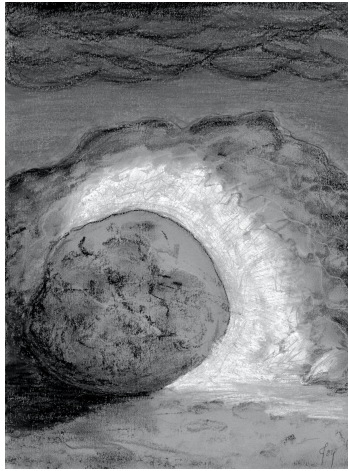


Easter Sunday (virtual worship)
April 12, 2020
Order of Worship



Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the dark of the early morning, it descended.
The very breath of God.

Dawn approached. The Spirit filled the lungs of our fallen king,
And his heart began to beat anew.
At the rising of the sun, He awoke. He opened his eyes.
He smiled. He rose.

Victorious. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

They say the tomb was empty,

Welcome to this new way of gathering together! While we cannot be physically present with one another, we know that as we gather in God's name, Christ is truly present.

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756/>) It will later be posted on our YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber) and our website <http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/>.

You may join us live (and comment below the feed to let us know you're there) or worship at whatever time works best for you. Invite others to join us as well!

Listed here is the Order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns picked by Franklyn that you may either listen to now or later. We will sing (at least) the first verse of each hymn which are printed in the order of worship if you would like to sing along.

Congregational responses are in bold, which I will still read, but invite you to read aloud wherever you may be worshipping. Though I cannot hear you, we know that we are speaking together from where we all are for God's ears and attention.

At the end of this document, you will find additional links for other service opportunities and brief announcements.

Setting up: Light a **candle** (or more), set out **your Bible** and/or a **cross**. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin. Decorate with **flowers, butterflies and other decorations** for this day of celebration. If you have musical instruments (or even pots & pans) to play during the songs, please use them.

Offering: *You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

Introduction: Early in the morning, the women fled Jesus' tomb, their voices silenced by fear. But their voices would be heard. and all would know that Jesus is alive!

But we know otherwise.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sorrow and mourning. Left behind.

Fear and shame. Left behind.

Sin and death. Left behind.

Our old ways and our old selves. Left behind.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Forever entombed by Christ the Son.

He who has conquered the grave.

He who is risen.

He who reigns forever.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN Jesus Christ is Risen Today. (ELW 365 tune)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, The news of your resurrection was shocking and surprising when it was first heard. May our joy at these glad tidings give voice to our witness and hope to our hearts. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, **amen.**

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Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" 172

The image shows a musical score for a three-part setting of the Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The lyrics are: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the syllables "hal-le" and "lu-jah".

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY This Easter Celebration

*This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.*

*No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.*

*Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.*

*In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.*

*We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.*

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NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You give a voice to all your children, even when we are frightened into silence. Empower all those who work with people struggling to make themselves heard, and to remember what their own voices sound like. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Blooming and growing things begin to greet us in this season of resurrection. May we see in them your eternal promise to renew all of creation, according to your great vision of life. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Like the impossibly heavy stone at Jesus' tomb, we often perceive great obstacles to what we are meant to do. Show us that you always provide a way, and that joys beyond our imagining await us when we are faithful. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Your new life also gives us life, great Creator. Bestow your healing spirit upon all those who need it this day, (*especially...*). Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

All your saints in heaven and on earth join together to rejoice at your resurrection. Make us joyful in our communion with them, and grateful that because of you, we also have a place in your eternal kingdom. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

What else does this assembly wish to lift up in prayer? You are invited to share additional prayers aloud or silently

Here other petitions may be offered.

In sadness and in joy, you hear our prayers, O God. Hold in your hands all these things for which we ask, trusting in the mercy of the one who defeated death, Jesus Christ, **amen**.

PEACE OF THE LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling or sending a message later to someone)

Offering *(You are invited to listen to this song as our “anthem” for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

Anthem: Risen Indeed! - Alan Pote (https://youtu.be/Q25fZ2_1AYw)

Offering Prayer

As the women brought you spices, the best of what they had, so we too offer up these gifts for the work of your Church. Bless them and use us as instruments of your good news, for the furthering of your gospel message. For Jesus' sake we pray. **Amen**.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 and ever. Amen**

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

The assembly stands

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed!" He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, allelulia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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