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## EASTER SUNDAY

**“FOR ALL PEOPLES A FEAST: DARE TO DANCE AGAIN!”**

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

**Rondo from Horn Concerto No. 2**  
*by W.A. Mozart*

#### 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: Christ is risen!  
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**  
Leader: Happy Easter!  
This is the day:  
People: **when healing touches the suffering; when loneliness discovers a family;  
when peace caresses the stressed.**  
Leader: But the celebration can be somewhat dampened  
by all that we have been through in the last year.

#### “Dare to Dance”

Leader: Christ is risen!  
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

#### Gathering Song

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!**  
*Glory to God #245, v. 1-4*

## Invitation to Confession

Leader: We confess this day that we have been slow to join the dance  
that brings life to all, brings love to all, brings sustenance to all.  
Let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**We think this story is so old, Imaginative God, that we cannot hear the astonishing news of triumph over death. We are so afraid of our own shadows, that we cannot see the Light of life which is streaming all around us. Convinced that there is nothing beyond these days we call life, we cannot sense your resurrection hope which is calling to us by our names.**

**On this day of new wonders and everlasting grace, God of our lives, may we be glad that you have not forgotten us. May we rejoice in the ancient promises which are proclaimed afresh this morning. May we turn with our questions, our doubts, our hearts towards Jesus, the Gardener of Grace, who call us by name and pours resurrection love into us. Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Hear this Good News!  
God has loved us from the very beginning.  
The invitation of Christ is never-ending  
because resurrection can happen at any moment.  
The Holy Spirit is transforming you and me even now!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of 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.

As you share the peace of Jesus Christ  
with those with whom you are joining us for worship,  
I invite you to type into the comments "Christ is Risen!"

## Song of Praise

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

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation! You are the Restorer of life, the Conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world. Come and dance with us, dazzle us with your brilliance, move us to wakefulness – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

### Sounds of Resurrection

**The Garland Waltz from *Sleeping Beauty***  
*by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky*

## Scripture Reading

**John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the Liberating Easter Word of God for all the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message "Dancing Out of the Tomb"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

"Dancing for All We're Worth"

Ballet 314 "Rescue"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

**Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded**

*Glory to God #242, v. 1-2*

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

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

*Glory to God #606, v. 1*

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Resurrecting Hope God, we give you thanks for these gifts we return to this your church for your use in giving fuel and energy to our mission and ministry dance in the world. May these gifts fuel and energize the dance of justice and the steps of service as we invite others to dance with us in sharing your Love in our hurting world. May your dance be full and free! We pray through our risen Christ, your great gift of Love. Amen.**

**Song of New Life**

**“Now the Green Blade Rises”**  
*arr. by Christian Hendricks*

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

*A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Great Prayer.*

Leader: Jesus is with us!  
**People: With us now and forever!**  
 Leader: So lift up your hearts and voices!  
**People: We lift them up to God!**  
 Leader: Let’s join in thanks and praise!  
**People: How right it is to do this together!**  
 Leader: Holy Living One, .... hymn of praise:

**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.

Leader: Indeed, you are holy! .... And we believe:

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

*by Christian Hendricks*

1. Christ has died, 2. Christ is ri - sen, 3. Christ will come a - gain. 4. A - - - men.

Leader: Pour out your ... And now let us pray together the prayer  
Jesus taught his disciples to say:

**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.**

**Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup Together**

**“Dancing from the Feast out to All Peoples”**

**“The Umbrella Project”**

**Prayer after Communion: (Unison)**

**Dancing God, here at this Table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and drink. Then you send us back to our ministry – only it’s no longer the same ministry because we know you are dancing it with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.**

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

**Song of Service**

**Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

*Glory to God #248, v. 1-3*

**Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**“The Chapel of William Tell” from *Années de Pèlerinage***

*by Franz Liszt*

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

**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

**Soloist** – Janelle Pierce

**French Horn** – Melissa Fultz

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

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL, 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.*

We would like to extend a special thank you to Sarah New Meyer for acquiring the video from Ballet 314 for Easter Sunday. Her contribution helped enrich the dance theme of the service.

**“Dispatches from the Deep State: The Political Theology of QANON” Adult Education**

**QAnon is more than a fringe political movement. It has embraced the tradition of American exceptionalism, borrows language and imagery from the Bible, and its followers exhibit cult-like devotion.** The spread of QAnon conspiracies within US Christianity—specifically white Evangelicalism—reveals something deep and unnerving about the role of religion in US politics. On January 6, 2021, these so-called “fringe” groups took part in an armed assault on the US Capitol. How do we as Christians respond to this radical movement?

Please join us on April 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM for this special adult education presentation by Dr. Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Ph.D., Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Louis University.

**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