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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

**All Creatures of Our God and King/Lift High the Cross**  
*arr. by Fernandez and Bock*

#### Welcome & Announcements

Leader: This is a day that God has made!  
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Time for sharing news of the church.*

#### Call to Worship

Leader: When fear and doubts stroll through our doors:  
**People: God stands beside us, whispering of peace.**  
Leader: When we toss and turn late at night:  
**People: God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.**  
Leader: When we stumble through the shadows of sin:  
**People: God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.**  
Leader: Christ is risen!  
**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

#### Gathering Song

**My Song Is Love Unknown**  
*Glory to God #209, v. 1-5*

## Invitation to Confession

Leader: You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture:  
how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day;  
how, through his death and resurrection,  
the forgiveness of sin is now possible for all who repent.  
So let us boldly approach the throne of God, where we will find grace and mercy.  
Let us pray together:

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, your Beloved Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, God of Surprises! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that he taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. We pray in the name of your Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: God hears our prayers of repentance and forgiveness,  
and awakens us from doubt, disbelief, and distress  
by transforming our fears into resurrection joy.  
God's loving spirit is among us, to comfort us in our fears, and to renew our faith.  
Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

## Passing The Peace

Leader: Since God in Christ Jesus has forgiven us,  
let us forgive one another.  
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.  
Please share the peace of Jesus Christ  
with those with whom you are joining us for worship.

## Song of Praise

**Alleluia!**  
*Glory to God #587, v. 1*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

## Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Miraculous God, come to us now, even as the risen Christ came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your Word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## First Scripture Reading

**Acts of the Apostles 3:12-19**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected

in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

## **Anthem**

**Psalm 4**

*by Michael Guimont*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost 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. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message **“Planting Seeds of Transformation”**

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Song of Response**

**Now the Green Blade Rises**

*Glory to God #247, v. 1-4*

**Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: We believe in God ...

People: **... who works healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessing and longs for us to know we are beloved; who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of the ocean; who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus ...

People: **... the risen Christ, the Friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world; the One who by his love persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and oppressed; who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent; who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit ...

People: ... who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations, and races; who is the presence in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.

Leader: We believe we are called to be an Easter people ...

People: ... challenging despair with confident hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

Leader: We believe in the church ...

People: ... the singing, passionate, caring fellowship of those who seek you and are found; those whose hands and hearts are joined to your mission in the world. This we believe. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Litany 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 the glory forever. Amen.**

## Offering

### Invitation

### Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Glory to God #606, v. 1*

**Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us, Holy God, but knowing you through Jesus, and trusting in you by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do know they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all those people and places who long for these blessings. And so we offer these gifts with gratitude to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**

## Song of Service

**Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

*Glory to God #251, v. 1, 4, 5*

## Commission and Blessing

## Postlude

**Italian Concerto in F, BWV 971, Mvmt. 1**

*by J.S. Bach*

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Guest Pianist** – Vera Parkin

**Liturgist** – Pat Gibbons

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and John Roman

**Soloist** – Evan Babel

**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 – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 18, 2021**

*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.*

**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 Sundays.** 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!

Kids and parents probably already know about this, but if you are not a parent of a young person and have **wondered what goes on in “Children’s Church,” now you can experience it!** Hannah Peters has taped a YouTube video, and updated links will be posted regularly on the “Sundays at Trinity” section of our website homepage.

**As 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 Deacons Corie Merker, 314-434-8286, or Cathy Smith, 314-725-0586. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Transitional Pastor the Reverend Marilyn Gamm. You also can email her directly at [Marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org](mailto:Marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org)

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#### **Session**

Gordon Brown, Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Nigel Holloway, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Rachel Presti, Tim Rand, Jan Schulte-Glad, George Van Hare

#### **Deacons**

DeAnne Brown, Bill Cahoon, Stacey Carman, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorenson