



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

We welcome you to this special Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this special Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God. Please mute your device microphone when you hear this signal, and leave your device muted for the entire worship service. Feel free to participate in responses and hymns while your device is muted.

Following worship we invite you to join in fellowship with other Zoom worshippers.

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Order of Worship
TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Castine, Maine
Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

Pastor:

Church Musician:

Deacon:

Lector:

Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am

Gary Hatter

Suzanne Eaton

Ruth Anne Vagt

Ray Nualla

Amy Stewart

Ministers: All Members

GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

We welcome you to worship in this special place, and hope that you feel free to greet your friends and neighbors as you arrive. Please let the playing of the organ prelude signal a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN**

The Day of Resurrection

NC 245

*The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us
Over with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see a right
The Christ who reigns eternal
In resurrection light;
We listen for the teachings
Once heard so calm and plain,
For we, too, want to follow
And raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
The whole world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ again has risen,
Our joy that has no end.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace, O Lord, is revealed. Tender God, we are bold to come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One.

A moment for silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI (Unison)**

P 513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Isaiah 65:17 - 25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Corinthians 15:19 - 26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Congregational Response

Let It Breathe on Me

NC 288

*Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of the Spirit breathe on me.
Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of God now breathe on me.*

John 20:1 - 18

²⁰Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have

not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection thou! Alleluia!*

SERMON

And Back!

Gary Hatter

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology (Unison)

P 515

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our love be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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. Amen.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

P 193

*Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.
Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

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The Church Council continues to recommend following Maine CDC guidance; and, therefore, the decision with respect to face coverings inside the church is, as of March 9, left to each individual.



Easter Flowers

The flowers decorating our sanctuary this morning are given to celebrate our Risen Lord, and with special love by:

- * **David and Elise Adams**, *Hosannah in the highest!*
- * **Barbara Cooper**, *in loving memory of Justin Cooper;*
- * **Gordon & Lynda MacArthur**, *in honor of their children & grandchildren;*
- * **Ruth Anne and Bobby Vagt**, *to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Constance Buford.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation will take place immediately following worship on April 24 to consider the motion of the Search Committee to call Dr. Andrea Lloyd as our "settled" pastor. All members are encouraged to attend either in person or on [Zoom](#)

