

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

April 12th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and to those in the tombs bestowing life!

— Easter acclamation from the ancient Christian East

Call to Worship/ Easter Acclamation

Minister: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

People: **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

*The people of God make **NOISE** to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus!*

PRAISE

Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today — words below

Christ the Lord has Risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Our the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration (the *Te Deum laudamus*¹ in unison)

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

¹ A 5th century Christian prayer of praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting. Amen.

Doxology

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises. Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness.
O praise him. Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RENEWAL

Confession of Sin (unison)

Almighty God, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and to humbly confess to you our unbelief. While we know and believe that Jesus died for us on the cross, and that he was raised for us from the dead, we admit it often makes too little difference in our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us to fully embrace the truth of the gospel, so that our love for you may flourish, that our obedience may be wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more courageous. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, and triumphant Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Special Music Gloria in D major, RV 589: Domine Deus — Antonio Vivaldi

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
 Lord God, Heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
 God Almighty Father.

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. [Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements are found on pages 9-11

Scripture Lesson: Christ our Passover (*Pascha nostrum; responsive*)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast.

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

but alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

— from 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 [BCP]

Hymn Lord, I Lift Your Name on High — music on pages 4 & 5

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand. Chord symbols G2, C, D, and C are placed above the vocal line in each system. The lyrics are: "Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the".

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the

Words and Music (LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH 7.8.7.8.10.10.7.7.7): Rick Founds (b. 1954) © 1989
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way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to

pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the

sky. Lord, I lift your name on high!

Optional readings (1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 1:1-3)

He appeared in the flesh,
 was vindicated by the Spirit,
 was seen by angels,
 was preached among the nations,
 was believed on in the world,
 was taken up in glory.
Alleluia! Amen.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
 through the prophets
 at many times and in various ways,
but in these last days
he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed heir of all things,
and through whom also he made the universe.
 The Son is the radiance of God's glory
 and the exact representation of his being,
 sustaining all things by his powerful word.
After he had provided purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand
of the Majesty in heaven.

COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Higgins

“OF FIRST IMPORTANCE”

Death Is Ended! A Look at 1 Corinthians 15

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed—found below

We believe in one 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
for us 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 with glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son*,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since we cannot gather for Holy Communion, we join in an act of *spiritual communion*, trusting in our Lord's blessings & love in this present crisis.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
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.

Hymn I Know That My Redeemer Lives — found on page 8

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D G D E A D

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy this
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to sil - ence all my fears; he lives to
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to

G D Em D A D A D

blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry

G Em A D G D Em D/A A7 D

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ing to im - part.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

- 5 He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 6 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

7 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blessed assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Words: Samuel Medley (1738-1799), alt., P.D.
 Music (DUKE STREET 8.8.8.8): John Hatton (1710-1793), 1793, P.D.

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: God the Father, by whose glory Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude Holy Holy Holy — John B. Dykes arr. by Jerry Ray

WORSHIP ARTISTS

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We Appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499 and CCS #11071.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO, ORGAN
JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

Trinity Church Announcements CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

TODAY

Easter Season. The Easter Season, the most festive of all the seasons of the church year, lasts for fifty days, beginning on Easter Day and continuing through the Day of Pentecost (this year on May 31). The first week of the Easter Season is known as Easter Week, a seven-day intensive feast celebrating the resurrection of Jesus!

Prayer Focus for Easter through Trinity Sunday. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we pray for new life in our hearts, in the church, and around the world..

- for the church to flourish in nations where there are very few followers of Jesus—and for those taking the gospel to those peoples;
- for ministries of church planting & growth—especially for our Presbytery, the Redeemer Network, and Resurrection Brooklyn;
- For the members of the Armed Forces, including those from our church and especially those serving far from home, and for military chaplains, especially Chaplain Tim Fary, his family, & his ministry as an Army chaplain Ft. Benning; and
- For Trinity Church to growth, thrive, & flourish; pray especially for God's blessings on our pastors & their families, for our building project, & for all our ministries.

