

Trinity Church • April 12, 2020 EASTER SUNDAY

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVE US FAITH

## **Devotional Preparation**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." — Matt. 28:1-6

"If the historical evidence makes it reasonable to believe Jesus rose from the dead, then it is illegitimate to suppress this evidence because all other men have remained in their graves." — William Lane Craig.

"Jesus has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because he has done so." — C.S. Lewis

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. — 2 Thess. 2:16-17

#### Welcome and Announcements

Leader: He is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

## WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

**Song of Preparation** (Ensemble)

Here is Hope Rob Gardner Were You There? Trinity Hymnal #260

## \*Call to Worship—Psalm 57:8-11

Leader: Awake O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn!

People: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples! We will sing praise to you among the

nations!

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your

faithfulness extends to the clouds.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

All: Let your glory be over all the earth!

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Resurrection Hymn

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty



Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. — I Cor. 5:7-8

## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### Call to Resurrection Faithfulness—Acts 2:22-39

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."'

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

## Passing of the Peace

Leader: People of God, rejoice and give thanks to God that

Jesus was resurrected from the grave and reigns over

all!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

By his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. By his power we too are already raised to a new life. Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection!

— Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 45

## \*Song of Rejoicing

## Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



<sup>&</sup>quot;The resurrection of Christ is something to shout about! It is an explosive event whose fall-out affects the whole human race." — Douglas Webster

## WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**Special Music** (Ensemble) Christ Our Hope in Life and Death Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker, and Matt Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ in which we stand
O sing hallelujah; Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah; Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good God is good Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what shall we sing? Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore

# Sermon

"They Saw and Believed" John 20:1-9 Rev. Chris Polski

<sup>&</sup>quot;Death died when Christ rose!" — Annon.

## \*Song of Response

#### In Christ Alone

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty



\*Benediction

#### **Postlude**

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

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Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.

- New Adult Sunday school class: Spiritual Formation in an Anxious Age With the presence of a pandemic, grim economic news, stir-crazy isolation, and the quest for new routines, it can be easy to simply try to get by. The temptation is to press pause on our spirituality as many other aspects of life stand still. What if, instead, we took some time to ask ourselves, "Who am I becoming?" We're all scrambling to find practices that will sustain us through tough times, but what if we thought this way about all of life? Join Pastor Nate for a new Adult Ed class starting April 19th. We'll be asking what it means to cultivate the habits of love and disciplines of grace as we seek to be conformed to the image of Christ, even in the midst of a very anxious time. Pastor Nate will be recording the lessons and distributing them via email and social media.
- The **church office** is closed temporarily, but please don't hesitate to contact your elder or a staff member if you need anything.
- We will not gather in person this Friday for our time of prayer, but please pass along any prayer requests to your elder or one of our pastors.
- All Bible Studies will move to an online format for the next few weeks. Your ministry leader will reach out to you with more information.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- **Sign up for the Diaconal Care group** by going to Church Center, click the tab that says "Groups" then scroll till you find "Service," click that tab and search for diaconal care group.

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