

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

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*Service at 10:30 a.m.*

# ***The Order of Worship***

## ***10:30 a.m.***

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, God loves us with "an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 10:34) Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. In this time of crisis, congregations and communities are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God, and with the women on that first Easter day proclaim, "Christ is Risen!" and we shall arise!*

*Set out and light a candle, perhaps the one you used on Good Friday. You may wish to have a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

**Festival Toccata**

**Percy E. Fletcher**  
(1879 – 1932)

## **THE RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

## **THE SOLO**

*My Lord What a Mornin'*

Harry T. Burleigh  
(1866 – 1949)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning!  
When the stars begin to fall.

- 1 You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my  
God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.
- 2 You will hear the sinner cry, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my  
God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.
- 3 You will hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my  
God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# OPENING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* "Easter Hymn"

ELW 365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

(10:30)

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6**

The first reading for Easter Sunday is recorded in Jeremiah, the 31<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

6For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SOLO**

*The Holy City*

Stephen Adams (1844 – 1913)

F.E. Weatherly (1848 - 1929)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and everywhere as they sang, me thought the voice of angles from heaven in answer rang: Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your king!

Then me thought my dream was changed the streets no longer rang, hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Hark! how the angels sing. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your king.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea; the light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass a way. Jerusalem, Jerusalem sing for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forever more.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

The second reading for today is recorded in Colossians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<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 things that are above, not on 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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; 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 to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* “Lasst Uns Erfreuen”

ELW 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
strife. “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day shared in many and marvelous ways through trying times. Strengthen all communities of faith and especially the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the beauty of the natural world, for springtime flowers and budding trees, for the soil and rain that nourish the crops. We lament where our lifestyles have harmed your creation and our efforts to repair your earth are now postponed Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. We pray especially for all those serving in the armed forces, national guard, first responders, healthcare professionals, and their families. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence. We pray for all those impacted by the COVID-19 virus, those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember all those who have died, those known to us, and all known by you, members of the Church triumphant. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with someone in your home, or share a message of peace via text, email, tweet, or post (or call someone after worship.)*

## **THE OFFERING**

*Thank you for your gifts and offerings which make our ministry possible. You may share your offering by clicking the “Contribute Today” link below this Livestream and on our Homepage, or by mailing your gift to the church office. Thank you!*

*As part of our outreach into our neighborhood, city and region, Holy Trinity has supported a variety of social ministry agencies throughout the years. This year, we have shared gifts with: Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation, Caribbean Children’s Foundation, Lutheran Charities of WNY, The Network of Religious Communities, School 17, Reconciling Works, Cystic Fibrosis Center, LCLC, Voice Buffalo, Resurrection Lutheran Church (summer program), and LuMin Campus Ministry. Your generosity at Eastertime helps to support these valuable ministries. Thank you!*

## **THE SOLO**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* from the *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

(1685 – 1759)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray together.

**O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

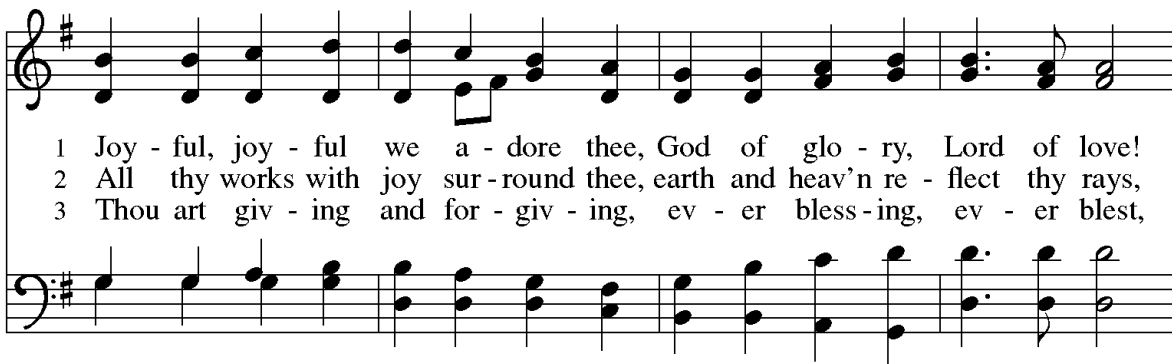
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

