



He is risen!

April 20, 2025
Trinity Church

Resurrection Sunday

(Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service, but if your family needs a break from the sanctuary or wants to move around, our family overflow room with toys is available in room 111. We also have an area for nursing moms in room 106 by the back entrance.)

Devotional Preparation

The Gospel: Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection by Ray Ortland
(lignonier.org)

In one sense, the whole Bible is the gospel. Reading it from Genesis to Revelation, we see the vast sweep of God's wonderful message to mankind.

But many people read the whole Bible, and their understandings of the gospel differ widely, remain vague, or are just plain wrong. Some speak of the gospel in terms of God's favor pouring out in financial prosperity. Others describe a political utopia in Christ's name. Still others emphasize following Christ, bringing in His kingdom, or pursuing holiness. Some of these themes are biblical. But none of them is the gospel.

Fortunately, we can turn to passages that tell us, explicitly and clearly, what the gospel is. For example, the Apostle Paul explains what is "of first importance" within the biblical message:

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. (1 Cor. 15:1-4)

Paul reminds the Corinthian believers of the gospel message and its comprehensive relevance to them. They received it, they stand in it, they are being saved by it. These sacred and powerful benefits flow into their experience as they hold fast to the gospel word that Paul gave them. The Corinthians do not deserve such blessing, but the gospel announces God's grace in Christ for the undeserving. The Corinthians' only catastrophic failure would be unbelief. With so much to commend about the gospel, no wonder Paul ranks it as "of first importance" in his priorities.

What, then, is the gospel?

1. Christ died for our sins.

The gospel is the good news from God, first, that “Christ died for our sins.” The Bible says that God created Adam without sin, fit to rule over a good creation (Gen. 1). Then Adam broke from God and brought our whole race down with him into guilt, misery, and eternal ruin (chap. 3). But God, in His great love for us rebels now thoroughly unfit for Him, sent a better Adam, who lived the perfect life we’ve never lived and died the guilty death we don’t want to die. “Christ died for our sins” in the sense that, on the cross, He atoned for the crimes we have committed against God our King. Jesus, dying as our substitute, absorbed into Himself all the wrath of God against the real moral guilt of His people. He left no debt unpaid. He Himself said, “It is finished” (John 19:30). And we will forever say, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!” (Rev. 5:12).

2. Christ was buried.

Second, the gospel says, “he was buried,” emphasizing that the sufferings and death of Jesus were utterly real, extreme, and final. The Bible says, “So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard” (Matt. 27:66). After killing Him, His enemies made sure everyone would know Jesus was stone dead. Not only was our Lord’s death as final as death can be, it was also humiliating: “And they made his grave with the wicked” (Isa. 53:9). In His astonishing love, Jesus identified with us sinners and sufferers fully, omitting nothing.

3. Christ was raised on the third day.

Third, the gospel says, “he was raised on the third day.” Years ago, I heard S. Lewis Johnson put it this way: the resurrection is God’s “Amen!” to Christ’s “It is finished.” Jesus “was raised because of our justification” (Rom. 4:25 NASB). His work on the cross succeeded in atoning for our sins, and obviously so. Moreover, by His resurrection, Christ was “declared to be the Son of God in power”—that is, our triumphant Messiah who will rule forever (Rom. 1:4). The risen Christ alone can and does say to us, “Fear not, for I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades” (Rev. 1:17-18). The Living One conquered death and is now preparing a place for us—a new heavens and new earth, where all of His people will live joyously with Him forever.

This is the gospel of God’s massive grace toward us sinners. Whatever else might be said only tells us more of the mighty work of Jesus Christ. Let us hold fast to the Word preached to us. If we believe this gospel, we cannot believe in vain.

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF ABIDING HOPE

Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (Choir)

An Easter Celebration/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Craig Courtney | Trinity Hymnal #277

(please join in singing when directed)

"Death died when Christ rose!" Anon.

Call to Worship—Matthew 28; Isaiah 48; Acts 2

Leader: Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Let all the earth proclaim the joy!

People: Let all the heavens show forth in praise!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration *Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning)*

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

1 See, what a mor - ning, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
 2 See Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where is He laid?" As in
 3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the

3 dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave clothes,
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb; Hears a voice speak - ing,
 Spi - rit who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty, hon - our and bless - ing,

6 tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce Christ is ris - en!
 call - ing her name; It's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!

