

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

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The Second Sunday of Easter

Yeah, Christians make a big deal out of Easter. That's because in a very dark world, that's where the light is.

— Steve Brown
Key Life newsletter, April 2017

Call to Worship/ Easter Acclamation

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

If desired, you can make some noise during every Sunday of Easter!

PRAISE

Hymn **Thine be the Glory** — music below

Edmond Budry, 1884

George Frederick Handel, 1747



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, 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 us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the 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, where thy bod - y
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth, death hath lost its
thru thy death-less love: bring us safe thru Jor - dan to thy home a -



lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
sing.
bove.



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Prayer of Adoration (concluded by the *Gloria in excelsis*, in unison)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life, making us a part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, failing to love our brothers and sisters in Christ as you have loved us, and failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us, and free us from our sin. Remind us of the promises made to us in Holy Baptism so that we may be raised to new life and live in unity and love as brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
[Ephesians 2:13 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements are found on pages 8-10

Hymn **Mighty to Save** — lyrics below

Verse 1

**Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations**

Chorus

**Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

Verse 2

**So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender**

Bridge

**Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King Jesus (2x)**

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COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

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. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of

them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Higgins

“DEATH IS ENDED!”

Death Is Ended! A Look at 1 Corinthians 15

Confession of Faith (unison)

201 Affirmation: Jesus, Our Hope

Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.
In his death,
the justice of God is established;
forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.
On the day of the resurrection,
the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him;
death was defeated; new life had come.
God's purpose for the world was sealed.

Our ascended Lord gives hope for two ages.
In the age to come, Christ is the judge,
rejecting unrighteousness,
isolating God's enemies to hell,
blessing the new creation in Christ.
In this age, the Holy Spirit is with us,
calling nations to follow God's path,
uniting people through Christ in love.

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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 Because He Lives — music and lyrics on pages 6 & 7

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Because He Lives

God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus; he came to love,
 heal, and for - give. He lived and died to buy my
 par-don, an emp-ty grave is there to prove my Sav-ior lives.

Refrain
 Be-cause he lives I can face to - mor-row, be-cause he lives
 all fear is gone, be-cause I know he holds the

Chords: A^b, A7, D^b, A^b, B^bm, E^b7, A^b, A^b7, D^b, A^b/E^b, E^b7, A^b, E^b, A^b, B^bm, E^b, A^b, A^b7

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fu - ture, and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

Verse 2

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance:
this child can face uncertain days because
he lives.**

Refrain

Verse 3

**And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he
lives.**

Refrain

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 Crown Him with Many Crowns — George J. Elvey (Arr. 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.

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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 grow, 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 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.

Two Steps in Prayer for the Trinity Church Vision Campaign

1. Prayer for God's timing as to when we might be released from our pause in the Vision Campaign and how we might resume it.
2. The offices will be closed, but we do encourage individual families to prayer walk the property, while maintaining proper social-distancing practices, during our pause. Please contact Pastor Mark at markswanson@trinitychurch.cc, if you are interested or have any questions.

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE

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

May 10. 1 Corinthians 15:35-49. "The Last Adam." 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.

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 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. We also 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 meetings via Zoom video sessions. 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).