



He is risen!

April 5, 2026
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.

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (Choir)

Risen Indeed
Victor C. Johnson

"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, ___ ful - 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! ___

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
 Trinity Hymnal #296

*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 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!

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Call to Resurrection Faithfulness—John 20:19-23

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."

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

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 -

1.

Bb/D C/E F Cm⁷ Gm⁷ Bbadd⁹

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 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 C 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.

Christus Victor (Amen)
(Hymnal, Key of F)

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

(No Children's Church today)

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



Offertory Song (Choir)

You've Already Won

Shane Barnard & Bryan Fowler. Arr. by Daniel Galbraith

Sermon

"A Doubting Disciple Sees Jesus"

John 20:24-29

Sermon Series, Seeing Jesus

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Trinity Hymnal #277

***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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione. Nursery: Manwarings, Steele, Schmidt. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Moen, Thomason, Schmidts. SS: Broughton. CC: Steele, Kwong, Linenbroker.

Does your family enjoy the snacks after worship? If so, please **consider volunteering to bring a snack** some Sunday. Sign up using the QR code, your weekly email, or on Church Center.

Men's Bible study meets this Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri. at 6:30am. The **Women's Bible studies** Will resume on Apr. 15.

The next **Men's Breakfast is Sat., Apr. 11** from 8-9:30am. Sign up today!

Sign up today for our first "Worship in the Round" on Sat., Apr. 25th. Worship in the round is a unique and intimate way to experience praise and connection. Instead of facing the stage, we will sit in a circle, facing each other, creating a sense of unity and shared participation in worshipping our Savior. We will also have the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper in this intimate setting. The theme is "Let All That is In Me Adore Him." We hope you'll join us for this special evening!

Spring Fling Carnival: Apr. 18 from 11am-2pm. Inflatables, games, treats, and more! Each guest will receive a welcome gift with Trinity info for visitors. This is a great event to invite extended family and friends to! Sign up today on Church Center or use the QR code on the last page.

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: Erin Wagberg (Erin.wagberg@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:



Global Mission News
Featuring Team Taylor Glasgow
Nate and Erin Taylor

Nate Taylor is a church planter. He and Erin were originally members of Trinity Church and Nate served as Associate Pastor at Trinity for 6 years. They have 3 children – Ruby, Lucy and Ollie. The Taylors are MTW missionaries who live and serve in an area of Glasgow, Scotland called Bearsden.

The denomination that the Taylors are serving in partnership with is the Free Church of Scotland, which has a vision of starting 30 new churches by 2030. Following this vision, the Taylors helped gather a core group and launched public worship services in April 2025. The church’s name is Crossbridge Church. Their vision for the church is to be a place of connection just like the cross creates a bridge that changes our lives. Crossbridge’s goal is to *Connect Jesus to People, People to Community, and Community to Joyful Service.*

Currently they are on Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) from January 2026 to the beginning of August 2026. MTW requires it every 5 years so that their missionaries can reconnect with supporters, report in-person on what God has been doing in our overseas ministry, re-establish support for another term of 5 years, and debrief with MTW to make sure we are healthy to return. While on HMA, the Taylors are looking to raise an additional \$1,500/mo in new support as well as \$30,000 in one-time giving so they can apply for their next visa (indefinite leave to remain) when they return to Scotland in August.

Please be in prayer for Crossbridge while the Taylors are away, and for the Taylors as they travel and share updates Stateside.

Nate, Erin and the kids plan to be in the St. Louis area between mid-April to mid-June. They are looking forward to sharing stories about the joy, struggles, and challenges of church planting in Scotland.

Spring Fling Carnival!

**Inflatables, games, and
more!**



Invite your friends!

April 18, 2026

11am-2pm



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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