

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

April 11th, 2021 - 10 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

Do not make an excuse that you have not opportunities to do anything for the glory of God, for the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the spiritual benefit of your neighbors. If your heart is full of love, it will find vent; you will find or make ways enough to express your love in deeds. When a fountain abounds in water it will send forth streams.

— Jonathan Edwards "Charity and its Fruits"

Call to Worship / Easter Acclamation

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

PRAISE

Hymn **The Strife is O'er the Battle Done** — please join in singing below

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "The Strife is O'er the Battle Done". It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" followed by three verses: "1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -", "2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their", "3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; he ris - es", "ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph", "le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly", "glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry to our".

D G D Bm F#m D A D *Fine*

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D G A D

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Bm D A D G

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has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head. Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
 the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
 Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
 from death's dread sting thy servants free,
 that we may live and sing to thee.
 Alleluia!

Words: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Cologne, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1861, P.D.
 Music (VICTORY 4.4.4.8.8.8.4): Giovanni da Palestrina, 1591; adapt. and arr. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

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

Our heavenly Father, we confess our failures to live fully as baptized Christians. We fail to love and obey you as we should, and we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to proclaim the good news to the world, and we fail to live in love and unity with our brothers and sisters. For the sake of your Son, empower us by your Spirit to live as members of Christ's Body and to bear faithful witness to the family Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

[Colossians 2:13-14 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn **Now the Green Blade Rises** — please join in singing below

Unison Fm B^b/F Fm B^b Fm/C C Fm

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by hat - red slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he ——— that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your ——— touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

"RESURRECTION POWER"

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

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.

**and the Son was not originally part of this creed*

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 Love to Tell the Story — please join in singing

G C G

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

D7 G D

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

D7 G Em B

I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

C G D7 G

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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 Rejoice, the Lord is King — Darwall/Sprunger

WORSHIP ARTISTS

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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 in 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 at Fort Benning;
- 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; and
- for a swift end to the global pandemic.

The Easter Sacrificial Offering is received each year during the Easter season, with the money going to the church's ministry to the physically & spiritually needy. Please give generously!

New Adult Education Class. Starting this coming Tuesday evening, April 13, Pastor Higgins is teaching a class (on Zoom) entitled "Living Apologetics: How to Defend the Christian Faith Without Being a Jerk." We will discuss the objections people raise against the Christian faith, the importance of patient listening to our neighbors, and the apologetics of love, unity, & justice. The class will meet most Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00. Questions? contact Pastor Higgins if you have questions.

COMING UP

SERMON/HOMILY SCHEDULE (*subject to change as we deal with the pandemic*)

NOTE: Briefer homilies will be given at the in-person services. For the full sermon on the same text, visit the audio & video recordings on the webpage.

April 18. New series begins. "Resurrection Life: Lessons from Romans 8." Rom 8.1-4. "Resurrection Life." Pastor Higgins preaching

April 25. Romans 8:5-11. "Life & Peace." Pastor Higgins preaching

May 2. Romans 8:12-17. "Beloved Sons & Daughters." Pastor Magneson preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Annual Congregational Meeting. In keeping with our church bylaws, April 18 is the date set for our Annual Congregational Meeting. However, due to the pandemic this may be delayed or moved online. Please pay attention to the newsletter for more information.

Regular members and attenders. Our Elders and Deacons are planning to make another round of calls to the congregation, just to check in with you all and to hear how you and your families are doing. Once you receive a call or email, please respond as soon as possible so that we can have conversations with everyone sometime over the next few weeks. If you did not receive a call by the end of the first week of April, please contact Pastor Mark Swanson. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

Healing Prayer—Now In-Person. Anyone wishing to pray for healing (physical, spiritual, emotional) for themselves, for loved one, and (especially now!) for the world, is invited to join Pastor Higgins for a brief liturgy of healing prayer. The service is scheduled to be held immediately after the in-person worship service. For the time being, we will maintain appropriate physical distancing and there will be no anointing with oil. For more information, speak with Pastor Higgins.

Next Healing Prayer Service: April 18.

Ways to Give:

- **We encourage giving online** through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. 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. **If giving by check, mail it to the church office at 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577.**

- **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).

Ways to Connect:

- **Website:** www.TrinityChurchNY.com
- **SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY, **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch, **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Community Groups:** via video-conferencing. To join one, use our website Contact Form.
- **Prayer Team Support:** You can submit a prayer request using our mobile app or contact form on our website. Our Prayer Team would be pleased to pray for you.
- **Pastoral Care:** Call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or use the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.