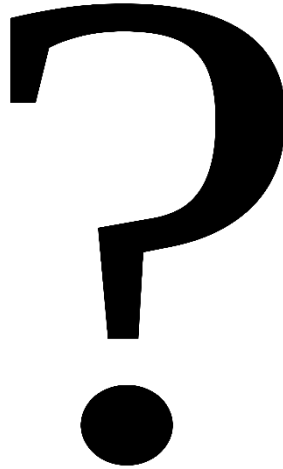




*The heart in the heart of Huntsville*



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## Welcome to Trinity

### The Second Sunday in Eastertide

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10 am

*“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands.”*

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*“Resurrection celebrates life breaking out after the darkness.”*

### WE GATHER AS AN EASTER PEOPLE

**Prelude:** *Kyung-A Lee*

**Introit:** “Every Morning is Easter Morning”

#### Chorus

Every morning is Easter morning from now on!  
Every day’s resurrection day, the past is over and gone!

Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!

Hello God, hello sun!

I am one of the Easter People!

My new life has begun!

#### Chorus

Every morning is Easter morning from now on!  
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**Greeting:** Christ’s Spirit rises!

**All:** His Spirit renews our hearts and our lives.

### Easter Welcome

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!  
Welcome in the Risen Spirit of Christ!

### Announcements

### Joys and Concerns

## God Moments?

### Moment of Quiet Meditation

#### Call to Worship

One: On this first day of the week calling us into our beloved community.

**All: Christ is here among us.**

One: Allowing our doubts and our questions.

**All: Christ is here among us.**

One: Opening our hearts and bringing us renewed peace.

**All: Christ is here among us. We are the church-Christ's love alive in the world. Let us celebrate Christ's risen spirit together!**

**Opening Hymn:** *"This Is the Day That God Has Made"*  
(VU 175)

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the candle this morning, we are reminded we too are holy candles called to spread Christ's light into the world. The light reminds us that the darkness has not overwhelmed us, and the flame of the Risen Christ can still rekindle the embers in us all.

#### Opening Prayer

**God of life, come speak to us. Your peaceful melodies touch our hearts especially when they are troubled. Into our fear and our closed hearts speak words of courage and peace. Into our doubt, speak words of trust and curiosity. May your Spirit embolden our faith so we may become carriers of resurrection hope in our world here and now. Amen.**

**Light Beamers Song:** *"Jump for Joy"* (MV 48)

#### Time with our Light Beamers

*(Our young people are taught the values and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, his love and his compassion for all God's people. In turn, they learn to shine their light with others at home, at school and in their communities.)*

#### Congregational Blessing

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you.**

**Choir Anthem:** *"I Will Rise"*

### WE LISTEN FOR OUR EASTER WORD

*Scripture Reader today is Shirley Boon.*

#### Prayer of Illumination

Christ of the eternally pierced hands and body, may the Scriptures we read speak into our questions and our doubts. May the words satisfy our hearts with a deep and meaningful experience of resurrection today and always. Amen.

#### New Testament Reading: John 20: 19-29

*(Jesus appears to the disciples and later to Thomas. Thomas has trouble believing Jesus showed up again. He wants proof! In fact, he wants to see him with his own eyes.)*

Reader: Hear what the Risen Spirit is saying to our hearts.

**All: Amen.**

**Morning Message:** *"Breaking through locked doors and hearts."*

#### Moment of Musical Reflection

## Invitation for Offering

For the love of the world Jesus offered everything he had, even life itself. In response to this powerful gift of love, let us share our gifts so others too may feel God's love and healing.

## Offering Hymn

**God of love, hear our prayer,  
bless this offering we bring you.  
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.  
Give us the courage to stand for truth,  
help us care for others.  
God of love, hear our prayer,  
bless this offering we bring you.**

## Offering Prayer

**Eastertide God, here is the work of our hands. Here is the love of our hearts. Here is our desire to make a better world. Bless these gifts and may they be used to bring new life to those who need it most. Bless us too and help us to bring new hope and new possibilities to our broken world. Amen.**

**Hymn:** *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* (VU 400)

## Prayers of the People

### 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 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, the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** *"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"* (VU 179)

## Commissioning

And as we follow the path of Jesus may peace be with us and among us. Amen.

## Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

**Sung Blessing:** (VU 298)

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,  
walk with justice,  
walk with mercy,  
and with God's peace and care.**

**Postlude:** *Kyung-A Lee*



*Join us in Trinity Hall following today's service for a cup of coffee or tea, and fellowship time.*

*Your hosts today: Nina Semper Ross & Len Ross & Joan & Ed Behm.*

**Spiritual Thought to go:**



*"Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith."*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

**The Outreach Team** is asking you to help the local food banks. On the last Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Bank.



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**The UCW** will be selling Mac 'n' Cheese following the Service this Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> in Trinity Hall. Frozen soups will also be available.

### Dates for the diary!

**Pastoral Care Team** - Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Arnold Room.

**Directors' meeting** - Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Arnold Room.

**UCW meeting** - Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

**Circle of Loss** – Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Arnold Room.

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