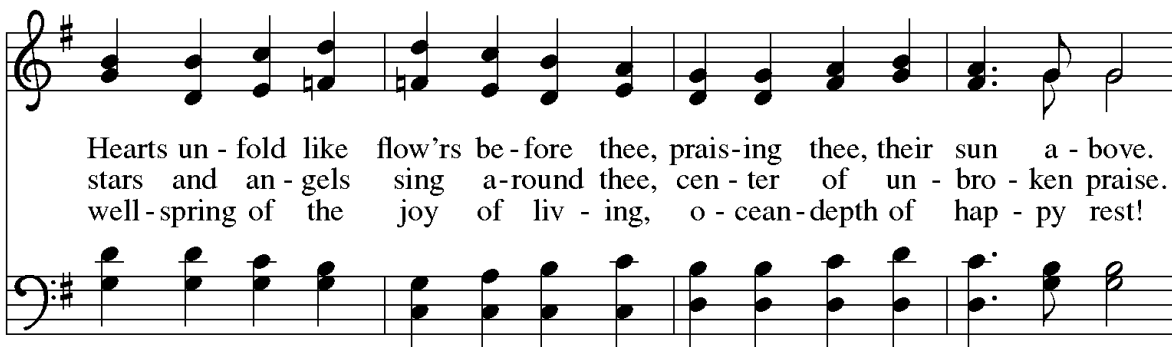
# CLOSING HYMN

## *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* "Hymn to Joy"

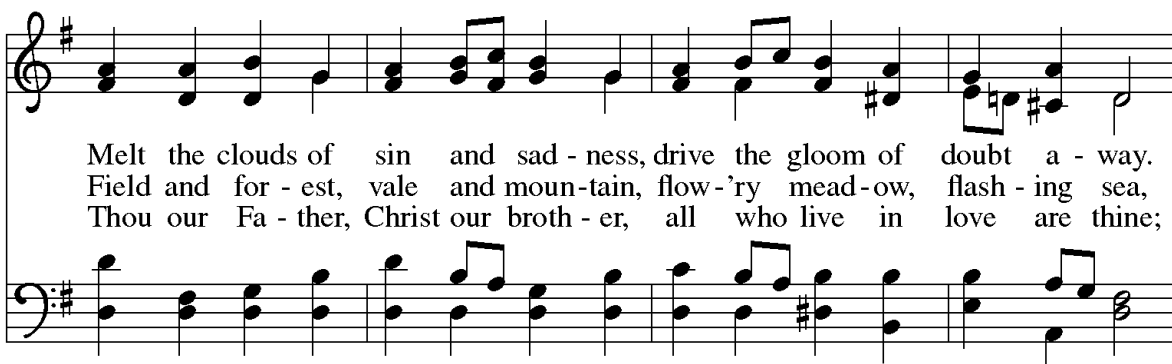
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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

(1844-1937)



While we will continue to staff the church office to conduct everyday business, such as answering the phones and mail service.

The office is closed.

We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.



## *Flowers*

*Easter lilies were placed on the altar in loving memory of:*

The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller by Joan Miller  
George and Della Diehl by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange  
Richard and Mary Sullivan by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange  
James and Elizabeth Manzella by Mary and Kurt Kaufmann  
Carl and Frances Kaufmann by Kurt and Mary Kaufmann  
Sandra Walker by Grandsons David, Gabriel and Christian  
William Johnson by Thomas Johnson  
Mabel Johnson by Thomas Johnson  
John and Molly Hollands by Prudence Hollands  
Kenneth James by Ruth James

*In Thanksgiving for the blessings of:*

Alexander and Emily by Kurt and Mary Kaufmann

## *A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**FOOD DONATIONS:** To support those in need of food from our NRC food pantry and from the emergency bags our Pastors provide, if you are able to donate, these are the items most needed. For our pastor's bags: The Pop top canned easy meals , ex. Ravioli meals.

For the Food Bank: Canned tuna, soups, and tomatoes. Items may be brought to the church. **Please call ahead to alert the staff that you are planning to donate and arrange a convenient time.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** As floral shops are considered non-essential, we are sorry but we will not have altar flowers until further notice. If you have dedicated flowers during this time, have already paid for them and would like a refund, please call the church office. Thank you and we wish to have our beautiful flowers back on the altar shortly.

Taylor Mortorff is continuing his study on LGBTQ welcoming church environments. Below is a 15-20 minute survey that is open to all people who attend Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please participate in the online survey at the link below. If you have questions or would like a summary of the results of the survey, please reach out to Taylor directly via email at [tomortor@buffalo.edu](mailto:tomortor@buffalo.edu). The survey closes April 19th at 11:59 pm. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMTQ5N2>

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Holy Trinity has an electronic option for making regular offerings or a one-time donation. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the forms located on the tables in the narthex and return to the office. Please call the church office with questions.

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**A joyous and blessed Easter to all!**

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