



**An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music**

Easter Sunday

04.04.2021

# Welcome to Trinity's online community!

**As you watch the Live Stream of this service, feel free to add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time!**

**You might want to light a candle and place it near you. During the service, you will be invited to light a candle if you haven't already, so at least gather what you need for that moment if you wish to participate.**

**This service, streamed live on Facebook, is a complete offering in itself. Nevertheless, it is followed by an opportunity to participate in online communion via Zoom. A link to that Zoom meeting will appear in the comments on Facebook at the end of this service.**

*Cover image:  
One of several  
paintings created by  
parishioner Carol  
Case Syracuse for  
today's celebration.*

When we don't have to practice social distancing, the people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. For now, this is a time of sharing and connecting with one another, knowing that we are bound together by God's love. Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together.

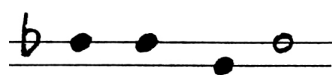
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## PRELUDE

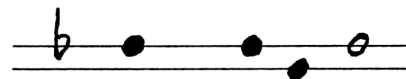
"UP JUMPED SPRING" BY FREDDIE HUBBARD

## LIGHTING THE NEW FIRE

Every Easter, dating back more than a millennium, Christians have kindled a new fire to symbolize the new life of the resurrection. Today, Matt will light a very small version of a Paschal Candle. Please feel free to light one where you are! We will continue to host the new fire throughout the fifty days of Easter.



The Light of Christ!



Thanks be to God!

## EXSULTET - CANDLE LIGHTING

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ God's Son our Lord, who lives and reigns in heaven, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

"WELCOME HAPPY MORNING"



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:  
 3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en-ing light,  
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,  
 6 Loose the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;  
 6 all that now is fal - len raise to life a - gain;



1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,  
 6 show thy face in bright - ness, bid the na - tions see;



1 Christ their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!  
 6 bring a - gain our day - light: day re - turns with thee!

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say.

*The Bible readings are taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality.*

*Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.*

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Peter spoke to Cornelius and the others, and said to them, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality—rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all.

"You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with him. We are eyewitnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in

*The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.*

*Julia Esquivel Velásquez (1930 - 2019) was a Guatemalan poet, theologian and human rights activist. During her lifetime she received numerous death threats due to her raising concerns regarding the human rights of the Indigenous Maya peoples and went into exile in 1980 in Switzerland. In 1994, she received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Bern for her poetry.*

*\* The phrase "inventory since 1954" refers to the year in which the Guatemala government of President Jacobo Arbenz was overthrown by a CIA-backed mercenary army coup, which initiated the unrelenting and ever-mounting repression by the military regimes who took over power.*

Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed, being hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day. God allowed him to be seen, not by everyone, but only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God—that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that this is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through his Name.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MIDDLE READING** EXCERPT FROM "THEY HAVE THREATENED US WITH RESURRECTION" BY JULIA ESQUIVEL

What keeps us from sleeping  
is that they have threatened us with  
Resurrection!

Because every evening  
though weary of killings,  
an endless inventory since 1954,\*  
yet we go on loving life  
and do not accept their death!

They have threatened us with Resurrection  
Because we have felt their inert bodies,  
and their souls penetrated ours  
doubly fortified,  
because in this marathon of Hope,  
there are always others to relieve us  
who carry the strength  
to reach the finish line  
which lies beyond death.

They have threatened us with Resurrection  
because they are more alive than ever  
before,  
because they transform our agonies  
and fertilize our struggle,  
because they pick us up when we fall,  
because they loom like giants  
before the crazed gorillas' fear.

They have threatened us with Resurrection,  
because they do not know life (poor things!).

That is the whirlwind  
which does not let us sleep,  
the reason why sleeping, we keep watch,  
and awake, we dream.

No, brother,  
it is not the noise in the streets  
which does not let us sleep.

Join us in this vigil  
and you will know what it is to dream!  
Then you will know how marvelous it is  
to live threatened with Resurrection!

To dream awake,  
to keep watch asleep,  
to live while dying,  
and to know ourselves already  
resurrected!

Nos han amenazado de resurrección  
acompañados en esta vigilia sabremos lo que  
es soñar sabremos entonces lo maravilloso  
que es ¡vivir amenazado de resurrección!  
Soñar despierto, Velar dormido Vivir  
muriendo Caminar esperanzados Y saberse  
resucitados.

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**Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ALLELUIA

"JESUS IS LORD OF ALL THE EARTH"

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

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*The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.*

**W**hen the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils so that they could anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked, they found that the huge stone had been rolled back.

On entering the tomb, they saw a young person sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. They were very frightened, but the youth reassured them: "Do not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the One who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Now go and tell the disciples and Peter, 'Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.'"

