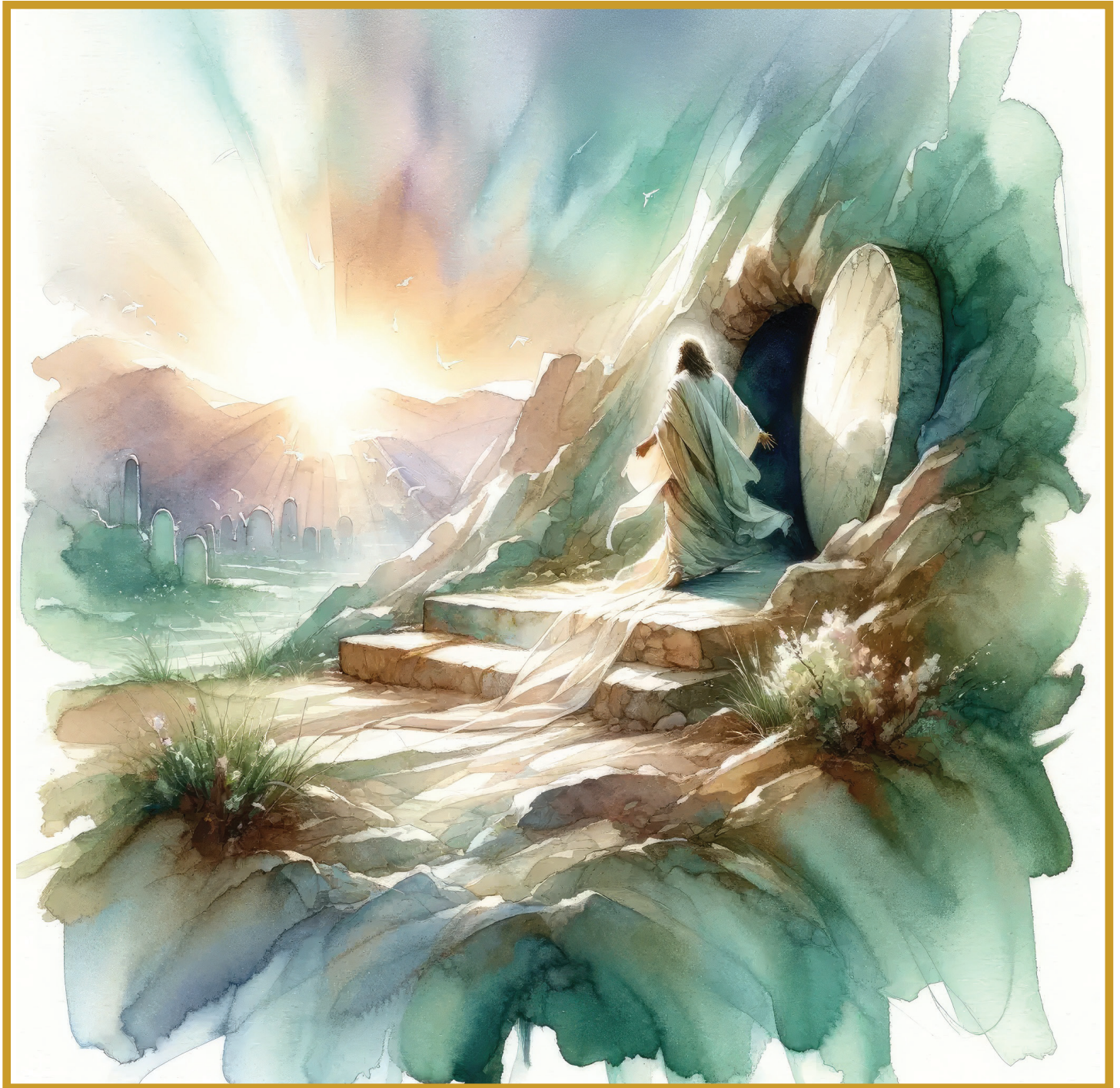




TRINITY
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Second Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Trinity!

A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary by David and Donna Potts.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell
Presiding Minister

Patrick D. Preacher
Assisting Minister
and Preaching

Julie Florin
Pianist and Choir Director

Lector
Rachel Colburn

Prayers
Dexter Brecht

Cantor
Richard Moose

Guitar
Duke Barsody

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistant
Sue Sommer

Acolyte
Lauren Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity
Chris Barsody, Suzanne Rudisill

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

Praying for Possibilities
John Cox

Refreshment Hosts
Russ and Lani Wise

Greeters
Mark Allen, Sherry Cochran,
Jane Mortensen,
Lyle Mortensen,
Suzanne Rudisill

Ushers
Richard Delap, Carol Elliott,
Calvin Harman,
Pattimarie Janssen

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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you're able.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who raised Jesus from the tomb, broke the chains of death, and continues to set us free.

Amen.

In the name of ☩ God our Holy Parent,
Christ who destroyed death,
and the Holy Spirit who grants us peace, we give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Celebrating with water, we give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created water before then creating us in your own image. You placed us in a well-watered garden with water as a life source. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side. On this day, we gather with your people around the water of life.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

We praise you and thank you for creating each of us in your holy image. In Christ you welcome all parts of us. You welcome our brokenness, our doubts, our certainties, our Queerness, and our not-Queerness. You welcome us because you love us. In the waters of baptism we are defined by your grace and love.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Gathered around this water, remind us that you created each drop of water on this earth. You created the oceans we love to float in, the tears which sting our eyes, the water we wash ourselves clean with in showers, and the cool water we sip as sweet tea on a cool day. As you made water to take such numerous forms, so did you carefully and wonderfully make each of us to be unique in your infinite images. Just as water gets each of us equally wet, so does your love cover all of creation, without exception.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation. Claiming ourselves and each other as your people, we give you honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

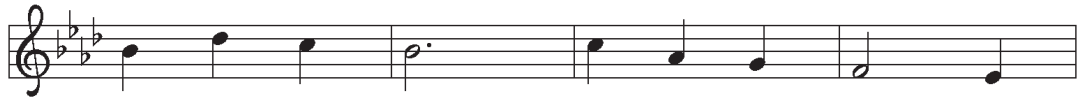
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

And also with you.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

The choir sings the verses, and all sing the refrains.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Unconquerable and eternal God, as the tomb still echoes empty, you show up with wounds still fresh to those who trust and those who doubt. Draw near to us in the complexity of our faith. Be present in our wounds, our doubts, and our fears. Bring hope to us who worry and softness to those who feel boldly certain. Grant us courage to bear witness to the wounds of others in this community while being courageous enough to show our own. Remind us daily it is not you who causes these wounds, but rather, like the ones who crucified Jesus, others who are simply afraid of a love bigger than our wildest dreams. Through Jesus Christ, our risen and wounded Savior, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

We follow a three year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

A READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from First Peter.

³ Blessed be the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ! In great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the



dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen Christ, you love Christ, and even though you do not see Christ now, you believe in Christ and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

Psalm Refrain

In your pres-ence there is full-ness of joy.

Psalm Tone

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD,
"You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- ³ But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips. R**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand,
I shall | not be shaken. R**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

During worship, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twentieth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw Jesus. ²¹ He said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.



Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Room Where It Happens

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

In the Apostles' Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by confessing the faith that has been handed down through generations of Christians. We "believe" (from the Latin *credere*, meaning "to put one's heart into") as an act of trust in the story of God's creating love, redeeming work in Jesus Christ, and life-giving presence through the Holy Spirit. We say "I believe" not as an isolated individual, but as one held within the faith of the whole church, the Body of Christ, which supports and strengthens us when our own faith feels fragile. When it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" means universal—affirming that this faith belongs to the whole people of God, in all times and places.

APOSTLE'S CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of resurrection power, take these prayers and breathe into them your Spirit, Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Help us to trust you enough to know that you welcome us in our doubts. Draw your church into a place of flexibility rather than certainty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, granting us enchantment in the beauty of flowers, the complexity of subatomic particles, and the mysteries of our very own moon. We thank you for the gift of space exploration as it widens our eyes to the beauty of your vast creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of peace, amid the cries of war in places like Ukraine and Gaza and in regions torn by violence, displacement, and fear, plant seeds of justice, courage, and compassion. Confront the powers that profit from destruction and turn the hearts of leaders from domination toward mercy and truth. Strengthen all who



labor for ceasefires, for the protection of civilians, and for the healing of divided communities. Open our ears to hear the suffering of our global neighbors and stir in your church a holy urgency to act for peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you met Thomas in his doubt and did not turn him away but drew near with wounded hands and a living promise. Come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in these uncertain days. Comfort those of us overwhelmed by grief, living in the shadow of violence, and struggling to trust what we cannot yet see, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Reveal your presence in the midst of our pain, bear your healing wounds to us, and strengthen our faith to cling to the hope you have prepared. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Giver of joy, you gather your people even behind locked doors and speak peace into our fear. Make this congregation a living sign of your love—where honesty is welcomed, wounds are tended, and joy is shared. Deepen our care for one another, that we may embody your forgiving and self-giving love. Widen our welcome to all who, like Thomas, carry questions or hesitation—especially those who have been hurt in your name, those who are Queer, and those unsure if they can trust you again. Meet us all with gentleness and help us to become a community where belonging does not depend on certainty, but on your grace. We give you thanks for the home you create among us each time we gather. Breathe your peace into this place. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal One, we celebrate all the saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Adult Choir

Touch That Soothes and Heals (See My Hands and Feet)

Music: Gregg DeMey, Text: Mary Louise Bringle

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead:

Refrain

“See my hands and feet,” said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.

