

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

April 25th, 2021 - 10 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The truth shall make you odd.

— Flannery O'Connor

Call to Worship / Easter Acclamation

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

PRAISE

Hymn **The Day of Resurrection** — please join in singing below

298 The Day of Resurrection!

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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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 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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us; spare us who confess our faults, restore us who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto humanity in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and disciplined lives, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. [Titus 3:5-7 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn Holy Spirit Living Breath of God — please join in singing below

746 Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

E^b A^b E^b/G B^b

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may your
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

A^b B^b7 E^b2 A^bmaj9

life in - to my will - ing soul.
 joy be seen in all I do.
 life to all that God has made,

E^b A^b E^b/G B^b

Bring the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord to re -
 Love e - nough to cov - er ev - ery sin, in each
 show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your

A^b B^b7 A^b/E^b E^b

new my heart and make me whole.
 thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
 church to hun - ger for your ways.

A^b E^b2/G A^b B^b7sus B^b7

Cause your Word to come a - live in me;
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
 Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise;

A^bmaj7 E^b2 Fm7 B^b7susB^b7 A^b

give me faith for what I can - not see; give me pas - sion for your
 gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
 lead us on the road of sa - cri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

E^b B^b A^b A^b2/C

pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in
 works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I
 face of Christ may be clear for all the world to

E^b2 A^bmaj9 E^b2 Final ending

me.
 do.
 see.

COMMITMENT

Prayers of the People

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:5-11

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. [NIV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Higgins

"LIFE & PEACE"

Resurrection Life: Lessons from Romans 8

Confession of Faith: "Our World Belongs to God," §25¹

**Standing in our place,
Jesus suffered during his years on earth,
especially in the tortures of the cross.
He carried God's judgment on our sin—
his sacrifice removed our guilt.
God raised him from the dead:
he walked out of the grave,
conqueror of sin and death—
Lord of Life!
We are set right with God,
given new life,
and called to walk with him
in freedom from sin's dominion.**

¹ A statement of faith adopted in 1986 (and revised in 2008) by the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

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 There's A Wideness In God's Mercy — please join in singing below

689 **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with notes and a bass clef staff with notes. Chords D, A/C#, Bm, and G are indicated above the treble staff. The second system also has a treble clef staff with notes and a bass clef staff with notes. Chords D, A/C#, Bm, and F#m are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staves.

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 Make our love, O God, more faith-ful, let us take you at your word,
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment
 and our lives will be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the
 given.
 Lord.

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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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — arr. by Tammy Lum

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

DAVID AUGUST - PIANO, GUITAR

JULIE AUGUST - CELLO

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!

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!

Healing Prayer. 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: **June 6**

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.

New Sunday Service Guidelines. As more and more people are becoming vaccinated, we are excited to announce that we are finally able to loosen up our safety protocols that we have had in place since last year. Regarding indoor and outdoor services on Sunday, please note the following guidelines:

1. We are maintaining RSVP sign ups and that the guidelines provided in the instructions remain in place until further notice.
2. *Outdoor services* will require masks as people enter and exit the property. We are still requiring safe distance measures when congregants are seated or interacting with each other. However, once seated, anyone may remove their masks and fully participate in the service, including singing. Feel free to leave your mask on, if that makes you feel more comfortable.

3. *Indoor services* will require masks throughout the event and congregational singing is encouraged, but we ask that the volume at which we sing be kept to an approximate level of one's speaking voice. In other words, sing with your heart, but remain mindful of your volume! This is because we recognize that the WCWP isn't well ventilated or equipped with the latest HVAC equipment.

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.

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

May 9. Romans 8:18-27. "Standing on Tiptoe." Pastor Higgins preaching

May 16. Ascension Sunday. Romans 8:28-30. "In All Things." Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Annual Congregational Meeting. In keeping with our church bylaws, May 16 is the new date set for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be held—outside, weather permitting—following the in-person service that Sunday. So it will be May 16 starting at 11 a.m. The only items of business at this brief meeting will be the election of elders, deacons, and trustees. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Higgins.

Baptisms & Receptions of New Members are scheduled regularly monthly. If you like to be baptized, join Trinity Church as an official member, have your child baptized—or if you have any questions—please speak with one of our pastors or with Jim Courtney, one of our elders.

- Upcoming Dates: June 20, July 28, August 15

Children's Church. We are excited to announce that starting May 2nd Children's Church will begin meeting outdoors during the 10 a.m. in-person service. The format will be a large, all-ages (5 years old through 3rd grade) class with lessons, games, and various lesson application activities. Social distancing will be practiced to insure safety for children as well as volunteers and teachers. We hope to see you all there!

The Trinity Kid's Book Club is very excited to be celebrating their one year anniversary in May! Thank you so much to all the kids and adults who participated this past year!

- Up next we are starting a new book series, *The Wingfeather Saga* by Andrew Peterson. If you love fantastical adventures filled with mystery, joy, tears, and laughter, join us on Wednesdays at 4pm via Zoom starting May 5th!

New Adult Education Class. Tuesday evenings, Pastor Higgins is teaching a class (on Zoom) entitled "Living Apologetics: How to Defend the Christian Faith Without Being a Jerk." We 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 meets most Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00. Questions? contact Pastor Higgins if you have questions.

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.