

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

April 26th, 2020 - 10 a.m.
The Third Sunday of Easter

Day to day we ache
With the pain that plagues creation
Night to night we lie awake
And await its restoration

— Mark Heard (1951-1992)

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 **Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord** — music on page 2

Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord

Descant

(Lord!)
(deemed.)
(free.)

1 Lift up your hearts un - to the Lord,
2 In Christ the world has been re-deemed.
3 His res - ur - rec - tion sets us free.

Cm Gm Cm Gm Cm

1 Lift up your hearts un - to the Lord,
2 In Christ the world has been re-deemed,
3 His res - ur - rec - tion sets us free,

lift up your
in Christ the
his res - ur -

Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;
Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;

E♭ A♭ G7 Cm Gm A♭ E♭

hearts un - to the Lord.
world has been re-deemed.
rec - tion sets us free.

Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;
Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;
Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;

Last time

lift up your hearts un - to the Lord!
in Christ the world has been re - deemed.
his res - ur - rec - tion sets us free.

Fm Gm Cm Gm Cm

lift up your hearts un - to the Lord!
in Christ the world has been re-deemed.
his res - ur - rec - tion sets us free.

4 Therefore we celebrate the feast . . .
5 Sing alleluia to the Lord . . .
Add additional stanzas as desired.

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 Erfreuen — arr. by David August

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)

Most loving Father, who wants us to give thanks in all things, to dread nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you, for you care for us: Forgive us for our faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested unto us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— adapted from the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*

Private Confession

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 8-10

Hymn **The Day of Resurrection** — music on page 5

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!

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 world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

WORDS: John of Damascus, 8th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866)
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

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COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to

be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.
[NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Higgins

“THE FIRSTBORN OF A NEW HUMANITY”
Death Is Ended! A Look at 1 Corinthians 15

Confession of Faith (responsible)

263 Affirmation: Joining The Mission of God

Joining the mission of God,
the church is sent
with the gospel of the kingdom
**to call everyone to know
and follow Christ
and to proclaim that in the name of Jesus
there is forgiveness of sin
and new life for all
who repent and believe.**

The Spirit calls all members
**to embrace God’s mission
in their neighborhoods
and in the world:**
to feed the hungry,
bring water to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger,
clothe the naked,
care for the sick,

and free the prisoner.
**We repent of leaving this work to a few,
for this mission is central to our being.**

In a world estranged from God,
where happiness and peace
are offered in many names
and millions face confusing choices,
**we witness—
with respect for followers
of other ways—
to the only one
in whose name salvation is found:
Jesus Christ.
In Jesus, God reconciles
the world to himself.
God loves all creation;
his compassion knows no bounds.**

Text: from stanzas 41, 42, *Our World Belongs to God*

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 Cornerstone — lyrics below

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)**

Chorus

**Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

Verse 2

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne**

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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 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms — Arr. David August

WORSHIP ARTISTS

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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.

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE

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

May 17. 1 Corinthians 15:50-59. "Death Is Swallowed Up in Victory!"

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).

May is Military Appreciation Month. During the coming month, please give thanks & pray for the service of the men and women in our Armed Forces, particularly those serving away from home—and especially for those serving in the fight against this global pandemic.

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).

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.