

I am the
resurrection
& the life

Trinity Church • April 18, 2021
The Third Sunday in Easter

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.



WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

9:30am worship

Sunday School for all ages | 11am

Jr. High Small Group | 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study | 9am & 7pm

Men's Night | 8pm

Sr. High Small Group | 7-8:30pm

FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study | 6:30am

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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF UNEXPECTED BLESSING

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Beth Thorpe

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, J Harrison

Quotes and Reflections

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. — Isaiah 61:1

"Because He is all powerful and good, he made everything exceedingly good."
— Augustine

"We cannot always trace God's hand, but we can always trust God's heart."
— Charles Spurgeon

"If I could write as I would about God's goodness to me, the ink would boil in my pen!" — Frances Havergal

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

A Prayer on the Goodness of God (Rev. Scotty Smith)

*I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living! — Psalm 27:13*

Heavenly Father, as I get older, my eyes strain to focus and hearing requires more intentional listening. But as I wear the lens of the gospel and listen for your voice in the Scriptures and providence, I see your hand everywhere and hear your heart loud and clear.

Thank you for being at work, when we see it and when we don't; when we sense it and when we wonder where you are; when we feel near to you and when we feel displaced and forgotten. "You are good and you do good."

My heart is full of praise to you this morning as I savor yesterday's unmistakable sights and sounds of your goodness. I did "taste and see" that you are good in "the land of the living." It was a smorgasbord of your faithfulness and grace, mercy and kindness.

A visit to my old stomping grounds of Burlington and Graham, North Carolina yielded a feast of grace, a banquet of mercy, and a buffet of your sovereignty. Driving by the homes of my youth and the graves of my parents, the church of my childhood and difficult places of my life-story fueled a spectrum of feelings. Sad, mad, and glad were all in play.

Father, in all the brokenness, you were at work. In every storm, you never abandoned us. In the hard stories of loss, you were authoring a greater Story of redemption. The barn where I was sexually abused no longer stands, but your faithfulness does. The movie theatre where I came to Christ is gone, but you've never been more present in my life.

The hours spent yesterday with my 87-year-old Aunt Cynthia were the dessert of the feast-day. Thank you for using her as an unmistakable display of the truth, power, and beauty of the gospel to me over these past several years. She has shown me how you were/are at work in all things all the time, for your glory and our good. Give each of us eyes to see, and ears to hear, just how good you are, Father. So very Amen I pray, in Jesus' merciful and mighty name.

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Song of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above

Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook. Music by Vikki Cook

VERSE

C Dm/C C

Em



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di - vine, God's per - fect

5 F G Am F Dm F/G C



Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
- change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -
Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's eyes. This riv - er's

9 F C/E G^{SUS} G C F C/E Am



grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His heart; I know that
sin - less Sav - iour died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the
- self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His blood; My life is
depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its flood; The Lord Most

13 F C/E G Am Am/G F Dm F/G Am



while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on
hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my
High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glo - rious love, and poured on

17 F Dm F/G C



bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me.
Sav - iour and my God.
me His glo - rious love.

Call to Worship—1 Chronicles 29, Psalm 118, Psalm 72, Psalm 33 (selected)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: We will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised!

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

People: Blessed be His glorious name forever!

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

People: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Only a Holy God

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, and Jesse Reeves

1. Who else com-mands all the hosts of heav-en?
2. What oth-er beau-ty de-mands such prais-es?
3. What oth-er glo-ry con-sumes like fire?
4. Who else could res-cue me from my fail-ing?

Who else could make eve-ry king bow down?
What oth-er splen-dor out-shines the sun?
What oth-er pow-er can raise the dead?
Who else would of-fer His on-ly Son?

Who else can whis-per and dark-ness trem-bles?
What oth-er maj-es-ty rules with jus-tice?
What oth-er name re-mains un-de-feat-ed? On-ly a Ho-ly God.
Who else in-vites me to call Him Fa-ther?

Come and be-hold Him, the One and the On-ly. Cry out, sing ho-ly,

for-ev-er a Ho-ly God; come and wor-ship the Ho-ly God.

Sanctus

Music by Brian T. Murphy

Musical score for Sanctus, featuring three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might Heav-en and Earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - san - na Bless ed is He who comes In the name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high est -". The score includes guitar chords (D, Bm, G, A) and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

*Prayer of Adoration

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 24:36-39

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—1 John 3:1-6

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to the Father for sending
His son to save us!

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 Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Trinity Hymnal #457

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Sermon

"The Counter-Cultural Christian"

Genesis 14:1-24

Rev. Chris Polski

For today's sermon outline scan here with your phone camera:



*Song of Response

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman

B \flat F Gm 7

1. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ in the land that ___ is ___ plen -
 2. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ when I'm found in ___ the ___ des -
 3. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ when the sun's shin - ing ___ down .
 4. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ on the road marked ___ with ___ suf -

4 E \flat B \flat F

- ti - ful, ___ where Your streams of ___ a - bun - dance ___ flow, ___ bless-ed ___
 - ert ___ place, ___ though I walk through ___ the ___ wil - der - ness, ___ bless-ed ___
 - on ___ me, ___ when the world's "all ___ as ___ it ___ should ___ be." ___ bless-ed ___
 - fer - ing, ___ though there's pain in ___ the ___ of - fer - ing, ___ bless-ed ___

7 E \flat B \flat F

1, 3. 2, 4.

___ be Your name. ___ Ev-'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll
 ___ be Your name. ___
 ___ be Your name. ___
 ___ be Your name. ___

12 Gm 7 E \flat B \flat F

turn back to praise. When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord,

16 Gm 7 E \flat B \flat F

still I will say, "Bless-ed be the name of ___ the ___ Lord, ___ bless-ed be Your

20 Gm 7 E \flat B \flat

name. Bless - ed be the name of ___ the ___ Lord, ___

23 F Gm 7 F E \flat

___ bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous ___ name." ___

Last time to Coda \oplus

E \flat

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

The third day He arose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

** Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Please note: Grape juice is in all the cups today)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Abide with Me

Words and Music by Travis Cottrell, Jeff Pardo, and Michael Farren

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies, join us for a study, Women of the Word-how to study the Bible with both our hearts and minds. If you are new to studying the Bible or have been at it for decades, everyone will take something away from this study and be better equipped to approach God's Word. We will meet Wednesdays, either at 9am at Trinity or 7pm via Zoom (see weekly email for Zoom link). Pick up a schedule on the Welcome Table.

Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.

Men's Bible Study this Fri. at 6:30am either in-person or via Zoom (see weekly email for Zoom link). The men are studying the Book of Acts.

The **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** will meet Apr. 27th at 6:30pm for fellowship and coloring (bring your own dinner), followed by a study of the Book of James at 7pm (also available via Zoom).

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

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators if you would like to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for all ages meets today from the nursery to adults.

The **Adult Sunday School class** on Christ and Culture will take place in the sanctuary which will provide ample room to spread out. The **Student Sunday School ministry (5th-12th gr.)** will resume in the youth rooms, also with ample social distancing, and the **children's Sunday School** will be using a temporarily modified approach in which the children, weather permitting, will be spending half the time indoors in the old youth room space and half the time on the outside playground in order to also insure room for social distancing. After the service, the **2nd-4th grade** will head out to the playground, and the **prek-1st grade** will head to the 3rd-5th grade classroom.

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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