Doxology: UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: – Discipleship Resources

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. **Amen**.

*Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" UMH# 159

Benediction

*Hallelujah Chorus:

G. F. Handel - Messiah

(Everyone is welcome to join in the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." You may come forward during this hymn to stand with the choir in the chancel area. Upon leaving the sanctuary, please return the music by placing them in the special designated baskets by the exits. Thank you.)

Postlude: "Toccata" Charles-Marie Widor

We are thankful for David Belew, Teri LaFleur, Holly Joy Pearson, and Karen Sheffield who are sharing their musical gifts during this period of transition to keep the chancel choir, children's choirs, and handbell choir programs active.

Guest Organist: Dr. Ezequiel Menéndez is the former Director of Music at the Cathedral Saint Joseph in Hartford. He is an active international concert artist and teacher.

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Greta Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie

Easter Plant Arrangement: Lee Vaughn

Easter Ensemble: Kevin Barker, Vincent Cassotta, Mike Ferrigno, Pat Lennon, Mitchum Mangan

No Coffee Hour due to the Easter Breakfast

Liturgist: Lisa Everett

Trinity's Dance Movement Choir, Choreographed by Amelia Hays-Rivest

Ushers: Fred Lewis, Hope Lewis, Clayton Calhoun and Rita Auchy

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please silence electronic devices before the service.

*Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.

We worship using the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks:

The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS).

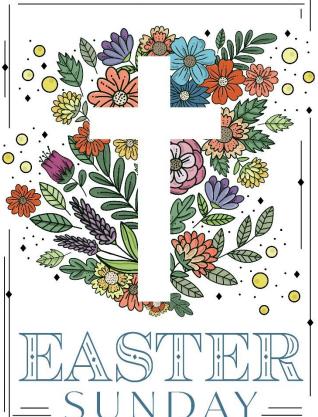
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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 10:30 a.m.

"The body is not a prison to escape from, but a temple in which God already dwells, and in which God's glory will be fully manifested on the day of the resurrection."

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, Show Me the Way: Daily Lenten Readings

Prelude: "Prelude in C" Dietrich Buxtehude

"Grand Choeur Dialogue" Eugene Gigout

"Allegro Assai" Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Introit: "Lift High the Cross"

*Call to Worship:

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Many: Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH#302 (vv.1-4)

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance: – Insight Worship Resources

Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. Be at peace. **Amen**.

*Response: "We Are One In The Spirit" TFWS# 2223 (v.4)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

"On the Third Day" Allen Pote

*Passing the Peace of Christ

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT'S WORD TO US

Children's Moment

Anthem:

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

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 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, forever. Amen.

Offering of Movement & Dance: "Branches of Light" arr. T. Newmann

*Hymn: "Thine Be the Glory" UMH# 308

(No Chapel Kids on Easter Sunday.)

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10 (NRSV) N.T. p. 32

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: "There You Will See Him" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Ministries

Risen Christ, as we celebrate the miracle of your resurrection, we offer these gifts in thanksgiving for the new life you have given us. Just as Mary Magdalene found hope in the empty tomb, may these offerings be used to bring light and new beginnings to those in need. We seek to carry the message of your victory over death, bringing renewal, joy, and hope to all. **Amen**.

Offertory: "All Things New" Craig Courtney