



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Third Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE Adagio
Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

GREETING

INTROIT from The Prayer of St. Francis
Words: St. Francis of Assisi; Music: Alan Viner

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, let us sow hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: When our hearts stir with insecurity and we do not recognize you among us,
People: we remember, you alone, O Sacred Peace, are our safety.
Leader: When discomfort swarms without and within and common words do not satisfy,
People: we remember, you alone, O Sacred Peace, are our safety.
Leader: Come, and reveal your presence as a child is baptized and the peace is shared
People: so we can remember, you alone, O Sacred Peace, are our safety.
Leader: For you have put gladness in our hearts more than when water showers down from heaven,
People: and we remember, you alone, O Sacred Peace, are our safety.
Leader: We remember you, O Sacred Peace,
People: and we come to worship.*

HYMN 113 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION Erica Carol Verch

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Those who are able are invited to stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED UNISON

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Those who have been standing may sit.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Children are invited to come forward for the baptism.

THE BAPTISM

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER & PRESENTATION OF THE RAINBOW

SONG OF WELCOME

With joy _____ and thanks- giv- ing _____ we wel- come _____ you
in - to Christ's church to _____ share with us _____ in this
mi - ni - stry, _____ for we are all one in Christ!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

*"Alleluia" from Motet "Exultate, jubilate"
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. by Wallingford Riegger*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48 (New Testament, page 91)

SERMON

Radical Implications of Easter: Real Peace and Security

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 368 I've Got Peace Like a River

Those who have been standing may sit.

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we pray for peace. We light the Peace Candle to remind us that “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

OFFERTORY

Alleluia! Christus Surrexit

Music: Felice Anerio; Text: I Cor. 15: 21-22; Rom. 4:5; I Cor. 5:8

Alleluia!

*Christus resurrexit a mortuis
primitiae dormientium.*

Alleluia!

*Quoniam per hominem mors,
et per hominem resurrectio mortuorum.*

Alleluia!

*Et sicut in Adam omnes moriuntur,
ita et in Christo omnes vivificabuntur.*

*Mortuus est propter delicta nostra,
et resurrexit propter justificationem nostram:*

itaque epulemur in azymis

sinceritatis et veritatis.

Alleluia!

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*Christ has risen from the dead,
the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

Alleluia!

*Since death was through a man,
the resurrection of the dead is also through a man.*

Alleluia!

*As in Adam all die,
So also in Christ are all made alive.*

*He died through our misdeeds,
and His resurrection was for our justification:
therefore, let us take together the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth.*

Alleluia!

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

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![‡]

[†]You may substitute the word “God”

[‡]You may substitute the words “Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 105

Because You Live, O Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

March from The Musical Clocks (Flötenhur)
Composer: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Easter is a seven-week season beginning on Easter Sunday, a Sunday also called the Resurrection of the Lord. During the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and God's victory over sin and death. The liturgical color of Easter is white, the traditional color of purity and joy.

Flowers – The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Brackman by his wife, Joyce. A celebration of Bill's life was held at trinity yesterday.

Liturgist – Mike Krivonak, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – Jeremy Williams

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

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DISCERNING

APRIL DISCERNING QUESTIONS: In preparation for our next discerning lunch conversation, please read this verse and pray about the following questions: Isaiah 49:5-6--*And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”*

1. This passage recalls that God is the source of our strength and identity. In what ways have you seen God's faithfulness in the life of Trinity? 2. This passage is surprising because it doesn't imagine a future that is a restoration of the past; rather it imagines a future that is more profound than what has already happened. What greater ministry, what greater witness do you hear God calling Trinity to at this time?

At Trinity, we have entered a time of discerning God's will for our future together. During this time, we encourage members and friends of Trinity to pray, discuss, and listen carefully to the still small voice that speaks in so many ways. Some Christians have a natural gift for praying—prayer comes easily and naturally. But for many of us, prayer is struggle. Each month we will offer some guidance on different ways to pray.

Lectio Divina:

Lectio Divina is the ancient practice of “holy reading.” Lectio Divina is a way of hearing God through the reading and praying of scripture. Lectio Divina usually begins with a short passage (you can use the one above if you like). You will read the passage three times. The first time read the whole passage through (you can do this silently or aloud) so you hear the whole passage. Pause. The second time you read the passage, listen for the word or phrase that “shimmers” or calls you to pay attention to it. Pause. Read the passage a third time paying close attention to the passage that “shimmered.” When you are done with your third reading, pray or breath the word or phrase that presented itself to you. Allow that word or phrase to speak to you, to guide your thinking or your meditation. After a time of prayer, thank God for God's word to you.

Join us at our next potluck lunch and conversation after worship on April 26th. We will discuss the April discerning questions listed in the bulletin insert.



Trinity Presbyterian Church



News and Notes for April 26, 2009

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to speak with the pastors. Information about our schedule can be found in the welcome brochure in the pews. We welcome children in worship, with childcare provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger if wanted. Spiritual growth classes for children are held at 9:30 am.

TODAY AT TRINITY

WE WILL HOLD OUR MONTHLY POTLUCK LUNCH & DISCERNING CONVERSATION today after worship in the Dining Room about the April discerning questions listed at the end of your bulletin. Please plan to join us for a great opportunity to listen to each other and listen to God.

