

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

April 5, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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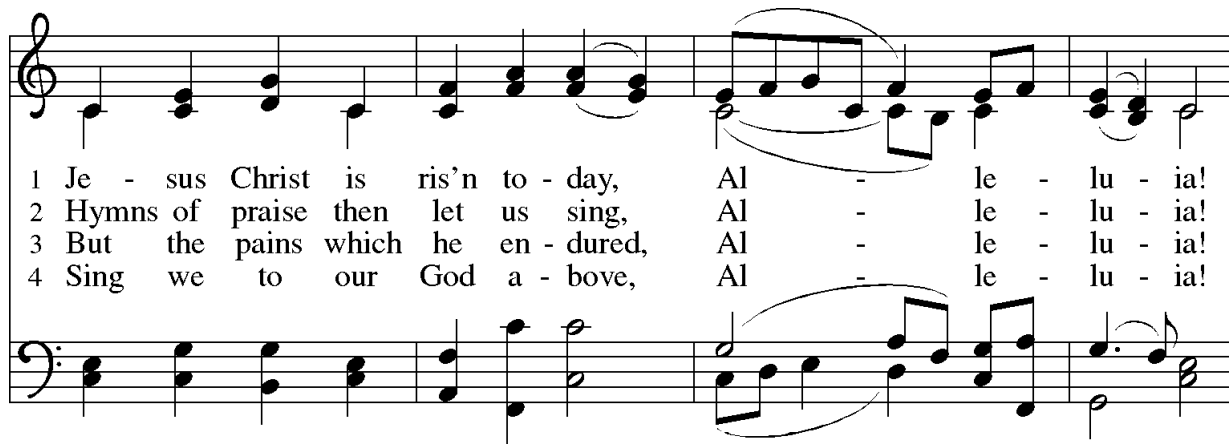
Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Lois Smith
Acolyte:	Hunter MacLaren
Greeters:	Carol & Rob Murray
Usher:	Julie Kalbfleisch
Altar:	Nancy Brodrecht
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Trinity Choir
Technology:	Krista Straus

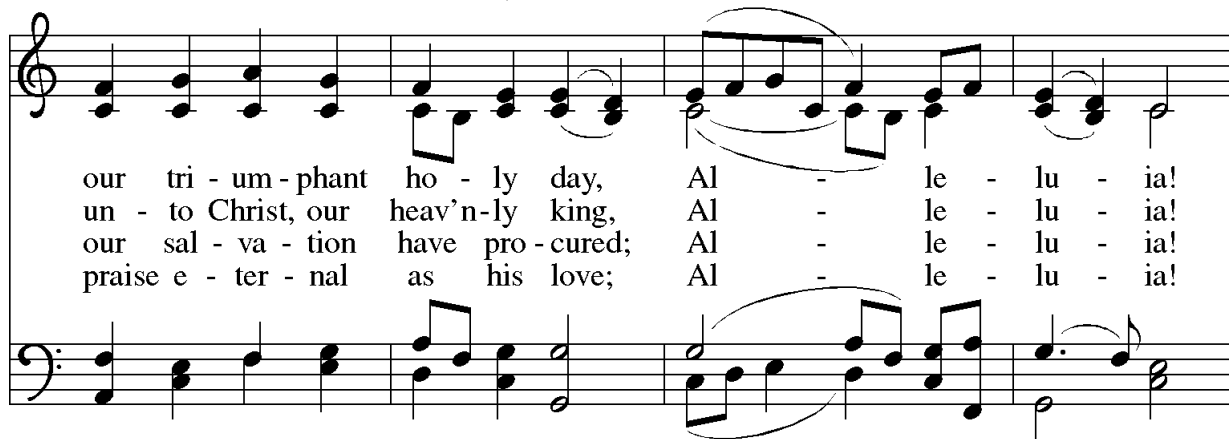
We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Processional

