

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Allegro from Symphony No. 5 in D

Canzon Terza

Fanfare for Easter

C. S. Lang

William Boyce

Giovanni Gabrieli

Robert Elmore

WELCOME

Rebekah LeMon

One: He is risen!

All: **He is risen, indeed!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Strong

One: The tomb is empty!

All: **The stone has been rolled away!**

One: Where, O death, is your victory?

All: **The love of God is stronger than death.**

One: Where, O death is your sting?

All: **The love of God is stronger than death!**

One: Come, let us worship the resurrected Lord!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Tom Farmer

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus you have defeated death and delivered us from sin and shame. You have renewed your creation and welcomed us into the mystery of eternal life. Yet, even in the face of this Good News, we are preoccupied with ourselves, governed by greed and fear. We confess that we don't always live as redeemed people, but cling instead to selfish ways. On this glorious day, help us to give up all that holds us, that the truth of your forgiveness might take root in our hearts. Transform us, that we might live as Easter people. Amen.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! The power of resurrection is at work as Christ casts out our fear with perfect love. Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!**

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light, when to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

(tune may be found as stanza 1 of Hymn #254)

PUER NOBIS

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

THE QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

Isabelle Langley Warley, daughter of Emma and Peyton Warley

+WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

O loving God, unto thy care we give again this child of thine, baptized and blessed with faithful prayer and sealed with love's victorious sign.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(pew Bible, OT p. 652)

ANTHEM

O God Beyond All Praising

Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept our love, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 16:1-8

(pew Bible, NT p. 54-55)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON	Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon	
Giving and Forgiving: Hope		
+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	TRURO	
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.		
Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. Christ now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.		
(tune may be found as Hymn #772)		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.		
CALL FOR OFFERINGS		
Through the annual “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering, Presbyterians around the country support our neighbors with relief after natural disasters, food, clean water, sanitation, education, opportunity, and financial resources. Please use the specified envelopes in the pews to give to the PC(USA)’s One Great Hour of Sharing. If you wish to give to Trinity, please do not use an envelope.		
OFFERTORY	“Hallelujah” from Messiah	G. F. Handel
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah!		
+DOXOLOGY #606	OLD HUNDREDTH	
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
+CLOSING HYMN	#233 The Day of Resurrection	LANCASHIRE
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION		
BENEDICTION RESPONSE		
The Strife is O’er		VICTORY
CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY		
Toccata from Symphony V, op. 42		Charles-Marie Widor
+++		

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WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity, and there are worship bags available at all entrances. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds D102
Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) D106

Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor or call 404-237-6491.

Counseling

Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling. Morgan DiOrio, M.Ed., LPC, NCC, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families. Call 678-935-6472. Christi Bartolomucci, Ph.D., LPC, CPCS, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults. Call 770-293-1950 ext. 210. Elizabeth Earhart, M.A., CCC-SLP; M.S., LPC, NCC, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults. Call 404-631-7934.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Email stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org and a Stephen Leader will be in touch with you.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP	MUSICIANS
Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon <i>Senior Pastor</i>	The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church
Rev. Tom Farmer <i>Parish Associate for Pastoral Care & Senior Adult Ministries</i>	Norman Mackenzie, <i>Organist and Director of Music and Arts</i>
Rev. Lucy Strong <i>Associate Pastor for Mission and Engagement</i>	Brass Quartet Michael Tiscione, <i>trumpet</i> Yvonne Toll-Schneider, <i>trumpet</i> Everett Burns, <i>horn</i> Nathan Zgonc, <i>trombone</i>
Maddie Stancil & Forbes Stancil <i>Acolyte</i>	FLOWERS The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Trinity Presbyterian Flower Guild in loving memory of their co-founder, Janet Davenport. This morning's arrangement was created by the Trinity Presbyterian Flower Guild.
Dave Higgins <i>Elder</i>	

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