

EASTER
March 31, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE “An Easter Celebration” . . EON Brass & Carla Barrows, Organ
arr. Joel Raney

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WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457

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 ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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EASTER ACCLAMATION AND INVOCATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P This is the day the Lord has made!

C We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

P The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our victory!

C You are our God, and we will praise You;
You are our God, and we will exalt You.

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
- C** His faithful love endures forever!

CONFESSION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast” LSB 155

- All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Women: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
- All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Men: Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
- All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
- All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Men: For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
- All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9

R The Old Testament Reading is from the 25th Chapter of Isaiah.

R ⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation." (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

R The Epistle Reading is from the 15th Chapter of 1st Corinthians.

R ¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL "Festival Alleluia" by James Chepponis

Choir: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Your words give joy to my heart, Your teaching is light to my eyes, my eyes.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL "Festival Alleluia" by James Chepponis

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Your word is a lamp for my feet, And a light on my path, my path.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Haley Davisson, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

MESSAGE Pastor Michael P. Dorn

MESSAGE RESPONSE "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

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CONFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

P For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and people, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness, [*especially . . .*], and all others we name in our hearts [silence], that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, [*especially . . .*], that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

OFFERING

(Offerings may be submitted online to www.trinitydt.org, by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)

MUSICAL OFFERING "Crown Him" by Dan Forrest . . Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Choir: *Alleluia!*

Choir: *Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Choir: *Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side-
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Choir: *Crown Him the Lord of life!
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glory now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Please stand.

All: *Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord through endless days
Adored and magnified!*

Choir: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"To the Lamb on the Throne" by Dan Forrest. Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Choir: Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb.

*Choir: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb.*

*Choir: Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb.*

*Choir: God rules in the height, almighty to save;
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have,
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
“Worthy the Lamb.” “Worthy the Lamb.” “Worthy, worthy the Lamb.”*

All: Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and pow’r, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Choir: “Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy, worthy the Lamb!”

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“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB 633, vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

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“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” LSB 480

He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Please stand.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461, vs. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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POSTLUDE “Easter Fantasy” . . . EON Brass and Carla Barrows, Organ
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 *Easter Lilies* 

Given by

Given in

- Heather Asselin and Zoë Valega Memory of Bertha & Grady Smith
 Heather Asselin and Zoë Valega Memory of Stewart & Louise Asselin
 Jim & Carla Barrows Honor of our 42nd wedding anniversary
 Jim & Carla Barrows Memory of our daughter Suzanne Jenean Barrows
 Jim & Carla Barrows Honor of our children and grandchildren
 (Katie, Mike, Jeff, Olivia and Ava)
 Pastor Donald & Audrey Black Memory of Guy & Lucille Black and Theodore & Bertha Rueter
 Pastor Donald & Audrey Black Thanksgiving for daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren
 Robin, Elaina, Robert, Jr. and Ricky Black Memory of Robert Black, Sr.
 The Buenker Family Memory of Alton & Ella Behrend
 The Buenker Family Memory of our wonderful cousin, Diane Rhodes
 Bob, Melanie, Brynn, Ansley and Levi Carl. Memory of Rob Croix
 Pastor Michael & Veloyce Dorn Memory of Lavada Harnapp and John Dorn
 Pastor Michael & Veloyce Dorn Honor of Paul & Betty Dorn and Vern & Ruth Harnapp
 Pastor Michael & Veloyce Dorn Honor of Rachel & Matthew Kortze and Elizabeth Dorn
 Gregory & Ann Gunn Honor of our risen Savior
 Gregory & Ann Gunn Thanksgiving for our family
 Mary Hahn and Grethe Hahn (2). Memory of Paul Hahn
 Mary Hahn and Grethe Hahn. Honor of church workers
 Carolyn Heine Memory of Clinton Heine
 Delmas Heinke and Robin, Elaina, Robert Jr. and Ricky Black. Memory of Marie Heinke
 Jeanne Held Memory of Mike Held
 Bo & Lisa Hopmann Memory of Rosemary & Ernest Hopmann, Jr.
 Bo & Lisa Hopmann Memory of Babs Emrick
 George Horneber Honor of we serve a God who cares!
 Cathy Irvine and Jock Irvine Memory of Jenny Irvine and M. Fred Dietz
 Cathy Irvine and Jock Irvine Honor of Cora Lee Fletcher
 The John Kieschnick Family Memory of Elaine Kieschnick, wife and mother
 The John Kieschnick Family Memory of Oscar & Lina Kieschnick,
 father, mother and grandparents
 The John Kieschnick Family Memory of Carroll & Lorraine Trimble, grandparents
 Herb & Arlene Koerselman (2) Memory of Lisa Koerselman
 Gary & Kathy Long. Honor of Christ the Risen Savior
 Cassie & James McGarvey and Clara, Lorelei and William Memory of Patricia Rosendahl
 Cassie & James McGarvey and Clara, Lorelei and William Memory of Gilbert & Clara Proske
 Cassie & James McGarvey and Clara, Lorelei and William Memory of Inga-Margrethe Rosendahl
 Cassie & James McGarvey and Clara, Lorelei and William Memory of Bertha Gollar
 Marty & Lynn Meyers (2). Glory to God

Jean MinschMemory of parents, Harlan & Thelma Minsch
Jean MinschMemory of brother, John Minsch
Tom & Kim O'Reilly and GavinMemory of Lynn Bedner ("Nanny")
Tom & Kim O'ReillyHonor of Gavin O'Reilly's Confirmation
Nancy PeurifoyHonor of the glory of God
Henry and William ReinhardtMemory of Charles Sclafani
Henry and William ReinhardtMemory of Jeanne Reinhardt
Henry and William ReinhardtMemory of Reverend Ronald Reinhardt
Russ Roberts, Heather Asselin and Zoë ValegaMemory of Sarette Fender
Hunter & Peggy SchappaughMemory of Peggy's mom, Edna Krause
Sherri SchroederMemory of Troy Browne
Marjorie, Sherri and Pam SchroederMemory of Wilbert Schroeder and Otto & Louise Schroeder
Marjorie, Sherri and Pam SchroederMemory of Alvin & Ella Wehmeyer
Jay & Peggy SchrollerMemory of Jay's mother, Carol Schroller
Jay & Peggy SchrollerHonor of our beautiful granddaughter, Lily Grace Schroller
Mia SclafaniMemory of Barbara Sclafani
The Family of Fred StoerkelMemory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Stoerkel and Mr. Fred W. Stoerkel
The Family of Fred StoerkelMemory of Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Taube and Mr. Albert T. Taube
The Family of Fred StoerkelMemory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Stringer
John, Jennifer and Jacob Stoerkel.Memory of Sherry Stoerkel
John, Jennifer and Jacob Stoerkel.Memory of John Stoerkel III
Mary VoigtMemory of Bob Voigt and Kathy Nuernberg
Mary VoigtHonor of my grandchildren and great-grandson, Emalyn,
Ethan, Landry, Caden, Cody and Grey
Sandra WorchesikMemory of Mr. Steve Worchesik, Jr.
Sandra WorchesikMemory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. Grady Johnson
and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Worchesik, Sr.
Sandra WorchesikMemory of Mr. & Mrs. James Worchesik and Mr. Joe Kilgore
The Yancey FamilyThanksgiving for Evelyn's First Communion

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