

Trinity Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

BREAD FOR FEASTING



GATHERING

We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Arr. Stan Pethel
Quentin Mallette, Trumpet
Jaron Marcus, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Jon Farrell-Higgins

Introit

“Lift High the Cross”
Arr. Larry Shackley
Trinity Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

The bread of life has broken the power of death! Let no one go hungry again!

Alleluia! Jesus is alive! Let all creation rejoice!

Christ is risen, conquering hate and violence! Let the people of God find wholeness and healing.

Alleluia! Let restoration begin! The kingdom of God is at hand!

Let us join in the eternal feast, where hope overflows and the despair of this life is vanquished by love.

The bread of life is risen and alive. Let us worship the one who leads us now in compassion and justice!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
Congregation
Jaron, piano
Trinity Heritage Choir
Trinity Handbell Choir
Quentin Mallette & Matias Bledsoe, Trumpets

Call to Confession

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love—love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. *(Time for silent confession.)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!

*Sung Response Hymn No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Sermon on the Steps

Jenny Lee

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

John 20: 11-18
NRSVUE

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the

gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to God. But go to my brothers and sisters and say to them, 'I am ascending to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Sound the Trumpet"
Mark Patterson
Trinity Heritage Choir
Quentin Mallette & Matias Bledsoe, Trumpets

Second Reading

John 21:11-17
NRSVUE

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now

none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Bread for Feasting"

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

*Hymn No. 249

"Because You Live, O Christ"

Affirmation of Faith

(from Illustrated Ministry)

We believe Jesus was and is the bread of life, broken for all, and made whole in resurrection.

We believe the table is set for all people, and there will always be enough.

We believe the bread of life compels us to seek justice so all might have the spiritual, emotional, and physical nourishment they need.

We believe Christ is risen, death is defeated, and no one can separate us from the love and joy that surround us today and every day.

We believe in the renewal of all things. Even now, the bread of life is at work, healing and restoring all that was broken.

We believe one day we will all gather around God's table, united in peace, joy, and justice for all people. Alleluia! Amen.

Prayers of the People

After every petition, the congregation responds:

Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the bread of life.

Risen Christ, bread of life, just as you are alive, so is your mission to feed the hungry—in heart, soul, and mind. Today, we bring our prayers, trusting in your faithfulness to make all things new.

Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the bread of life.

Embolden your church to proclaim your resurrection with words and actions that nourish the hungry, heal the broken, and challenge systems of oppression. May we reflect the hope of new life in all we do. Equip us to participate in Jesus' ministry of feeding and care for all people.

Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the bread of life.

Where famine and drought desolate the land, let your people share the bread of hope, the bread of life. Teach us true generosity, that Christ's table may be extended to the far reaches of the Earth.

Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the bread of life.

In places and communities where apathy and desperate thinking have taken root, inspire hope and creativity. Teach us to find abundance where others only see scarcity, and to trust your power to multiply what we offer.

Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the bread of life.

May the bread of life bring wholeness to those who grieve, suffer, and struggle to survive. Strengthen us to serve our neighbors, offering both comfort and tangible aid.

Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the bread of life.

When we doubt your resurrection power, renew our faith. When our vision is narrow, open our eyes to the possibilities. May we live in this Easter reality, proclaiming hope and bringing the bread of life to everyone who is hungry. In Christ, who fills our hearts and tables with life everlasting, we pray.

Alleluia! Amen.

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.**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
arr. Stan Pethel
Matias Bledsoe, Trumpet

*Doxology Hymn No. 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Hymn No. 238 (vv. 1-2)

"Thine is the Glory"

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 589 (sung twice)

"Alleluia"

*Postlude

"Jesus Shall Reign"
Attr. John Hatton
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Jon Farrell-Higgins, Liturgist

Jenny Lee, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, piano

Quentin Mallette & Matias Bledsoe, Trumpets

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