



# TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Liturgy for Home Worship

Easter Sunday  
— April 12, 2020 —

### Words for Reflection

Easter is for people who feel hoping is a waste, trusting is futile, and believing is groundless.

-Scotty Smith

Jesus had a real body but this body was better. It had come through death and couldn't get sick or be killed again. This body would live forever. Jesus had come back with a brand new body. Not only were sad things coming untrue, the friends realized, they were becoming new again. Was God going to make everything new? Jesus said, "I am the Savior and the Rescuer of the world." And they knew, because he couldn't stay dead, because Jesus had come alive again, that somehow everything would be all right.

- Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

We are irreducibly hope-based creatures. If we believe that this world is an accident and that when we die we rot, then that lack of hope will cast a shadow on way we live and see all of life. But if we believe the Christian Gospel, then no matter what happens in our lives, we possess a hope that will always strengthen us. Christians find their hope in the certainty of God's love for them through Jesus Christ. Christians live in the hope of knowing that the entire physical creation will be renewed into a perfect world without pain and death.

-Tim Keller

### The Call to Worship

*God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

## Hymn of Praise | Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your voice and triumphs high,  
Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Lyra Davidson

## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*We ask for God to be present among us and conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we often live as if the resurrection never happened. We struggle with doubting Your goodness and grace to us. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are frequently deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of resurrection life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

— Ephesians 2:4-6 ESV

### Hymn of Response | In Christ Alone

*We respond in thanks and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

## Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

### The Offering

*In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God. You may give online at [www.trinitypresfw.org/give](http://www.trinitypresfw.org/give)*

#### The Lamb Has Overcome

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome.  
The battle's done and the victory is won.  
The lamb has overcome.

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down  
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound.  
No grave could hold him down.

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Glory be unto His name!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Glory be unto His name!*

At God's right hand is He, at God's right hand is He.  
Our Perfect Plea as he lives to intercede,  
At God's right hand is He.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near.  
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear.  
The day is drawing near.

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Glory be unto His name!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Glory be unto His name!*

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome.  
The battle's done and the victory is won.  
The lamb has overcome.

Words and Music: Luke Morton



## Departing Hymn | We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We respond in faith and song.*

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
"He has done great things," we will say  
together.  
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,  
My soul be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, o how long?  
O God of Jacob be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom.

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

## The Benediction

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to Fort Worth.*

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

—Hebrews 13:20-21 ESV

## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world to love God, love people, and love Fort Worth.*

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve Fort Worth and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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