

Trinity Presbyterian Church
April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

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

Prelude Jaron Marcus, piano

Welcome and Announcements Jurahee Shriver

Introit "This is the Feast of Victory"
John Arthur/Richard Hillert
Heritage Choir

Call to Worship

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?
Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.
Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.
We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 233

“The Day of Resurrection”

Call to Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, The prejudice that impedes us, The ignorance that hinders us, The doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will Find courage in unlikely places, Move to those places where love is needed, And have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Time for silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness
Alleluia! Amen.

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

*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.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 Peter 1: 3-9
NRSVUE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“In Remembrance of Me”
Buryl Red
Trinity Heritage Choir

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "The Gift of Peace"

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. 240 (vv. 2 & 4)

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Affirmation of Faith

From The Confession of 1967

**Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Brad Stipcak, organ

*Doxology Hymn No. 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

By sharing the cup and the loaf, we recall God's everlasting covenant with us.

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Music During Communion

“Bread of Life” Video

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

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

*Hymn No. 251 (vv. 1 & 5)

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 589 (sung twice)

“Alleluia”

*Postlude

“Christ is Alive!
Music Sacra c.1778
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

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