



## The Resurrection of Our Lord

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10:00am

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

### THE PRELUDE

### THE GATHERING

- \* The Service of Light  
(\* Stand and face rear center aisle )  
P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**

P: We light the Paschal Candle, symbol of the eternal light that shines forth through the merit of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World; the same Jesus Christ who was in the beginning and is today, who was in himself the beginning and the ending. His are time, and eternity, his are glory and dominion forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Candle is lit*

P: May all the darkness of our hearts and minds be dispelled by the Light of Christ who rises on Easter morning in glory.  
Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

- \* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** # 365

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

- \* **THE EASTER GREETING**

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\* **THE HYMN OF PRAISE:**

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P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**                      tune # 380

**C: Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Christ is risen from the grave! He who died this comfort gives: Lo, he lives, his own to save! Hallelujah! Praises be to our Lord eternally!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O risen Lord!**

\* **THE GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 1-10**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O risen Christ, for opening the Scriptures to us.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

## THE GOOD NEWS 101

### YOUTH CHOIR: DAY OF ARISING

### THE SERMON

### THE HYMN OF THE DAY #382

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

### \* THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

### \* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Merciful God,  
**Receive Our Prayer.**

### \* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### THE OFFERING

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### \* THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards #184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## THE MEAL

### \* THE OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 152

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.**

### \* THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our  
sin; who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the  
witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,** pg. 153  
**God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

\* **THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

\* **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 and ever. Amen.

\* **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**THE LAMB OF GOD**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

*Our communion distribution today will be continuous  
starting with the lectern side. Please come forward at the  
direction of the ushers. Take a cup from the tray. The  
Pastor will offer the bread (gluten free wafers are  
available, just ask for one). Then proceed to the  
communion assistant who will have the chalice. Grape  
juice is in the center section of the communion trays.*

\* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to  
anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing  
to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

\* **THE BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

\* **THE SENDING SONG**

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*Thine is the Glory*

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace, Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today: April 5, 2026 (Easter)**

**Communion Assistant:** Laura Poethke

**Acolyte:** Allyson Schmalz

**Lector:** Lynn Haab

**Ushers:** Lynn Haab & Steve Anderson

**Musician:** Danny Allen

**Sound Board:** Amber Johnson

**Serving Next Week: April 12, 2026**

**Acolyte:** Allyson Schmalz

**Lector:** Stan Blackburn

**Ushers:** Lynn Haab & Steve Anderson

**Musician:** Danny Allen

**Sound Board:** Laura Poethke

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY**

**Today:** 10:00AM Easter Worship w/Communion

**Monday:** 7-9pm: Burlington Entertainers

**Wednesday:** 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety

**Friday:** 7:00—10:00PM AA

**Next Sunday:** 9am Sunday School  
10am: Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!** Our Lord and Savior lives! May your presence here today bring you peace, comfort, and hope.

**EASTER**, being the greatest festival of the Church, is celebrated for a week of weeks – seven weeks! Throughout these “Great Fifty Days” we continue to celebrate the Resurrection in a special way, and we begin to see how it affects all parts of our lives. We are witnesses of the Resurrection, and our lives show forth the Lord’s victory.

**THE PASCHAL CANDLE** burns near the altar at all services during the Easter Season (40 days until Ascension Day). Following The Ascension of Our Lord (always a Thursday), it will be moved to be near the Baptismal font, and thereafter lit at baptisms and funerals. This is a constant reminder of the gift of **NEW LIFE**, made available to us through Baptism – into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped put together our Holy Week services and Lenten activities. We couldn't do what we do without you.

God’s blessings to you and your families this Easter.  
*-Pastor Haab*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is in session every Sunday at 9:00am. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:** Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Sunday Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship takes place normally on the 4th Sunday each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

**BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING** take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

**PLEASE CALL** the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a

family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

**MORE INFORMATION:** on these and other upcoming worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page: [HolyTrinityBT](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBT) and the church website: [www.holytrinityelc.org](http://www.holytrinityelc.org)

**LILY INFO:** They may be picked up after worship– please take from windowsills first.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Holy Trinity is so blessed to be able to offer Scholarships to our youth and adults continuing their education at colleges and trade schools. If you are interested in applying please go to our website to find out more information. The dead line for applications is Sunday, May 17, 2026.

### **IF YOU ENJOY BASEBALL**

#### **NEW JERSEY SYNOD YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION**

**TEAM:** Somerset Patriots vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies, Saturday, June 13 @7:05pm. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each. With each purchased ticket, you will also receive a \$10 food and beverage gift card. For more information see Laura Poethke after worship.

#### **TRENTON THUNDER FAITH AND FAMILY GAME:**

Saturday, July 25 @ 6pm We have once again ordered 20 tickets for Holy Trinity to be a part of this special event. The tickets are \$8.00 each. If you would like to reserve tickets please see Bonnie after church. Tickets must be paid for when you reserve them.



*Christ is risen!*  
*He is risen indeed!*