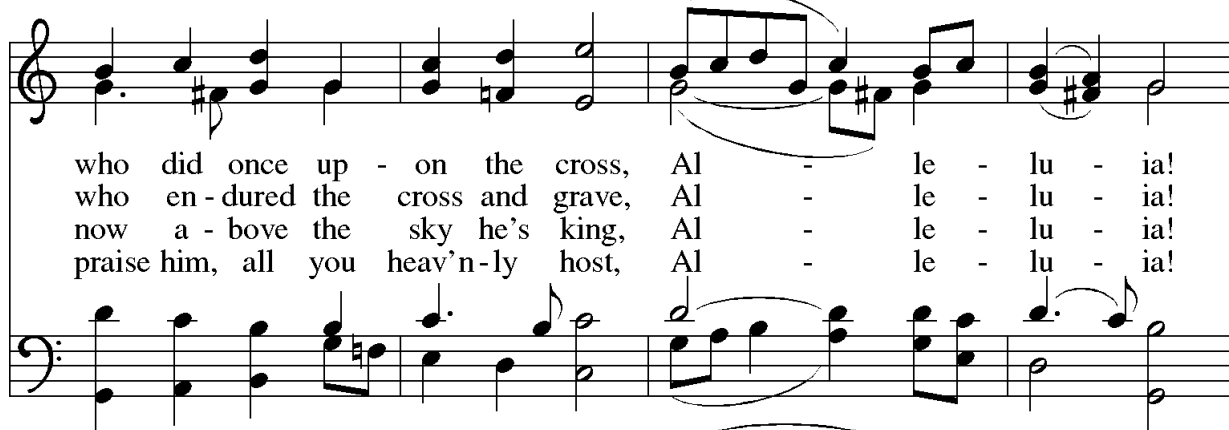
Jesus Christ is Risen Today



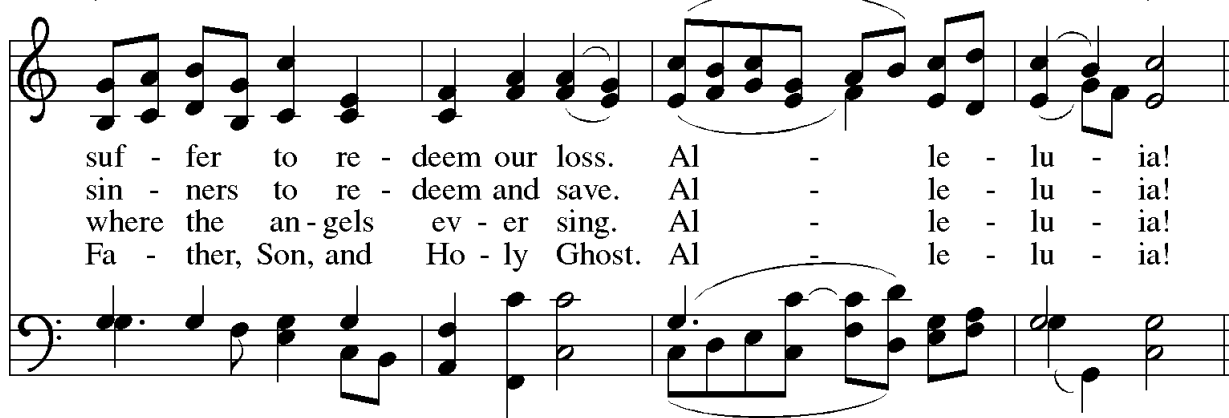
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!



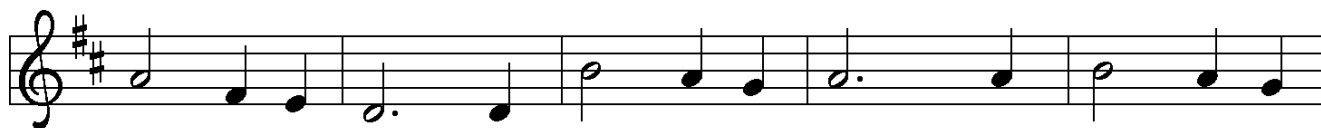
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Canticle of Praise

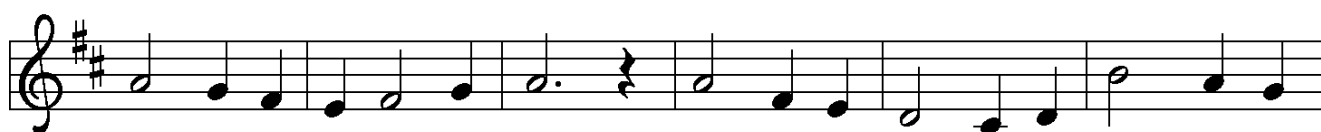
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

continued...



