



## Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

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Welcome

Christ is Risen!  
**He is Risen indeed!**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Meditation on "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Lehenbauer

Call to Worship♦

Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**But not today. Today we know that love has won.**

**Today we know that hope is real.**

**Today we know that Christ is here.**

We have a reason to hope.

**We have a reason to sing!**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

Christ is risen today.

Prayer of the Day

O God, who was, is, and evermore shall be, to you belong all praise and glory. Angels in heaven announce the dawn of your eternal order; trumpets herald Christ's victory as the stone is rolled away; our mouths are opened to proclaim your mercies. We lift up our hearts to you, our Judge and Redeemer.

\* Hymn #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Call to Confession♦

In the Gospel of Luke, the women come to the tomb, and to their surprise, instead of finding Jesus, they find angels. The angels tell the women, "Jesus is not here," and when that answer is met with confusion, the angels say, "Remember what he told you." *Remember.* It's one of the words Jesus used at his last supper, and it's one of the first words we hear at the empty tomb. *Remember.*

I think this call to remember is why we need the prayer of confession and these words of forgiveness every single week. It's not enough to hear of God's grace once. We need to hear it over and over again, week after week. We need to be reminded that God's grace and mercy will never run out.

So friends, let us run to God like the women ran to the tomb. Let us tell the truth of our lives so that once again we can be reminded that our God is a God of grace, mercy, and love. Let us pray so that we can remember. Join me in the prayer of confession:

Prayer of Confession♦

The stone is rolled away!

**We assume it is a mistake.**

The angels say, "He is not here!"

**We assume their news is fake.**

The women tell the story, **but we do not want to hear it.**

Peter runs to the tomb, **but we do not understand.**

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb

is nothing more than a prank.

**Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.**

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world.

**Teach us to see what you see.**

Unravel the threads of our unbelief. **Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness♦

The angels tell the women, "Remember what Jesus told you."

So, church, remember this: You are seen. You are forgiven.

You are held in God's grace. All of this is true.

Grace and mercy abound for you. Remember this. Amen!

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\* Response of Praise

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name!**

\* Affirmation of Faith♦

**We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more. But today, we are a people of hope. We believe in new beginnings. We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world. We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope.**

Special Music "Alive, Alive, Alive Forevermore"

Children's Choir

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

"Victory"

arr. Honoré

Handbell Choir

\* Doxology (Hymn #606)

**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. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Anthem "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed" arr. Koerts  
Chancel Choir with Jack Jeffe, Viola and Youth Choir

Prayer for Illumination♦

God of new beginnings, On that first Easter morning, the disciples struggled to hear the good news. Doubt clouded their minds. Negativity took root and hope vanished with a simple shake of their heads. As we return to this familiar text, help us to hear differently this morning. Open our ears that we might hear the sound of Alleluias ringing through this text. Open up our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter might feel within reach. Open up our hearts that we might believe the unbelievable. And like Peter, in this hearing, may we move closer to you. God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news. Speak to us now. With hope in our hearts we listen and we pray, amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12

**24** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in they did not find the body. **4** While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. **5** The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. **6** Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." **8** Then they remembered his words, **9** and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. **10** Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. **12** But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Meditation "And I Hope..." Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

\* Hymn #238 "Thine Is the Glory"

\* Benediction♦

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

\* Congregational Response (Hymn #306)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\* Postlude "Easter Hymn" arr. Lehenbauer

\* Denotes please stand if able.

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## We at Trinity Palm Coast wish you a blessed and joyous Easter!



### WORSHIP NOTES

**Greeters & Ushers:** Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland, Ed Murgitroyde, Don McCormick, Susan Kopyar, Moira Hair, Kathy Cooke  
**Lay Reader:** Molly MacDonald **Audio Tech:** Ken Mettler  
**Audio/Visual:** Ken Mettler, Jeff Cooke, David Wheeler



**WELCOME** to all who join us for worship today. If you are without a Church home, we are glad you are here! We invite you to learn more about Trinity Palm Coast. Check us out on Facebook, visit our website at [trinitypalmcoast.org](http://trinitypalmcoast.org), or call the Church Office. Join us next Sunday in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.

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### **This week in our Church (Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12noon):**

#### **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter**

8:45-9:45AM Easter Potluck Breakfast (Mehaffey)

10:00 AM Worship Service

#### **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Church Offices Closed

9:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15 PM Cub Scout Pack 281 (Mehaffey, Youth Rms)

6:30 PM CCPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 PM Scout Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, Youth Rms)

#### **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 AM PW Team Meeting (Kepler)

8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

#### **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 AM Men's Breakfast (Mehaffey)

10AM-12PM Librarian on duty (TPC Library)

5:20 PM Youth Choir (Music Room)

6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

6:30 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

#### **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM NA Meeting (Calvin)

7:30 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

#### **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

9AM-1PM CCPC Rehearsal & Social (MH, S, MR)

#### **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Kid's Choir (Music Rm)

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor  
Heasuk Che, Director of Music/Organist  
Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell Choir  
Judy Grady, Financial and Administrative Assistant  
Thomas Buonocore, Sexton  
Jane Pellmann, Clerk of Session

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