The Easter Sacrificial Offering is received each year during the Easter season, with the money going to the church's ministry to those facing need. Please give generously, as many are hurting and we expect for increasing calls for help to our Mercy Team. See instructions below on giving. For the ESO, choose "Mercy Fund" for your designation

COVID-19 Support - On our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com, you will find a link labeled "COVID-19 Update" which is a letter from our pastors encouraging us all to be there for one another, and to assist you in doing so that we might BE the church God intends us to be. There are links to forms to Give Help (volunteer) and Get Help (specify a need). Please visit this "COVID-19 Update" link so you can become familiar with it and participate.

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE

April 19. 1 Corinthians 15.9-19. "Death Is Ended!" Pastor Higgins preaching

April 26. 1 Cor 15.20-28. "The Firstborn of a New Humanity." Pastor Higgins preaching

May 3. 1 Cor 15.29-34. "The Practical Resurrection." Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS

Evening "Compline Online" Prayer Sessions. Pastor Mark Swanson will be hosting a brief prayer session for the congregation on Facebook as a means of staying connected. It will be on **Monday, Wednesday, & Friday evenings at 8 pm.** Login to Facebook and head to the *Trinity Presbyterian Church NY* Facebook page to participate. Reminders of these meetings will be posted to the church Facebook page and church calendar.

Pastoral Care. If you would like to meet with a pastor, feel free to call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or by using the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded to them.

Community Groups Meeting via Video-Conferencing. Our Community Group leaders are using Zoom to conduct their weekly community group meetings via video and it is going well. If you are not yet in a community group but would like to join one, contact us via our church website contact form, or email SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc to find out more.

Prayer Team Support. Our Prayer Team is always available to support you - especially during this trying period. It helps to know that you have brothers and sisters praying for you. You can submit a prayer request directly by email to Linda at TrinityRyePrayer@trinitychurch.cc, or, through the church website Contact Form (posted above).

Giving Offering Online. We encourage you if you can to give online through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. During this time of restrictions due to COVID-19 we still have ongoing expenses. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges.

- **DUE to the increasing spread of the virus, our administrator requests** that if you are mailing in a check, that you would now mail them to an *alternate office* instead (a temporary measure). The address is specified in the newsletter. Thank you. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact Lisa Fick at administrator@trinitychurch.cc, or use the website contact form.

Connecting via Social Media. If you are on Facebook and haven't yet done so, explore our church "Trinity Presbyterian Church NY" Facebook page. In addition, Brett Liedtke from our Care Team has created a "Trinity People Staying In Touch" Facebook *group* that we invite everyone to join. The purpose of the group is to allow people to get in touch with one another and with the Care Team should they have any needs or prayer requests. To join the group, email her at breliedtke@hotmail.com requesting an invite. Once you receive an emailed invitation in reply, login to your Facebook account and then go back to the emailed invitation and click on "Join Group" to join the "Trinity People Staying in Touch" group page. As well we have our "TrinityChurchNY" Instagram account. **Links to our Facebook and Instagram are always included at the bottom of every newsletter.**

Regular Weekly Newsletters. The main way we will be in touch with everyone in the congregation is through the weekly newsletter. Sometimes you will receive more than one a week. It is important to stay informed. If anyone needs to be added, use the [church website Contact Form](#). (A link to the church website is always at the bottom of the newsletter and in our mobile app.)

Using video-conferencing for Church Meetings. We have adjusted well to holding staff and leadership meeting via Zoom video session. Reminder - If you are part of those meetings please remain alert to meeting requests by monitoring your email regularly.

Annual Congregational Meeting. In keeping with our church bylaws, May 17 is the latest date ordinarily allowed for our Annual Congregational Meeting. However, due to the current situation, it may be necessary either to meet online or postpone the meeting later. We will keep you posted. This is the meeting at which the congregation elects church leaders (elders, deacons, & trustees).