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

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

² Thus says the LORD:

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

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For 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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life. **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

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he

lay. ⁷ 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." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Woman, Weeping in the Garden



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you.
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made.
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, Cameroon, Thailand, Iran, and the United States. Guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety.
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain, especially Dorothea, Myles, Stan, Josiah, Mary, Nan, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause] Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One.
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community of Trinity, New Hamburg, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed.
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

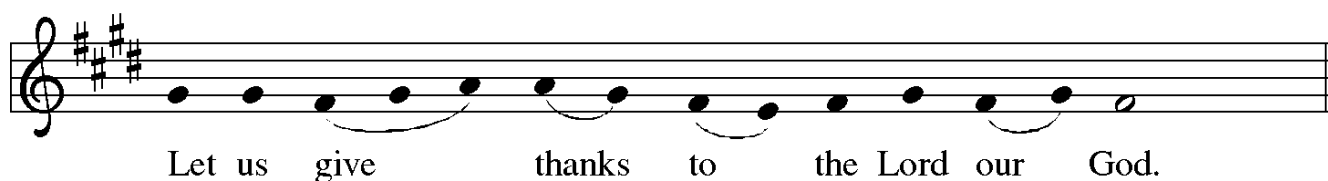
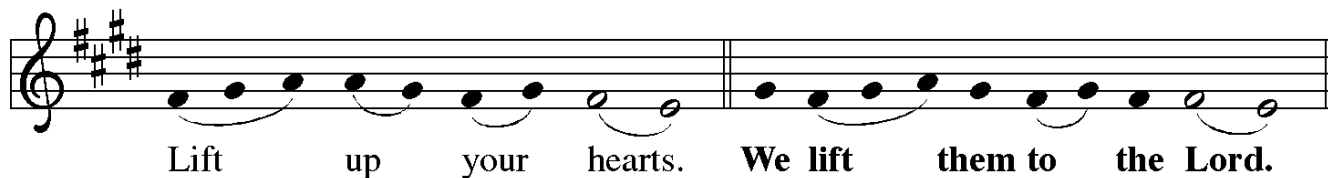


all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

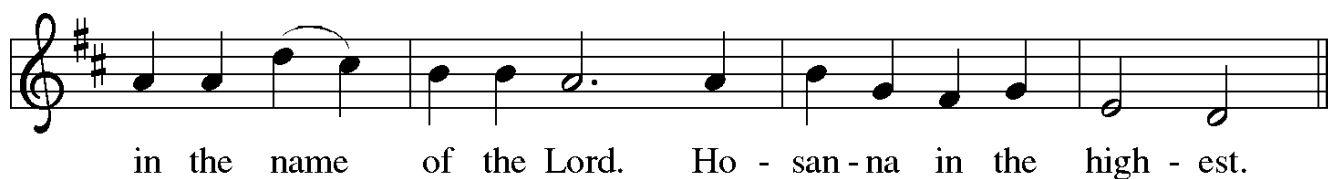
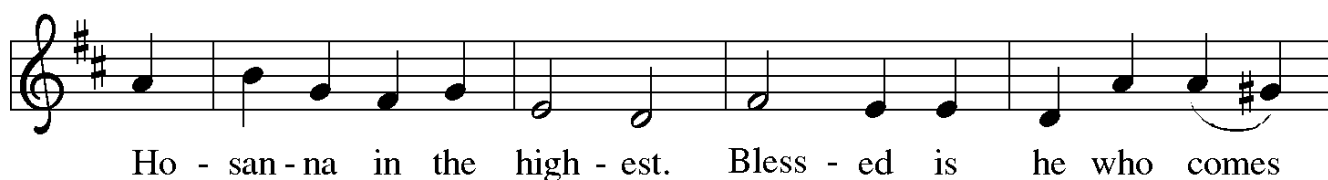
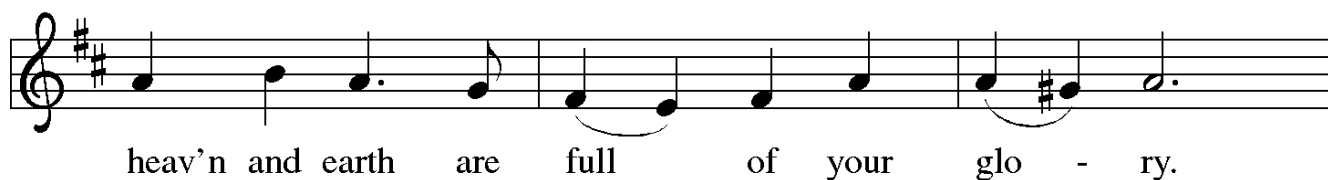
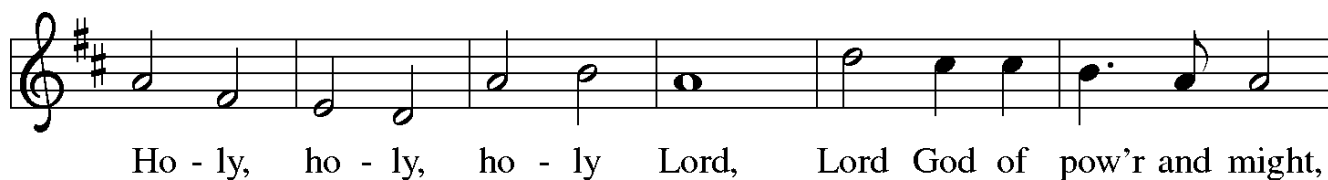