9 See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in
 The voice that spans the years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing
 And we are raised with Him, Death is dead, love has won, Christ has

12 sa - cri - fice, full - filled in Christ, the Man, for He
 peace to us, will sound till He ap - pears, for He
 con - quered; And we shall reign with Him, for He

15 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Chords: D, A/D, G, D/F#, A, Bm, G, D/F#, G, D/A, A, D, A/D, G, D, A/C#, Bm, G, D/F#, G, D/A, A, A7/G, D/F#, A/G, G, D/F#, G, D/F#, G, D/A, A, A/G, D/F#, G, D/F#, D, D/A, A, D, A/D, G/D, G, A, D

Christus Victor (Amen)

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Bryan Fowler. Arr. by Daniel Galbraith

F Cm⁷ Gm⁷ Bbadd9

1. O Most High, King of the a - ges, Great I AM, God of won - ders;
 2. O Most High, dwell-ing a - mong us; Son of man, sent for sin - ners.
 3. O Most High, King of the na - tions; robed in praise, crowned with splen - dor.

F *[v.3]* Cm⁷ Gm⁷ Bbadd9

by the blood You have re-deemed us, led us through might - y wat - ers. Our
 By Your blood You have re-deemed us; spot-less Lamb, might - y Sa - vior who
 On that day, who will not trem - ble? When You stand, Christ the Vic - tor who

Gm⁷ F/A Bb Bb/D C/E **Chorus** F Bb/F F C/E

strength, our song, our sure sal - va - tion:
 lived, who died, who rose vic - to - rious: } Now to the Lamb up-on the throne
 was, and is and is for - ev - er:

Dm⁷ Dm⁷ F/A Bbadd9

Be bless - ing, ho - nor, glo - ry, po - wer for the bat - tle You have won Hal - le -

lu - jah! A - men.

2.3. Bb/D C/E F Bb/F F C/E Dm7

lu jah! With ev - ery tribe and ev - ry tongue, we join the an - them of the

Dm7 F/A Bbadd9 Bb/D C/E 1. F Cm7

an - gels in the tri - umph of the Son. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

D.C. 2. Gm7 Bbadd9 [to v.3] F A - men, Dm7 Am7 Bb Gm7 C^{sus}C Bb/D C/E

men. a - men, a - men.

To Repeat Last Time

F C Dm7 Am7 Bb Gm7 C^{sus}C Bb/D C⁷/E Bb Gm7 C^{sus}C⁷ F

a - men, a - men, a - men. a - men.

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name
Trinity Hymnal #296

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Call to Resurrection Faithfulness—John 20:19-29

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

"The resurrection of Christ is something to shout about! It is an explosive event whose fall-out affects the whole human race." Douglas Webster

Passing of the Peace

Leader: People of God, rejoice and give thanks to God for making us alive in Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. Arr. by Dan Kreider

1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by

4 dawn - ing of Son the King. He the theme of hea - vens
per - fect u - pon the of the Man. In His li - stead - ving, in His
death the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

7 prai - ses, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Ne - ver trace lamb nor stain - of - sin. See the
sin - ners, hangs the Lord; He is vic - tor - y. See the
strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a

10 long - ing in our dark - ness, Now the
true and of bet - ter re - dem - tion. come see the
price of taste our of de - li - verence. How the
fore - taste of our re - de - mption. How the

12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
save thes - hell - bound man. Christ, great and sure ful -
Fa - ver - ing our fold! Bring - ing in po - ny sons to -
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ po - wër re - sur -

15 scen - ded took on flesh to in ran - som us.
fill - ment of grace law; in Him we stand.
glo - ry un - mea - be - loved he told.
rec - ted as we will be, when he comes.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

Children ages 3 (by July 31) through 1st grade are dismissed for Children's Church to Room 106B

If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Offertory Song (Choir)

Christ Is Risen, He's Risen Indeed

Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham. Arr. by Ed Kerr

Sermon

"Hope"

1 Corinthians 15

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

G D G A D/F#

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G

light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D A7sus D

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

*Benediction

*If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,
 please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

A Post Resurrection Day Prayer (Rev. Dr. Scotty Smith)

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:25-27 (ESV)

They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" Luke 24:32 (ESV)

Lord Jesus, of all your post-resurrection appearances (1 Cor. 15:3-7), my favorite is the visit you give to these forlorn friends on the road to Emmaus. I have much in common with them (Luke 24:13-35), for I too can be "foolish and slow of heart." Thank you for your tenacious tenderness, limitless patience, and steadfast love.

Keep doing for me what you did for our Emmaus Road brothers. Help me to see you everywhere in the Scriptures, for you are the main point and primary hero in the entire Bible. You're our Substitute to trust long before you're our example to follow. You lived in our place and you died in our place, and rose victorious for our justification. Hallelujah!

May Moses's words—especially the Law, constantly drive me to you. For you've fulfilled the demands of the law for us, and are now fulfilling the beauty of the law in us. We could sooner sneeze the sun into existence than we could earn our salvation by our works. Keep me free from every form of performance-based spirituality, Lord.

