

Easter Dialogue and Brass Fanfare

Trinity Easter Welcome:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Celebration Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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!

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!

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!

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

Thoughts for the Day:

Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing.

- Albert Laighton

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.
 Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła)

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Opening Song: My Redeemer Lives (music at end of bulletin)

Call to Worship:

- P. Children, why are you weeping?
- C. For a lost loved one.
- P. For the death of a dream.
- C. For failing health.
- P. For broken relationships.
- C. Out of loneliness and isolation
- P. For people without food, shelter.
- C. For the state of the world.
- P: An idle tale about an empty tomb
- C: And a missing body.
- P: Improbable.
- C: Unlikely.
- P: Yet it was the testimony of the women;
- C: It was confirmed by the disciples.
- P: It means life is different,
- C: Love is stronger than death,
- P: Forgiveness flows,
- C: Healing happens,
- P: People change,
- C: Hope is renewed.
- P: Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Praise Songs:

Christ Is Risen
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
(music at end of bulletin)

We Confess Our Own Good Fridays:

L: Holy, living God, we struggle to silence our active minds, put aside our "to-do" lists and rest our spirits in this moment. *(Moment of Silence)*

Move into the busy spaces and know our hearts, we pray. (Moment of Silence)

In this day of celebration and new life, we are mindful that we hold on to what is familiar and habitual. Forgive us for preferring ways of negativity and death to the adventure and joy you offer us each moment. Pardon us for reacting in fear when we hear or see things we do not understand. Grant us new life as you have gifted us with Christ's resurrection. Teach us what it means to be transformed this very day, as forgiven and holy people.

C: Amen.

We Hear the Good News of Easter:

L: Today brings the best news of all...Jesus lives! Jesus died a cruel death on the cross for the sin of the whole world. His body was placed in a borrowed tomb and on the third day he came back to life to defeat death for all time. Christ offers us this new life as our very own. Our sin is forgiven because Jesus lives. We no longer need to fear death as we look forward to living for all eternity with him. Jesus lives! Praise God for the good news of Easter.

Confession Response: Christ is Living, verse 1 (music at end of bulletin)

The Easter Story: John 20:1-8

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, gasping for breath. "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus' body had been laid. They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?"

"They took my Master," she said, "and I don't know where they put him." After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him.

Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?"

She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, "Sir, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him."

Jesus said, "Mary."

Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher!"

Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her.

Easter Message: "Why Are You Weeping?" Pastor Cristy School

Message Response: Resurrection Hymn (music at end of bulletin)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Sending Out:

L: Go forth, fear not! God walks with you! God sustains you! Christ is risen!

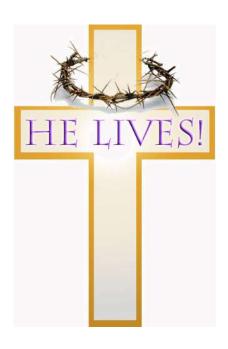
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sending Song: Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen (music at end of bulletin)

The Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.





EASTER GREETINGS

May each of you, as you have worshipped here, sense the marvels of God's love seen in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May His presence dwell with us always.

Should you not have a church home, we would take this opportunity to invite you to become a member of Trinity.

To all who have participated in making these festive services possible, we express our appreciation and thanks.



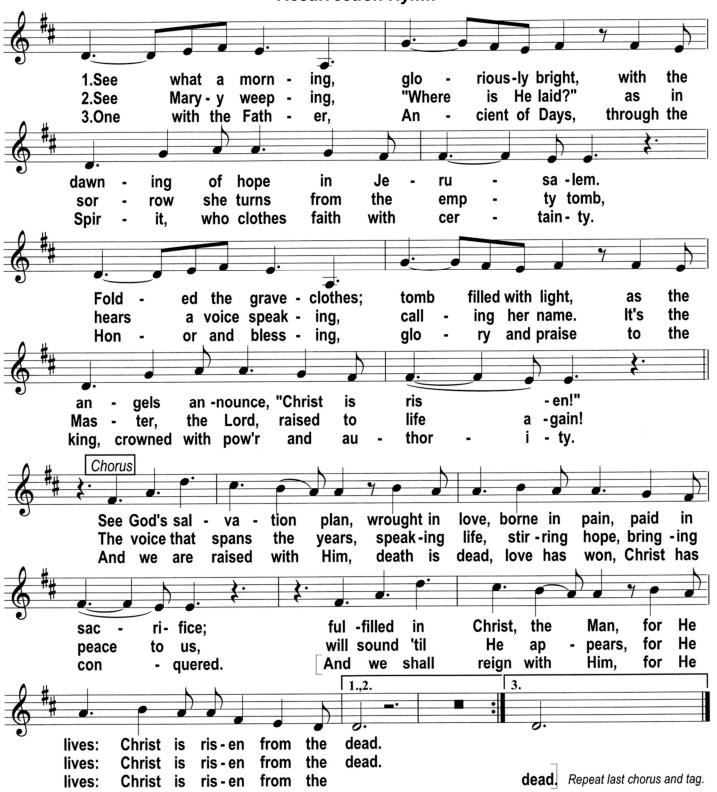
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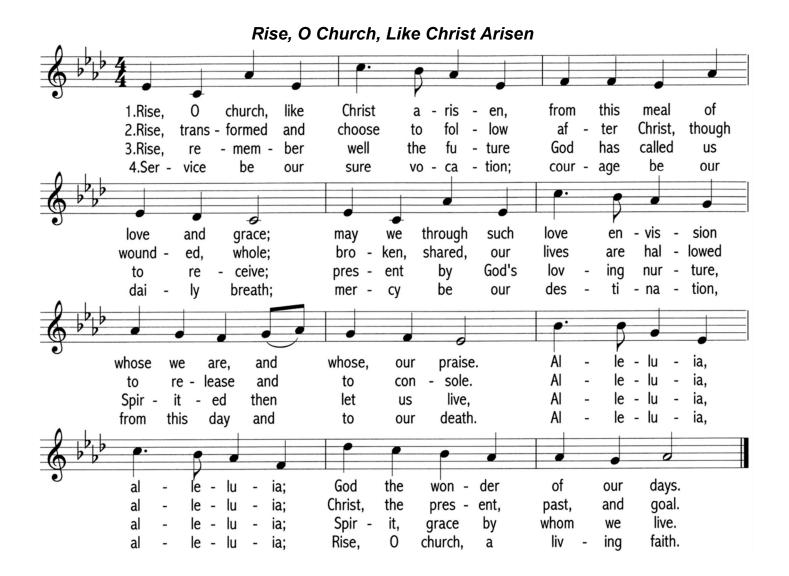






Resurrection Hymn





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