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Easter Sunday

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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Promenade

from Pictures at an Exhibition, by Modest Mussorgsky

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: Easter is the day:

**People: when healing touches the suffering; when loneliness discovers a family;
when peace caresses the stressed.**

Leader: Because Easter is the day when our Savior:

**People: broke free of death's clutches, rolled away the stone,
folded the grave clothes into a neat pile.**

Leader: Easter is a day God has made:

**People: the day of sin's defeat, the day of resurrection,
the first day of the new creation.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Glory to God #232, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: It was early in the morning,
when God created all the good and beauty in the universe.
It was early in the morning that a baby cried in a manger.
It was early in the morning on that first day,

when a voice told us that death has been defeated
and Jesus is alive in our midst.
Let us confess the fear, and the great joy,
we bring with us, early in the mornings as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

All: This morning, Wonderful God, in the company of your scattered church – saints and sinners – we gather to celebrate your life, your ministry, your death and resurrection, your great love for us. Yet, we know in past years that we often have left the celebration in the sanctuary, as we went back to our homes, our jobs, our fears, our doubts, our lives.

Though we are not together in the sanctuary this morning, bring us new life, God of the living, where we are tired and stressed; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of love; forgive us the hurts and harms we have caused; fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit in the hollows of our souls. Through our Resurrected Savior we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Reconciliation, invites us to a Table; Holy Spirit, our Peace, teaches us the Way, the Truth, the Life; this is the Good News: the tomb is empty, death is conquered, sin has lost its power.

People: We are a new people, shaped by our Risen Savior into new life forever!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Passing of 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Ever-present God, whom we worship with joy on this resurrection day, show us the places of death where you grieve for your children, that we might reflect the Spirit of Christ, whose love risked all for others. Take away our fear so we may grow in discipleship and devote ourselves in service, in the Christ's name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Glory to God #254, v 1-3

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.

Communion Music

The trumpet shall sound
from Messiah, by G.F. Handel
sung by Aleksandar Dragojevic

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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

Leader: The God of early mornings be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: People of the first day, lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the One who makes every day Easter!

Leader: People of Easter joy, give thanks to the One who is your salvation.

People: We offer our alleluias to the God of steadfast love.

Leader: We lift our praises and glory:

People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God who comes to us amidst our grief and fears.

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comforts us and sends out to share Good News.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Holy are you ... we call faith:

**People: Christ died, that we might be born anew;
Christ is risen, that our eyes might be opened;
Christ will come, so we, our children,
and all who are far away may be gathered together in you.**

Leader: Here at this ... 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

Prayer after Communion: (Unison)

Resurrecting God, you renew us at your Table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May this food and drink strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other after the manner of Christ, our Savior. We pray in his name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Thine Is the Glory
Glory to God #286, v. 1-3

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Rondeau
by Jean-Joseph Mouret

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

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, Aleksandar Dragojevic (Section Leader)

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 12TH, 2020

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity is “broadcasting” our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page and YouTube channel. 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.

Pastor Marilyn will be on vacation April 13-19. “Trinity Prays” will not gather April 16 but will resume at 4 p.m. April 23. Our own Hannah Nutt will fill the pulpit on Sunday, April 19.

We invite you to join us Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. via Zoom for our weekly prayer gathering, **Trinity Prays**, hosted by Pastor Marilyn.

Just last week, Winger Food Pantry coordinator Joanne Roman learned that **the pantry has been selected as a Bombas Sock Giving Partner.**

The Facebook group **Trinity Shares** also offers members who are on Facebook a place to post inspiring, meaningful, hopeful pictures, prayers, Scriptures, poems, stories and so forth.

Trinity is trying a lot of new ways to communicate since we’re not able to be together in person, but we realize there may be ways to connect us that are being missed. In an effort to get your ideas, watch for a survey coming soon that will be sent to your email (or to your home addresses if we don’t have an email for you).

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 Margy Brown, 314-452-7241, 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

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.

Session

Gordon Brown, Dayna Early, Nigel Holloway, Kris Kerr, Mary Klingensmith, Mike Krivonak, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Rachel Presti, John Roman, Jan Schulte-Glad, George Van Hare

Deacons

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