And, Jesus, keep convincing me that you are the resounding "Yes!" to every promise God has made through the prophets—not just with respect to your cross, but also to your crown (2 Cor. 1:20). Having risen from the dead, you are now making all things new. You are sovereign over every molecule and moment, every person and place. Faith, not fear, is the order of this day, and every day.

Jesus, give me an incurable case of "redemptive heartburn," like that which you ignited in the hearts of our Emmaus brothers. Keep showing me more of your glory and grace, that I might give you the adoration and allegiance of which you alone are worthy. So very Amen I pray, in your loving and transforming name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes do not meet today.

Visitors: If you are visiting with us today we would love to give you a small gift. Please stop by the Welcome Table so we can say "hello."

Easter Egg Hunt: Following the worship service, nursery children - 5th gr. are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt (location TBA-depending on weather). Jr & Sr. High, see Katherine Hickman for an Easter treat.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. CC: Oehlerking, Polski, Hawley.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Petty, Ridenhour, Schmidts. SS: Broughton. CC: Waldrons, Rosales, Goldstein.

Our ladies **Wednesday morning (9 am) and evening (6:15 pm) Bible study** will resume on April 23rd at Trinity. We'll be reading Jen Wilkin's book, *Women of the Word* and will discuss chapter one on the 23rd.

Kingdom Prayer meets next on Apr. 27 at 4:30pm for a time of guided prayer, asking God to bring renewal to St. Louis.

Trinity is hosting a **blood drive with Red Cross** on May14th from 2-6pm. **Registration is now open** via the QR code to the right or Church Center. We are in **need of a few volunteers** to help with registration and to pass out snacks. Please use the QR code or go to Church Center to volunteer.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Apr. 26, 8-9:30am.

Sunday Snacks: More snack volunteers needed! Please try and keep the snacks nut free. Sign up using the QR code on the snack table or see Mary Rosales.

Ladies Connect: THIS Tues., Apr. 22 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

Want to **know more about serving on the Mission Committees?** Join us for lunch following SS on Apr. 27th. Please use the QR code to let us know you are coming.

Men's Bible study: Meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed. (6:15pm) or Fri. (6:30am) of the month.

The **Grounds Crew could use your help.** Schedule is flexible. See Glynn Schlitt if you are able to help.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved:

Ushers: Paul Schaffer:

Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org,

Greeters: James Broughton (James.

Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocher

(Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link:](#)



EASTER FLOWERS

The **flowers that are in the sanctuary today are available to take home after the 9:30 service.** We love celebrating Resurrection Sunday with live flowers and are happy that they will go home to your gardens. Hooks for the hanging baskets can be found under the plants. Donations to help cover the cost of the flowers are much appreciated. There is a basket in the church office or you can use the QR code:



MISSION UPDATE

ALL the links mentioned below can be found using this QR code:



Prayers: Scan the QR link for the **April** 2025 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar.

Goers:

- **Forai** is a ministry to Refugee and Immigrant women in the St. Louis area. Their mission is to share to gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, while walking with them and teaching them the skills to create their own business. Learn about other opportunities by following the link in the QR code.
- **Restore St. Louis Workday** – 18 volunteers joined together to help elderly and widows with yard work. Please see the quick slide show on our Missions Wall. **Our next Restore workday will be on May 10th. Registration for this is now open-use the QR code above.**

Senders:

- **Robinson Food Pantry** — All of your donations went to the Robinson Food Pantry this month. There is one more left for the school year. Donation list will be posted here in the coming weeks.
- **Offerings** — The work of missions is not possible without *Senders*. Those who God has called and equipped to resource the works he has prepared beforehand. If our Lord has laid it on your heart to be a sender, you may present offerings for the work of Missions through the QR code above.

Welcomers:

- **Snacks!** Believe it or not, snacks are a part of our weekly ministry. A few calories, fat, carbs, protein, and natural sugar, are necessary fuel for the body. Sadly, around 10:45am every Sunday, those energy stores are depleted and need a quick replenishment (especially for those little ones). Help prevent “hanger” through hospitality by participating in this ministry. **Link to snack list via QR code above.**

Mobilizers:

Mission Committees Informational – On April 27th, following the Sunday School hour, please join us in the Narthex for an informational meeting. If you’ve wondered what it would be like to serve on a committee, or what is involved in putting together our yearly Mission’s Conference, please come. Ruling Elder Tom Schmidt will share a bit about the Mission’s Conference, and Pastor Chris will briefly share about the impact that missions can have on a church for generations.

Bring your questions. Light lunch will be provided, so we’ll need a head count. Register by Thursday, April 24th either on Church Center or via the QR code.

WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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