with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Dialogue



Holy, Holy, Holy



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.**

Communion Song

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Communion Song

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. _____

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the accompaniment is in the lower staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music consists of two staves, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Sending Song

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

+ Sunday to Sunday

5 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Easter Day
	10:30 am	Easter Breakfast
6 – Monday		Church Office Closed (Easter Monday)
	5:00 pm	Karate
7 – Tuesday	9:30 am	Prayer Circle
	10:30 am	Bible Study
	4:15 pm	Karate
8 – Wednesday	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
9 – Thursday	7:00 pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal
11 – Saturday	7:45 am	Music Together
	7:30 pm	AA
12 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + 2nd Sunday of Easter
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning

+ Holy Week and Easter Texts

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people.

We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbours and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

✦ Local Vocals' One Stop World Tour

They're back! Enjoy the musical stylings of Wilmot's own a cappella ensemble, *Local Vocals*, in two shows at Trinity: Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th, both at 7:00 pm. Tickets are on sale online at telc.ca or from the church office.

✦ Easter Art

We offer our thanks and appreciation to Kitch Radke and Pat Lass for the creation of our Easter art hanging in the sanctuary.

✦ Book Study: *Reclaiming the 'L' Word*

Have you ever wondered what it really means to be Lutheran? Whether you are new to the Lutheran tradition or have been part of it your whole life, our upcoming four-week study offers an opportunity to explore the heart of our faith together.

Later in April, we will begin a conversation based on the book, ***Reclaiming the 'L' Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core*** by Kelly A. Fryer. Through this engaging and accessible book, we will explore the core ideas of Lutheran faith and how they shape our understanding of grace, discipleship, and life together as the church.

This online study via Zoom will happen on four Tuesdays from April 28th to May 19th. The time of day will be determined shortly.

If you are interested in joining the study, please sign up with Pastor Tanya by Easter Sunday, April 5th. The cost of the book is \$26.00 and can be paid by an e-transfer or offering envelope marked as "book study".

All are welcome as we rediscover and reflect on what it means to live as Lutheran Christians today.

+ Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

As violence in the Middle East escalates, CLWR, the ELCIC and the Humanitarian Coalition are asking for your help to provide life-saving aid. Please join us in prayer and consider donating today. Give now at clwr.org/middleeast, call 1-800-661-2597, or mark a Trinity offering as “Middle East”.

+ Today’s Anthem

Today’s choir anthem, *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*, is given by the Thompson family in celebration of Keith Thompson’s 80th birthday.

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