“Be my hands and feet,” said Jesus,
“live as ones I died to save.”

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there. *Refrain*

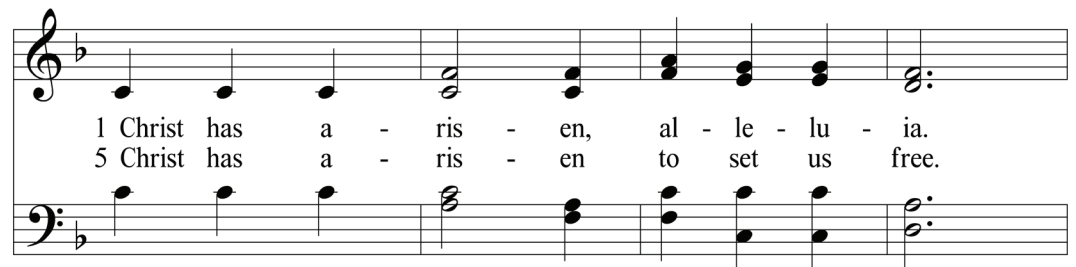
Love and serve without distinction
all earth’s people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased. *Refrain*

Hands that beckon little children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal. *Refrain*

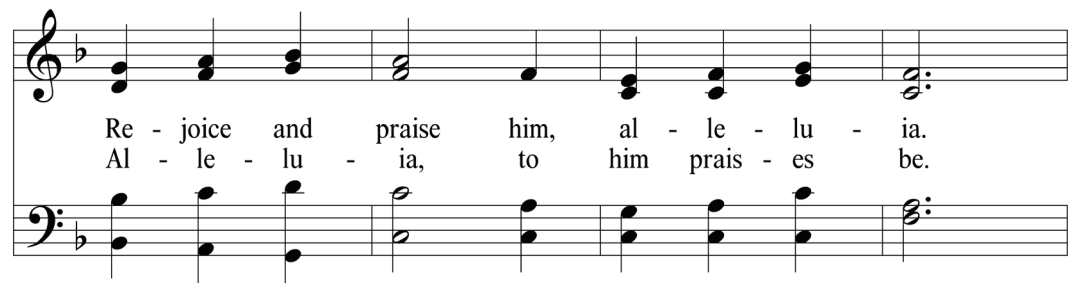


OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
he reigns tri - um - phant, hea - ven - ly king.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen Christ,
**on this morning of hope that refuses to stay buried,
we bring our gifts —
imperfect, heartfelt, and alive with possibility.**
**You who destroyed the power of death
also break open our fear, our scarcity, our stinginess.**
**Plant in us a resurrection generosity,
that dares to imagine a world made new.**
**Bless these offerings, we pray,
that they may become shelter for the weary,
welcome for the stranger,
justice for the oppressed,
and belonging for all who have been told they are not enough.**
**May what we give today help build a community
where every body is honored,
every story is sacred,
and love rises again and again.**
**In the name of the Risen One,
who calls us into courage, compassion, and community.**
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our joy and honor
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
O God of resurrection and new life.

In the rising of Jesus, you overturn the powers of death
and break open every tomb that holds your people captive.
You lift up the lowly,
restore the broken,
and call all people into the fullness of life.
You create each and every one of us in your image,
declaring every life beloved, valued, and celebrated.

Through your Spirit, you gather a people
to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you —
a community where no one is cast aside.
With all the witnesses of the resurrection,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

At the right time, you sent Jesus,
An open channel of light and love,
who turned water into wine,
rejection into welcome,
hunger into fullness,
and death into life.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took break, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts
of bread and wine,
that they may nourish us to be your hands and heart in the world;

to feed the hungry,
welcome the stranger,
and reject evil in the world and in our own hearts,
until that day when all creation is made whole
and every tear is wiped away,
and God's kin-dom of peace and justice reigns over all the earth.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. The gift of new life belongs to you...to ALL of you!
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.



COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

God Extends an Invitation

Nuestro Padre nos invita

Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -
vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we
so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the
sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,

sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.



Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

May the ☩ Risen Christ meet you where you are and call you beyond where you thought you could go.
May this meal strengthen you
to practice resurrection in your daily living —
to seek justice, love your neighbor, welcome the immigrant, and widen the circle of belonging. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and show up in this world authentically.
Bear your wounds for the world to see.
Speak your doubts into places of certainty.
Live into the hope of resurrected life! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather
for refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym.*

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

Activities & Opportunities

The Trinity Beloved Community extends our love, care, and concern to Renee Heiliger at the death of her father, Mary Beth Ridenhour at the death of her father, and Melanie Wessinger at the death of her mother.

Adult Faith Exploration will continue to meet at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Next Sunday, April 19, Austin Blythe will lead discussion about planting pollinator gardens as a way to care for God's creation. Don't miss this unique topic!

Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to enjoy fellowship and eat lunch together after worship. The group will meet at Mellow Mushroom, 1 Augusta Street, Greenville, this morning after worship. See Angie McCormack if you are interested in joining the group.

Support Group for Women in Challenging Relationships. Are you feeling exhausted, unseen, or that no matter how much you give in a relationship, it's never enough? You are not alone. This group, led by Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, is a safe, judgment-free space where participants can share this with others who understand, find encouragement, practical ideas, hope, and build genuine connections with women walking a similar path. The next meeting of this group is Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on the first floor of the Education Building. Reach out to Jerry Wesley at jrwesley@trinitylutheran.ws for more information. Childcare is provided.

Book Discussion Group. Please join Pastor Crowell for a discussion of *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans on Thursday, April 16 at 10:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The book tells the story of Sybil Van Antwerp, a 73-year-old retired attorney who makes sense of the world by writing letters to friends, family, and famous figures, and explores topics of life, love, regret, relationships, healing, and the gift of ordinary moments. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws with questions or to register for the event.

New Member Class. Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? More about what it means to be a Lutheran? To be a part of a progressive, inclusive Christian community? Are you considering becoming a member of the beloved community at Trinity? Pastor Crowell and Patrick Preacher will teach a two-part class on Lutheran Faith and Theology on Sundays, April 19 and April 26 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. These gatherings will be held after worship and will include lunch in the Multipurpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults. Childcare will be provided. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for these sessions and to share any dietary restrictions.

New Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, May 3 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in joining this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Ronald McDonald House Collection. Serving neighbors beyond Trinity's walls is central to our mission. Throughout April, Trinity will collect items for the Ronald McDonald House of Greenville, located near Prisma Greenville Memorial Hospital. Requested donations include: laundry pods; travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant); juice boxes (no apple); individual snack-size chips; individual popcorn bags; and disposable utensils. Items may be brought to worship or dropped off at the church office. Please notify a staff member that your donation is for Ronald McDonald House. This collection does not replace Trinity's Second Sunday Food Drive on April 12. Questions? Call or text Patrick Preacher at 864-483-2590.

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Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm! A day at the farm might be just what everyone needs! The Young-ish Adult group invites the entire congregation to Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm on Saturday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Sarah Bowers, daughter of Trinity and ELCA Deacon, runs the farm with her husband and daughter. The day will include a guided tour with Sarah sharing the farm's journey to organic farming, games, time with the animals, and fellowship. Guests should bring their own picnic lunch; Trinity will provide bottled water and juice. Transportation is on your own, and carpooling is encouraged. Please register by April 30 with Lara Wannemacher (LaraWannemacher@gmail.com) or Patrick Preacher (864-483-2590). The farm is located in Pomaria, SC. Learn more at bowersfarmsc.com.



Please join the Trinity family
for a baby celebration for
Keith and Elizabeth Thompson
as they anticipate the arrival of their baby girl

Sunday, April 19
11:30 am following worship in the Gym

*Everyone is invited to bring a favorite children's
book as a gift for the new baby.*

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Faith Exploration for all ages



Caring for God's Creation

Activities by age group

A variety of sandwiches will be served for lunch.

Sunday, April 26 following worship



Week at a Glance

TODAY	MON, APR 13	WED, APR 15	THURS, APR 16	FRI, APR 17	SUN, APR 19
<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:30 am Sustaining Ministry/ Stewardship Team</p> <p>11:30 am Out to Lunch Bunch</p> <p>1:30 pm Congregation Council</p>	<p>6:00 pm Fiber Arts Group</p>	<p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>10:00 am Book Discussion Group of <i>The Correspondent</i></p> <p>6:30 pm Love Wins</p>	<p>10:00 am Mahjong Group</p>	<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:30 am Thompson Baby Celebration</p> <p>11:45 am Trinity Children</p> <p>11:45 am New Member Lunch and Class</p> <p>11:45 am History Reading Group</p>

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