

April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Leader: He is risen!

**ALL: He is risen indeed!**

**GOD IS HOLY**

Doxology: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a Savior  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen! Christ the first fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;  
alleluia to the Savior,  
who has won the victory;  
alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity.

Alleluia! Alleluia  
to the Triune Majesty.

### Prayer of Preparation

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

### Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Prayer of Adoration and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Worship Christ, the Risen King! Trinity Hymnal 286

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,  
Christ has conquered death and hell.  
Sing as all the earth rejoices;  
resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him,  
empty now, its mouth declares:  
“Death and I could not contain him,  
for the throne of life he shares.”  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,  
see the stone removed with pow'r;  
all hell's minions may assemble,  
but cannot withstand his hour.  
He has conquered, he has conquered,  
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,  
scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
but the truth proclaims a wonder  
thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.  
He is risen, he is risen,  
now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,  
now we sing your victory;  
sin or hell may seek to seize us,  
but your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,  
worship Christ the risen King!

## **WE HAVE SINNED**

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**O God, who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of the enemy,  
we ask you to do as you have promised,  
and forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Grant us, by the grace of your Son, to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him, in the joy of his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### Personal Prayer of Confession

## **JESUS RECONCILES US**

### Hear the Gospel of Christ: Romans 6:5-11

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Believer in Jesus Christ, you are free from the guilt and power of sin and death.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Assurance: My Hope is in the Lord, Trinity Hymnal 523

My hope is in the Lord  
who gave himself for me,  
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.  
For me (for me) he died (he died),  
for me (for me) he lives (he lives),  
and everlasting life and light  
he freely gives.

No merit of my own  
his anger to suppress,  
my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness  
For me (for me) he died (he died),  
for me (for me) he lives (he lives),  
and everlasting life and light  
he freely gives.

And now for me he stands  
before the Father's throne.  
He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own.  
For me (for me) he died (he died),  
for me (for me) he lives (he lives),  
and everlasting life and light  
he freely gives.

His grace has planned it all,  
'tis mine but to believe,  
and recognize his work of love and Christ receive.  
For me (for me) he died (he died),  
for me (for me) he lives (he lives),  
and everlasting life and light  
he freely gives.

## The Peace of God: John 20:19-21

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

## Passing of the Peace

Offering Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be, verses 4 & 6, Trinity Hymnal 585

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt chose,  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only all for thee.

## Prayers for Hearers and the Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:22-41

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.<sup>24</sup> But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.<sup>25</sup> For David says of Him,

'I saw the Lord always in my presence;  
For He is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> 'Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted;

Moreover my flesh also will live in hope;

<sup>27</sup> Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
Nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

<sup>28</sup> 'You have made known to me the ways of life;  
You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

'The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at My right hand,

<sup>35</sup> Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.'"

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" <sup>41</sup> So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Trinity Hymnal 277

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,”  
Alleluia!  
sons of men and angles say:  
Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Alleluia!  
sing ye heav’ns and earth, reply.  
Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell:  
Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids his 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 thy victory, O grave?  
Alleluia!



Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Alleluia!  
foll'wing 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 giv'n;  
Alleluia!  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
Alleluia!  
hail, the Resurrection, thou!  
Alleluia!

## **JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS SPIRIT**

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 45

45. Q. What benefit do we receive from the Resurrection of Christ?

**A. First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of the righteousness which by His death He has obtained for us. Secondly, we also are now by His power raised up to a new life. Thirdly, the resurrection of Christ is to us a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.**

Song of Thanksgiving: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became  
Perfect man to bear my blame  
On the cross He took my sin  
By his death I live again

Sending

Let us prayerfully go forth as one body, empowered by the Spirit, to praise God, love people, and proclaim the risen Christ until he comes.

**Thanks be to God**

Benediction

**JESUS IS COMING FOR US**

Postlude