



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*



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# **Welcome to Trinity**

## **The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville**

### **Easter Sunday Service**

#### **April 5, 2026 – 10:00 am**

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

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*“Love has risen! Hope lives again!”*

### **WE GATHER AS GOD’S EASTER PEOPLE**

**Processional Hymn:** “Thine is the Glory”

**All: 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 the body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen conquering son:  
endless is the victory thou o’er death has won.**

**Greeting**

One: We gather both here and at home to proclaim once again, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

**All: Jesus lives! He lives in the hearts and minds of all who follow him!**

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

Come all who seek new life and love on this Easter morning!

We are an Easter people called to bring new life to others!

*Are you visiting with us on this Easter weekend?*

*Some people leave town on Easter weekend and others come to town to visit family. We are glad you have decided to spend some of your Easter with us. We trust this service will be a blessing to you and that you will be a blessing to others this coming week.*

### **Announcements**

**Joy and Concerns/Sads and Glads**

**Easter Medley**

“Welcome, Happy Morning” (VU 161 - verses 1 and 2)

“Joy Comes with the Dawn” (VU 166 - verse 1)

“He Came Singing Love” (VU 359 - verses 1 and 4)

**A Moment of Quiet Reflection**

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach**

One: On this Easter morning we gather to celebrate that love has risen and hope is alive!

**All: The Spirit of Christ has risen!**

One: The stone has been rolled away!

**All: Life rises again!**

One: Come out of the shadows of despair and step into the light of new possibility.

**All: We come to celebrate life stronger than death, love deeper than fear and hope that will not be silenced!**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (VU 155)

## Opening Prayer

All: **Risen Christ, on this morning of wonder and joy, we come with hearts open to mystery, to a hope that dares to rise again and to love which refuses to stay buried. You call us by name, reminding us that resurrection is not a one-time event. It is a way of living with courage, with compassion and with justice. Open our eyes to resurrection unfolding all around us in creation, in community and in unexpected places.**

**Light Beamer Song:** “Sing a Happy Hallelujah”  
(VU 224 - verses 1 and 2)

*Lighting of the Christ candle.*

One: Today, we light the Christ candle once again symbolizing that the light always conquers the darkness. It is a light the world tried to extinguish but failed. This light reminds us beyond sadness there is hope. We give thanks for the Spirit of Life that lives in us. We celebrate because love lives on!

## 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 how to shine their love with others at home, at school and at play.)*

## Congregational Blessing

Light Beamers: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also, with you.**

**Anthem:** “Mary Laid her Baby Down”



## GOD’S WORD FOR AN EASTER PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Shirley Boon.

### Prayer of Illumination

Reader: God of new beginnings, today we hear that love has won and hope refuses to stay buried. The resurrection reminds us that God is always bringing new life out of our tombs of darkness and out of our despair. Help us to listen with grateful and open hearts. Amen.

### New Testament Reading: John 20: 1-18

*(Listen anew to the Easter story, a story about life, about hope rising from the tombs of darkness. We are real people, living real lives, who need real hope now more than ever.)*

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

All: **Out of the darkness of tombs comes new life. Amen!**

### Easter Morning Message: “Breaking Free and Letting Go”

### Moment of Musical Reflection

### Offering Invitation

One: The astounding news of Easter morning, Christ the Lord is Risen today! Risen to proclaim we must take care of those who are suffering. Risen to teach us compassion and to share our blessings with those who need hope and new possibilities.

Our Easter offerings will now be received.

### Offering Hymn (tune of Edelweiss)

All: **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

All: **Easter God, here is the work of our hands and minds. Here is the love of our hearts. Bless these gifts so they may bring life where there is weariness, hope where there is despair, and light where shadows linger. May we not only celebrate Easter but live it, with generous hearts and a deep commitment to love in action. Amen.**

**Hymn:** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” (VU 703)

## Prayers of the Community

### The Lord’s Prayer

All: **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:** “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours”  
(MV 171 - verses 1,2 and 3)

## Easter Commissioning

One: Go now, as Easter people!  
Go with the joy of Easter deep in your hearts!  
Go and bring new life and resurrection wherever life may take you!

All: **Alleluia!**

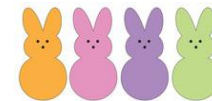
**Sung Blessing:** “We Shall Go out with Hope of Resurrection”  
(VU 586)

All: **We shall go out with hope of resurrection,  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We’ll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,  
we’ll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed,  
we’ll leap and dance the resurrection story, including  
visions of new life in Christ.**

**Postlude:** Kyung-A Lee



Blessings on your Easter Celebration!  
May it be filled with Joy and Holy Surprise!  
Rev. Diane and family ###



Please join us in Trinity Hall following today’s service where you are invited for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time. Coffee Hour today is hosted by some special Easter Bunnies!



### **Spiritual thought to go!**

*“Look to your neighbour and to the stranger in the street.  
There you will find the risen Christ. Alleluia!”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The **Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank. **April is Macaroni and Cheese!**

**FundScrip orders are due today!!**



Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas and gifts and in doing so, Trinity benefits!

Thank you for your support of this fund raiser!

**Souper Sandwich Lunch and Takeout** is Friday April 10 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in Trinity Hall. Takeout order deadline is Tuesday April 7. Call: 705-789-5679. We welcome Trinity members as well as the public, so come on out and bring your friends for a bowl of homemade soup, sandwich and dessert.

Hope to see you there!



**Directors and Team Leaders meeting** – Tuesday April 14 at 10:00 am in the Arnold Room.



**It's almost Auction Time!**

**Trinity's Online Annual Auction – April 13 to 27.**

Trinity is once again holding its Annual Auction to raise funds that help us continue serving our community as *the heart in the heart of Huntsville*, and beyond.

From **April 13 to 27**, a link will be provided to the ONLINE AUCTION featuring all donated items and experiences.

Get ready to 'BID' on an unbelievable variety of items!!

