



Oh
Happiest
of days

Trinity Church • April 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY

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.



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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES US TRUTH

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

Prelude

And Can It Be

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Introit (Ensemble)

Gloria
Rob Garner

***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

Words and Music by 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!

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/F#, G, D/A, A, A/G, D/F#, G, D/F#, D, D/A, A, D, A/D, G/D, G, A, D

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name
Trinity Hymnal #296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker, and Matt Papa

D Dsus D Dsus D Bm7

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
 What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
 Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

5 A D A/C# Bm G D/A A

lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-
 good. Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
 lives! And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with

9 D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#

long Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes a-part from His com-
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-

13 G D/A A(F#A# Bm G D/A A D

mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore the rock of Christ? —
 stroyed, and we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er more. —

18 Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G

— O sing hal-le-lu-jah Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O — sing hal-le-
 — D/F# G D/F# A G Bm A D

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lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

(Children may come forward during the last chorus)

*Prayer of Adoration

Children's Sermon

Song of Response

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor

Verse 1, 4



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
 3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion



Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,
 Pit - ied us hard when e - mies
 Threat - en us to bear us down



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
 Called us by his grace and taught us
 For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has
 Gave us ears view and the gave us eyes crown He has
 Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown He who



washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He who

11 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He pre -
washed us with His blood, Soon will

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God
sents our souls to God
bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Call to Resurrection Faithfulness—1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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!

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

*Song of Response

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by 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!

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(There is no Children's Church today)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Living Hope

Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham. Arr. by Ed Kerr. Orch. by Dan Galbraith

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul
the work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy.
What heart could fathom such boundless grace.
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. Hallelujah Christ, my only hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
And out of silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me
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And out of silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory. Hallelujah Christ, my living hope
Jesus Christ, my only hope

Sermon

"The Liberating Power of the Resurrection"

Romans 6:1-11

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Trinity Hymnal #277

***Benediction**

"Death died when Christ rose!" — Annon.

A Post Resurrection Day Prayer - Reverend Doctor 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

Easter Flowers: The flowers that are in the sanctuary today are available to take home after the service. There is a basket in the church office for donations to cover the cost.

Sunday school classes DO NOT meet today.

Men's Bible Study: this Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study of the Book of Acts.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options: two Tues. a month a group meets in the evenings to discuss the Sermon on the Mount. The Wed. studies meet weekly (9am and 6pm) with a look at the Book of Daniel.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries meet this Wed. If you would like to register for the Chipotle dinner, you must do so on Church Center by Tues. at 10am.

Student Ministry midweek studies meet on Wednesday nights. Jr High, meets from 6-7pm. Sr High, meets 7-8:30pm. Students are invited to join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and discussion. For more information contact Pastor Ben.

Camp Strong, for students in 4-6th grade will take place April 22-24. See Pastor Ben for more info.

Volunteers next week: Nursery: Hendricks, Oehlerking, Akin, Boeddeker. **Ushers:** Younger, Standerfer, Kocher, Thompson.

Missionaries, Hatem and Lisa Botros will be in St. Louis with their two children Jun. 17-Aug. 31st. They are looking for a place to stay during that time. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

BBQ: Mark your calendars! On Sat., May 21st we will be heading down to Oasis to grill and enjoy time with several refugee and immigrant families. We are hoping to rent a bouncy house, provide music, kid's crafts, and neighborly fellowship. We already have a face painter! It is a day of fun and fellowship for the whole family...yes, children too! For this to work, we will need a minimum of 30 adult/teen volunteers. Please begin to pray about this. Registration will go out this week.

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 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.

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



OASIS COFFEE

Oasis has partnered with Cherry Street Roasters in Illinois to provide a smooth, Fairtrade Sumatra bean coffee. We have 15 bags of ground coffee and 5 bags of whole bean coffee. These are available to purchase directly from our new coffee area through the QR code. ALL of the proceeds go directly to support Oasis' work with newly-arriving refugees right here in St. Louis.



MISSIONS UPDATE

He is risen! He is alive! His church is alive! And her work continues until He returns for her. Your generosity is making that work among the Quechua in Peru possible. Larry and Sandy Rockwell have been serving among the Quechua people in the Andes Mountains of Peru since 2004. They are located in the city of Huaraz at an altitude of almost 10,000 feet. The Rockwell's primary ministry focus is evangelism, discipleship, and church planting among the unchurched Quechua people in the high isolated mountain villages of the Andes. Although the work remains difficult, the Rockwells have continued to build relationships through Larry's proficiency in the Quechua language. Since the Quechua are subsistence farmers Larry uses conservation farming techniques as well as storying to reach this main oral-learning culture with the good news of the Gospel. Doing evangelism and discipleship in this culture often means meeting people where they are. Many times, that means coming alongside them as they are working in their fields, giving them rides into or out of their villages or sitting and talking with them in the plaza of their village. All of this being done in their heart language of Quechua. Another aspect of their ministry is maintaining and managing MTW's Huaraz Center where they host short-term teams, seminars for local pastors and church leaders, along with implementing conservation farming techniques for demonstration purposes.

Evangelism amongst this culture must be creative. An "aspect of the culture that is very important to note is that Peru is considered a Catholic country even though there is freedom of religion. It is significant to know that the Catholicism here is mixed with animism and pantheism which means that everything has a spirit, the mountains are considered gods and Mother Earth is worshipped. Superstition and witchcraft are very prevalent as well."

When I asked them, in an email exchange, "Why Peru?" Sandy replied, "When we began sensing God's call to missions, we looked at various fields and missions boards. Ironically, Larry desired to go somewhere where he wouldn't have to learn another language like Scotland. However, God had other plans. At that time, MTW had an urgent need for someone to commit long-term to follow-up on the Bible translation that was just finishing in the Quechua language. We came on a vision trip and after walking into a village that had no church of any kind knew that this is where God wanted us. As you probably know, when God calls you to something, He equips you. Not only has Larry learned Spanish but also 2 dialects of Quechua.

They know God is with them in this work and they are so thankful that you are as well. If you would like more information, please visit: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/larry-and-sandy-rockwell> or scan the QR code here:



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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