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Easter Sunday  
The Celebration of the Resurrection  
Alleluia!**

**GATHERING**

**PROCLAMATION**

**THE EASTER ACCLAMATION** (from the back of the sanctuary)

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

**He is risen Indeed**

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**PRELUDE** - acolytes WAIT

May we stand in body or spirit as we join our voices in Praise and Thanksgiving

Processional follows the Acolytes

**+OPENING HYMN** UMH #302 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Nancy Nichols

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

We are called to be signposts and markers for the new world emerging just around the corner.

**We are called to be witnesses to a world already changed  
by the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **WELCOME**

We welcome you to Trinity, if this is your first time or if you have been here many times before, you are welcome to be yourself in this space.

What ever your thoughts on church.  
What ever your beliefs about God,  
You are welcome here at Trinity.

We believe that worship is a full body experience, so we hope you greet God with your entire body, soul, and spirit. We do want to know that you are here, so please, if you are worshipping with us online, please mention one gift or talent that you have. If you are here in the sanctuary, please sign in on the card in your bulletin. Also please take note of what is happening this week in the life of the church by reading the inserts or visiting our webpage and Facebook page.

This past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We greeted him with palm branches; we sat at table with him to share a farewell meal. We witnessed his death on a simple wooden cross.

## **WAIT A BEAT**

Yet on the third day he came to us again in victory. By this, we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, as the bright and morning star shines in our lives, may we proclaim that Christ has risen in our lives this morning, for he is our hope, our life, and our joy.

## **+HYMN UMH #303 *The Day of Resurrection***

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Jeremiah 31:1-6*

Dalton Brock-Jones

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,

the Lord appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.”

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad.**

The Lord is my strength and my power;  
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory  
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted,  
**the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"**

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely,  
but has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God,  
who has given us light.

**Lead the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;  
for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Dalton Brock-Jones

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## **HYMN UMH #304**

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us  
to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **+SINGING THE ALLELUIA TFWS #2026**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!  
Halle-luja! Halle-luja!

**+THE GOSPEL***Matthew 28:1-10*

Rev. Nancy Nichols

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, for 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 and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*On the Third Day*  
By Allen Tote

Trinity Choir

**THE HOMILY**

Rev. Nancy Nichols

**RESPONSE****OFFERING****STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT****OFFERTORY****+DOXOLOGY UMH #94**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING****SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

## **THE INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
*almighty God*, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead  
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued  
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **GIVING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Communion Stewards: James Humbane, Philip Hooper, and Amanda Hooper

### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN UMH #308 *Thine be the Glory***

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

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Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
For our Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**