

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

May 16th, 2021 - 10 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: ASCENSION SUNDAY

...whatever God does is done in Love, and therefore all shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be very well.

— Dame Julian of Norwich (d. c. 1417)
Revelations of Divine Love

Call to Worship / Easter Acclamation

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

PRAISE

Hymn **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** — please join in singing below

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall.
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

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Prayer of Adoration (the *Te Deum laudamus*¹, prayed 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:
 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 acclaim 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.**

¹ A 5th century Christian prayer of praise.

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

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and we have not acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have conformed to the ways of the world, and we have failed to give Christ glory. Forgive us, we pray, and by your Spirit empower us to live as your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who rules over all things and who is head of his body, the church. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest [Jesus] had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. [Hebrews 10:11-14 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Testimony

Hymn A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing — please join in singing below

Unison D Asus A D

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through -
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the
 3 O Lord, our home-ward path-way bend that our un -
 4 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to

Asus A D G A D Em7 (A)

out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ,
 Mount of Ol - ives stands, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and
 wea - ried hearts as - cend, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! where,
 you let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You

D Asus A D Asus A

by a road be-fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 with his faith - ful fol - lowers see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 seat - ed on your Fa - ther's throne, you reign as King of kings a - lone.
 are, while end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.

Refrain Bm A D Em7 A C#m7(b5) D Asus A D

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

For an alternate arrangement see 317, 551, 847

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COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:28-30 (read by Ann Higgins)

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. [NIV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Higgins

"IN ALL THINGS"

Resurrection Life: Lessons from Romans 8

Confession: Nicene Creed (unison)

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

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 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise — please join in singing below

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1:

Chords: F, Dm, F/A, Gm/Bb, C, F/A, C7/G, F, Bb/D, F/C, Gm7/Bb, C, F

Lyrics:
 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There for him high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 See! he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

System 2:

Chords: Dm, F/A, Gm/Bb, C, F/A, C7/G, F, Bb/D, F/C, Gm7/Bb, C, F

Lyrics:
 to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ F C F $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{G7}{D}$ C $\frac{F}{C}$ C
 Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 he has con- quered death and sin. Al - le - lu - ia!
 though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 F $\frac{F}{A}$ F Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F B \flat $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{Gm7}{B\flat}$ C F
 en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 MUSIC: Robert Williams (1781-1821); arr. John Roberts (1822-1877)

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 7.7.7.7. Alleluias

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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name For 4 Hands Piano Duet — Holden/Sprunger

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!

- **Ascension Sunday & Pentecost.** This past Thursday, May 13, was one of the principal festivals of the year, Ascension Day, which always falls on a Thursday because Jesus ascended to heaven forty days after he was raised from the dead. We are celebrating the ascension of Jesus today. And next Sunday is one of the three major feasts—the Day of Pentecost!
- **Thy Kingdom Come.** From Ascension Day through the Day of Pentecost (May 23), we encourage you specifically to pray for the mission of the church around the world. Here is a prayer: “Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: Inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

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!

Week of Prayer. The pastors are asking *everyone* to join us this week in praying for our Building Project and our Vision Campaign—and we are asking everyone to pray every day, both morning and evening. What to pray for? It’s simple:

1. Pray that the Lord would provide everything we need—finances, leadership, etc.—so that Trinity Church can have a PERMANENT HOME. This is especially important as the pandemic forced us to delay and now construction costs, etc., have increased.
2. Pray for the leaders of the church as we make decisions; pray that we will be visionary and wise, courageous and faithful.
3. Pray for what pledge YOU can make to this effort. On May 23, we’ll be asking people either to renew/extend their Vision Campaign pledges or to make new ones! Ask, “Father, what is my role in the vision of Trinity Church?”

Annual Congregational Meeting—TODAY. In keeping with our church bylaws, today is the date set for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be held following the in-person service. The only item of business at this brief meeting will be the election of The Board of Trustees. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Higgins.

Nursery is now being provided at the in-person services! If you would like to be a part of the volunteer rotation, please contact Chloe Nevill, chloenevill@trinitychurch.cc.

Children's Church. Children's Church meets outdoors during the 10 a.m. in-person service. The format is a large, all-ages (5 years old through 3rd grade) class with lessons, games, and various lesson application activities. Social distancing is practiced to insure safety for children as well as volunteers and teachers.

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.

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; **(NOTE: May is Military Appreciation Month)**;
- 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.

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE

May 23. The Day of Pentecost. Romans 8:31-29. "More Than Conquerors." Pastor Higgins preaching

May 30. Trinity Sunday. New series begins: "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: The Psalms of Ascents." Psalm 120. "The Way of Repentance" Pastor Higgins preaching

June 6. Psalm 121. "The Way of Providence." Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

May is a Pledge Drive month for our Building Campaign. As our Vision Campaign Committee confirms the existing pledges over the next few weeks (made before the Pandemic forced us to put the Building Campaign on hold), we are now at the cusp of trying to close as much of our funding gap as we can before the summer months. So, throughout the month of May we will have several *testimonials* at our recorded and in-person services, and also plan to have a *prayer walk* at the church property following the congregational meeting on the 16th at noon. At the prayer walk, we hope to ask the Lord how He might wish us to use the property one day as a way of blessing our community. We especially hope that those of you who are newer to the church would be able to make it that day! Please RSVP with pastor Mark Swanson so we can anticipate how much food to provide for lunch. Children are welcome to attend!

Recorded Sermons to Continue. While we are thankful to have been able to provide full recorded services for the past year, **beginning May 30**--Memorial Day weekend & the launch of the summer preaching series—we will **only be providing recordings (audio and video) of the sermons**, along with a couple of hymns or worship songs, rather than the full liturgy. As more and more people are vaccinated, we invite you to join us for worship *in-person*! If you have any questions, please speak with one of the pastors.

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

- We are currently in 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!

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

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

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.