THE BEL CANTO CHORUS OF ST. LOUIS will perform their Spring Concert in our sanctuary today at 3:00 p.m. Come and hear the beauty of the Benjamin Britten "Rejoice in the Lamb", along with other works by Rutter, Bach, Brahms, Seiber and their conductor, Bruce Vantine. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. A reception will follow the concert.

ADULT EDUCATION

April 19 - May 10: **Being Christian in a Pluralistic World**; Damayanthi Niles, Eden Theological Seminary. How do we begin taking plurality seriously in our theological discussion? What might such an approach look like? And where might it lead us? This class will study why it is essential to take pluralism seriously in order to understand the heart of the Christian faith. We will explore the ways we can take plurality seriously in our theological discussion by revisiting several Christian key concepts through the lens of pluralism and discover how it can help enrich our faith.

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See the monthly Trinity News or our website (www.trinityucity.org) for more details on these items

MONTHLY INTERFAITH DIALOGUE GROUPS sponsored by Interfaith Partnership are held in west county, Ladue, Kirkwood and the Central West End. More information will be in your May Trinity News.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS SATURDAY, MAY 9 – Trinity's new worship service called **The Commons@The Loop** will hold its inaugural service on May 9th at 5 pm. This service is designed to connect with folks who embrace Trinity's values of justice, diversity and hospitality, who do not connect with our Sunday morning worship service. This will be a multi-media service, with a wide variety of music. The style is informal. Trinity members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to invite their friends who do not currently have a church home to check it out.

TRINITY WILL PARTICIPATE IN SPONSORING AND BUILDING A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE in 2009. We will be part of a group of six Presbyterian Churches named WCC - Presbyterian Churches. WCC stands for "We Construct Community." The churches are Bonhomme, Kirkwood, Ladue, St. Mark's, Trinity, and Webster Groves. May is the time for us to raise the funds we hope to contribute to sponsoring the house. We have committed to try to reach the level we reached last year, \$5,000 toward the project. Please contribute by putting a check in the collection with "Habitat" written on the memo line, or sending a check so written to the office. Building will be between July and October.

TRINITY T-SHIRTS are in. If you didn't pick yours up for the rummage sale, please talk with Liz about pick up. Each shirt is \$9. Also, let Liz know if you would like to order one.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please [contact the church office](#).

Joys

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For Rev. Nancy & John Wagner at the birth of their 7th grandchild Ty Matthew Wagner, born on March 30
- For Meredith Adler, niece of Rev. Nancy Wagner, who gave birth to twins Ella Catherine and Luke Phillip on April 18.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Dawn Fleishman, as she pursues pastoral studies at Eden Seminary, Rhonda Dunbar as she studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA, and Diane O'Brien as she pursues theological studies at Eden Seminary.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Janet Guenther at the death of her daughter, Barbara Isaac, from Alzheimer's on March 28th in St. Louis. Barbara had a husband, Norman, and 2 teenage children.

Prayers for New Beginnings

- For Kurt and Julie Buchholz as Kurt looks for a new job after being laid off.
- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Roberta McBride's neighbor, Lorraine McGhee, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- For Robert Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, recovering at Barnes after having a stroke April 14.
- For Rev. Paul Reiter, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy (Trinity's presbytery), being treated for endocarditis.
- For Linda Anderson-Little who is recovering from arthroscopic surgery to release her frozen shoulder.
- For Tommy Norman, Jasman Lutz's father, who was injured when his motorcycle was struck by a car. His friend Keith McBride was also struck and was killed. Please keep the Norman, Lutz and McBride families in your prayers.
- For Michelle Tims, from First & Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO, being treated for leukemia at Children's Hospital, St. Louis.
- For Suzanne Trahan, friend of Traci O'Bryan, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and begins treatment this week; and for Suzanne's father John Foushee who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- For Dick Berg, a former member of Trinity, who has suffered a massive stroke in North Carolina and is in intensive care, partially paralyzed.
- For Bob Fowler (Julie March's first cousin) resting at home after a stem cell transplant for cancer.
- For Joyce Gerren, next-door neighbor to the Anderson-Littles who has been diagnosed with terminal liver disease.
- For Trinity's Pastor Emeritus Don Weems, receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- For Marc Griffiths, the husband of Liz Nelson's friend Jane Griffiths, just diagnosed with abdominal cancer. They have 4 young kids and live in Oregon.
- For 4 yr old Ryton Miller, grandson of a friend of Genny Richmond's, just diagnosed with 2 types of Leukemia.
- For Jane Hill, friend of Elaine Pontious, battling cancer and leg amputation.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Susan Lim as she receives treatment for breast cancer.
- For Karen Mayberry, making great progress on her recovery from double knee replacement surgery on February 2.
- For Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi and Becca Courtney, in Pullman, WA being treated for cancer of the lungs and brain.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, in hospice care.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing with liver disease.
- For Susan Harris & her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor and awaiting further testing.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis.
- For Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, being treated for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.
- For Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.
- For The Pontious family as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- For Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke in October 2006.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

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| • Helen Bauer | Myrtle Beckmeyer | Colleen Osborn | Jim Pettus | Evelyn Patterson |
| • Mabel Howell | Juanita Bruns | Eleanor Griffin | Maxine Story | |

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, April 27

7 pm Personnel Meeting, Rm. 206

Tuesday, April 28

11 am Presbyterian Women, Chapel

7pm Evangelism meeting, Dining Room

Wednesday, April 29

1-4 pm Food Pantry

6:45pm Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, April 30

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal

Saturday, May 2

5 pm The Commons@the Loop worship planning meeting, Chapel