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**Mary Magdalene**  
**By He Qi**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Prelude**

**Question: What offering do we bring to God?**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you  
**All:** And also with you

**Minute for Mission**

**\* Call to Worship**

**Leader:** God makes a way for us through parched and barren lands,  
**People:** **leading us to a new place, with ever flowing streams.**  
**Leader:** May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy.  
**People:** **Those who go out weeping,**  
**bearing the seed for sowing,**  
**come home with shouts of joy.**

**\* Gathering Song**

**How Firm a Foundation**  
*Glory to God #463, v. 1-5*

**\* Invitation to Confession**

**\* Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**God of extravagance,  
We confess that we often live as though we can earn your love,  
if only we work hard enough,  
accomplish our to do lists,  
believe the right things,  
sacrifice ourselves,  
and do everything that's asked of us.**

**Yet, you throw open windows and doors,  
calling out to all who will listen,  
that our accomplishments don't matter...**

**You offer a vision where  
tears reap joy,  
love is offered without qualifications,  
grace is extended,  
and new life springs forth.**

**Show us again what matters.  
Forgive our misplaced values,  
and draw us into your extravagance,  
That we too, might be generous with our love.  
In Christ's name we pray.  
Amen.**

**\* Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**Leader:** ...through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

**\* 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*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 43.16-21**

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
 Do not remember the former things,  
 or consider the things of old.  
 I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
 The wild animals will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches;  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
 the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

**Time with Children**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

**\* Anthem**

**I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**  
*arr. John Helgen*

**Second Scripture Reading**

**John 12.1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Message "Nothing and No One"**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

**\* Song of Response.**

**A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar**  
*Glory to God #201, v. 1-4*

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

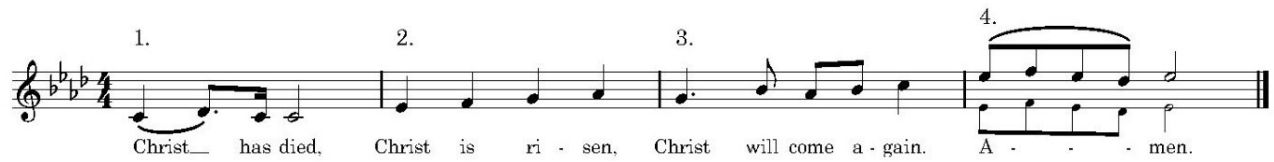
*by Christian Hendricks*

Piano

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

## Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

by *Christian Hendricks*



### 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.**

Words of Institution

Distribution

### Prayer after communion

**Living God,  
You have fed us with your body,  
pouring out your life  
that we might live.  
Fed and strengthened at your table,  
we are renewed –  
send us from this place  
to share the abundance of your love  
with a hungry world –  
through Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Offering

#### Invitation

\* **Doxology #**

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

## Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God – we know and trust that all we have and all of who we are, comes from and belongs to you. Receive these offerings of our time, energy, money, and creativity – may they be used to welcome our neighbors and share your love, here in St. Louis, and beyond. Amen**

### \* Song of Service

**Take My Life**  
*Glory to God #697, v. 1-4*

### \* Commission and Blessing

**Please join us in the Chapel for Fellowship after the service**

#### Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Mel Smith

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

**Liturgist** – Cathy Smith

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

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

**Ushers** – Joanne Roman, Diana Regan, Kevin Harkins

#### **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](mailto:admin@trinityucity.org) or contacting the church office.

## **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR April 3, 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.*

### **Easter Flowers**

Easter Worship at Trinity will be more poignant this year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, both in the sanctuary filled with spring flowers and on our FaceBook page. Flowers must be ordered by Monday, April 4th using the order forms found at the church, and the flowers can be picked up after Easter Worship on April 17th or on Wednesday, April 20th at 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.

## **SHED Day of Service**

Volunteer with SHED on April 30! Calling all members and friends of Trinity to join us as we again participate in SHED's Day of Service on Saturday, April 30. We're looking to form a crew of volunteers to do yard work or minor home repair for a local senior. Contact Steven Crumb at [steven.crumb@gmail.com](mailto:steven.crumb@gmail.com) for more information.

**With the scheduled out-of-town move of Joanne and John Roman this spring or early summer, there are several opportunities, large and small, for joining the Food Pantry team.** Thanks to Cathy Smith for volunteering to take on the WFP Senior Box Program Coordinator. We still need more help and free training is provided!!

**Bread Company Bread Donation pickup:** Once a month on Tuesday evenings. Pick up the donated bread at the Galleria Bread Company at closing time (currently 7pm, previously 9pm) on Tuesday. Drop off at church. Assignment would be second Tuesday of the month but could be exchanged with others.

**Coordinator of Food Pantry Team volunteers:** Coordinate the assignments and duties of the regular volunteers and additional help. Can be done mostly thru email.

**WFP Wednesday Workers:** Join the team on Wednesday afternoon (12:30 - 3) team to help clients to shop and load their cars. Only need to work one Wednesday a month as part of a rotating team.

**WFP Coordinator:** Be the main contact for the Winger Food Pantry with the team, the church and the outside agencies. Do not have to be available on Wednesdays, and most work can be completed through emails and random checks at church.

If you want to discuss further the possibilities or responsibilities related to this important Trinity ministry, please contact Joanne Roman [JoanneCRom@aol.com](mailto:JoanneCRom@aol.com). You do not need to be a Trinity member to join the team! It is a very rewarding ministry and part of our Matthew 25 commitment.

**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](mailto: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**

Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Joanne Roman, Christy Schindler