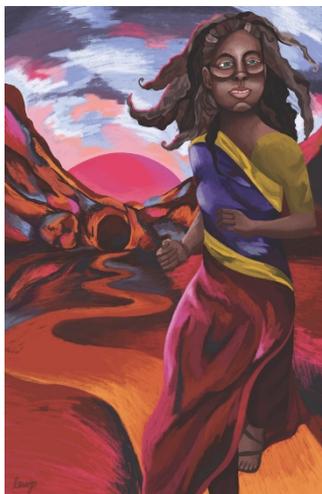


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EASTER SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Introit

Hallelujah
Glory to God #590, v. 1

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: Christ is Risen
All: **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

* Call to Worship

Leader: Early in the morning – before dawn,
People: **the women went to Jesus' tomb.**
Leader: In the darkness,
they discovered the good news,
the stone was rolled away,
and the tomb empty.

People: For God's love is stronger than death.
Leader: Let us join our voices along with Mary's
All: "We have seen the Lord!"
Christ is risen!

*** Gathering Song**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Glory to God #232, v. 1-4

*** Invitation to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**God of abundant life,
You raised Christ from the tomb,
and shattered the powers of sin and death.**

**From the lips of the women apostles,
you bring us good news of Easter joy.
Forgive us when we cannot hear it.
Like the disciples,
you send us out to share your love.
Forgive us when we cannot carry it.
Through your Word,
you cast a vision for peace and justice;
forgive us when we cannot imagine it
and stand in the way
of that vision becoming a reality.**

**Through Christ, free us from our sin,
And bring us to new life in you,
the one who makes all things new
and calls us to live in the light of the resurrection.
Amen**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Hear the good news!
The Lord is alive!
The risen Christ has destroyed death,
and freed us for abundant life.
Nothing can ever separate us
From God's love.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,
People: and also with you

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you

*** Song of Praise**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God #582, v. 1-2

Time with Children

Rev. Mel Smith

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Corinthians 15.19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*** Anthem**

The New Cornerstone
by Christian Hendricks

Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord
This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.
I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me,
and art become my salvation.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

For, behold, God creates new heavens and a new earth:
with no more tears and no more strife,
with no more death and only life—
where all is life;
And the stone that was rejected is become its cornerstone.

No more in sorrow must we roam:
At journey's end this will be our home.
Thanks be to God; it is marvelous in our sight.
Thanks be to Christ; it is marvelous in our sight.
This is the the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and find delight.

Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the

cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message "Only the Beginning"

Rev. Mel Smith

* **Confession of Faith**

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

*** Song of Response**

Now the Green Blade Rises
Glory to God #247, v. 1-4

Prayers of the People

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 glory forever. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

*** Doxology #**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Glory to God #607, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication

Risen and living Lord, we give you thanks, that by your life, death and resurrection, the power of sin has been broken and that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love. We offer these gifts of our time, money, energy, and creativity – may they be used to proclaim the good news of your redeeming love, in our church, in our community and around the world. Amen.

*** Song of Service**

Thine Is the Glory
Glory to God #238, v. 1-4

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

“The Great Gate of Kyiv” from *Pictures at an Exhibition*
by Modest Mussorgsky

Please join us in the Chapel for Fellowship after the service

About the music:

There are many gates we pass through in life: birth, infancy, maturity, multitudes of trials in all stages, and finally death. Or is death the last one? What is this gate of the Lord which permits the righteous? More importantly, what lies beyond it? When we pass through any entrance, we expect to arrive somewhere, and after passing through so many gates on our journey, surely the destination must be marvelous? With the resurrection of Christ, there is the hope of a new Jerusalem, of a new Earth, of new heavens, all remade with him as the cornerstone. In this fresh world, with no more death and only life, would we still need walls and the gates which permit passage? Perhaps just one, with Jesus being that final gate that all can pass through for a life without boundaries. The music today celebrates this notion.

Participants in Today's Worship

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Handbells - Kevin Harkins, Cricket Gordon, Rachel Presti, Jayne Howard, and Emily Kelton

Liturgist – Jayne Howard

Pastor – Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Trumpeters: Gabi Grasso and Anais Beauvais

Ushers – Pat Gibbons, Mary McKown, Diana Regan

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – Nigel Holloway, Bob Wagoner

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary have been give to the Glory of God in celebration of this Season.

DeAnne and Gordon Brown: To the Glory of God

Margy Brown

The Carter-Early family: To our family

Jenn and Jeff Clodi: In celebration of the life and gifts of Do Kirk

Diana Gray: Dedicated to the renewal of the Easter Season

Jayne Howard: For the joy of family, friends and being together

Mary Klingensmith: In honor of my parents, Betty and Walt

Lorie Damon and Mike Krivonak: In celebration of spring

Sandy Norkaitis

Linda Peterson: With thanks to God for my parents, Lowell and Mary Peterson, and my whole family

Susan Rava

Joanne and John Roman: With love for our Trinity Family

Bill and Cathy Smith: In celebration of new beginnings

Nancy and Bob Wagoner: In loving memory of our dear parents, Ruth and Gilbert Early, and Maxine and Millard Wagoner

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR April 17, 2022

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

Scholin-Weems Scholarship Fund

The Scholin-Weems Scholarship application is open. Please go to our website to fill out the application.

Deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday, May 1st. We will notify scholarship recipients near the end of May and recognize them in worship on June 5th.

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

Trinity is "broadcasting" our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on. Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

While we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us. Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Pastor the Reverend Mel Smith. You also can email her directly at melanie.smith@trinityucity.org

Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged! Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att'n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

1) Text the code TPCDONATE \$[your gift] to 73256. You'll receive a text back with a link that lets you complete your online donation.

2) Log in to your Onrealm account (onrealm.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

Session

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

Deacons

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