They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling; but they said nothing to anyone, because they were so afraid.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ALLELUIA**

"ALLELUIA" FROM *EXULTATE! JUBILATE!* BY W.A. MOZART

SOPRANO SOLOIST: LAURA MUNSON

**SERMON**

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are not alone, we live in God's Creation.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. An audio recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.*

*This creed comes from the United Church of Canada. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership.*

## **COMMUNITY PRAYER: RECEIVING AND RELEASING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

Today's invitation to pray for each other, the church, and the world is based on the prayers of Walter Brueggeman and several others. Words will alternate with music, giving you a chance to listen to the still, small voice only you can hear, and to respond in the comment section if you wish.

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, you have set us in families and clans, in cities and neighborhoods.

Our common life began in a garden, but our destiny lies in the city.

You have placed us in and around Buffalo. This is our home.

Your creativity is on display here through the work of human hearts and hands.

We pray for Buffalo today—for the East Side and the West Side, North Buffalo and South Buffalo.

#### *Musical Response*

We pray for our poorest neighbors and for powerful people in banks and businesses downtown.

We pray for people from the First Ward and the Fruit Belt.

We pray for neighboring communities from Olcott to Olean, from Angola to Albion, and a thousand other cities connected to our own.

#### *Musical Response*

In all our neighborhoods this day there will be crime and callous moneymaking; there will be powerful people unable or unwilling to see the vulnerable who are their neighbors.

There will also be beautiful acts of compassion and creativity in all these places—forgiveness and generosity; neighbors working together for a more just community.

Help us see this place as something other than a battleground between us and them, where our imaginations are limited by win/lose propositions and endless rivalry.

Show us a deeper reality, God: Show us your Beloved Community.

#### *Musical Response*

We pray for the protection of all people around the world from the coronavirus, and for those who care for the sick, for those who are helping us all get vaccinated, for those who have taken great personal risks to maintain the well-being and safety of others throughout the pandemic. We pray also for all others who are sick or lonely, all who are overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, or trapped in harmful relationships. We pray for all who grieve, and all who live in fear. We pray for all who are dependent on the compassionate care of others, and for those who work tirelessly to care for the ones who are in need.

Prosper our city, and help us to trust that you are God, we pray in the name of the one who wept over the city.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### **And also with you.**

*Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Your financial support** is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. While the church is not open, Trinity has made a commitment to keep staff on the payroll. Plus, all the Trinity services are available online, either with Zoom or Facebook live streaming. You can [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting the word "give" to (716) 221-8580. Thank you!

\*Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying this prayer.

This version of the Lord's Prayer is what many of us grew up learning, and is shared at the end of many 12 Step meetings. It is important to be reminded that we as individuals are part of a great cloud of witnesses who have been inspired to turn to God in prayer throughout the ages.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom is found in both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the Dance went on.

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplication to you;  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
you will be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## "LORD OF THE DANCE" BY SYDNEY CARTER/NEIL HARMON

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



FINAL HYMN

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.*

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

## DISMISSAL

Take your leave, trusting that we are made one in Christ, to shine in the world with God's light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

"CONCERTO IN C MAJOR" BY J.S. BACH

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With special thanks to John Hasselback III for creating the video.

## SERVICES @TRINITY

In the interest of staying connected and sharing what we can of our spiritual life together, here's our service lineup:

**SUNDAY MORNING @10:30** Live streaming on Facebook. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) page after the service is over.

**TRINITY @7** Zoom gatherings on Sunday night @7pm featuring poetry and jazz. RETURNS April 11.

**WEDNESDAY @NOON** Zoom gatherings offering prayer and holy conversation.

**THURSDAY @7** Zoom gatherings @7pm offering the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery.

**THURSDAY @NOON TO 2PM OR BY APPOINTMENT** The church will be open for private prayer or meditation. You can chat quietly with one of the volunteers, or if you need, you can ask them to pray with you. Please wear a mask. You are required to sign a registry at the entrance to be used in the event contact tracing is necessary.

This plan will be in place for the foreseeable future. It's clear we will not have any sizable groups for many months to come. If you have ideas about safe ways to use our building for spiritual enrichment, please contact the church office to share your ideas and plans for implementation. Please continue to read the newsletters to stay informed.

Click here to [find the readings](#).

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A TRINITY @7 SERVICE TONIGHT. SERVICE WILL RESUME ON APRIL 11.



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

*Vocalists:* Laura Munson, Suzanne Fatta, John Clayton,  
Brandon Mecklenburg, Tyler Mecklenburg  
*Readers:* Tom Owen, Susana Bernhardt, Judy Atkinson Miller  
*Guest Musician:* Harry Fackelman, saxophone, John Hasselback III, trumpet,  
Claire Fisher, violin, Nancy Baun, cello

**Sunday @10:30am**

Includes communion at an open table

**Sunday @7:00pm**

An encounter with God through poetry, jazz, and meditation

**Wednesday @11am**

Rite 2 communion and coffee

**Thursday @7pm**

12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality