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*'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'*

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**Sunday 5 April 2026**



**Easter Sunday**

**10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion**

led by

**Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson**

**Church Stewards** on duty: Alastair & Judith Fear

**Organist:** Chris Greenough

**Audio – Visual Team:** Reg Williams & Adam Hagar

**A special welcome** to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service.

There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Junior Church** will have activities in Church today. All children are welcome to join them, to listen to the Service, or take advantage of the toys and activities in the Welcome Area.

You are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea after today's service thanks to today's **Coffee Rota volunteers:**  
Petronella & Leif Rasmussen

Thanks to the **Flower Group** for decorating the church so beautifully

Should you wish, there is a plate for your donation at the back of the church where there will also be a card reader at the end of the Service, or give on-line via the QR code.

Trinity's wifi is: Trinity Church; Password: trinitychurch  
If you wish to add Gift Aid to your donation, please ensure that you write 'Add Gift Aid and your name and address' to the '+ Write a note (optional)' section.



## Welcome

## A Time of Quiet

## Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

♪ **Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!** **StF 298**

## Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Let us pray.

Glory to you, O God:  
you raised Jesus from the grave,  
bringing us victory over death and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ:  
for us and for our salvation you overcame death  
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:  
you lead us into the truth and breathe new life into us.

Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

If we have fallen into despair,  
**Lord, forgive us.**

If we have failed to hope in you,  
**Lord, forgive us.**

If we have been fearful of death,  
**Lord, forgive us.**

If we have forgotten the victory of Christ,  
**Lord, forgive us.**

*Silence*

May the living God  
raise you from despair,  
give you victory over sin  
and set you free in Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
**Amen.**

 **Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

**StF 297**

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Risen Lord Jesus,  
as you have begun the new creation  
through your living, dying and rising,  
receive these gifts of money and the offering of our lives,  
that our gifts might belong to you,  
and our living and witness be blessed and fruitful  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **Reading**

A reading from the Gospel according to John  
Alleluia! Hear the Gospel of Christ.  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour. Alleluia!**

**John 20: 1-18**

Alleluia! This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

 **See what a morning**

**StF 309**

## **Sermon**

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord of life:  
hear us in your love

## The Lord's Prayer

♪ Alleluia, sing to Jesus

StF 568

## The Peace

*as you are able please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said: 'Peace be with you!'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia!**



Upon this Easter day of resurrection, we come to the table that Jesus shared with his friends on the night before he died upon the cross. We come to remember. We come to be fed again. We come to be formed anew into the body of Christ. Let us remember why all of this is possible and good, as we hear again the words of the apostle Paul:

“For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

The Lord is God,  
**and he has given us light.**

The Lord is our strength and our might,  
**he has become our salvation.**

Salvation is the gift that you offer to us all, merciful God.  
Even when we were far off, you chose to come close to us.  
Even in our doubts and despair,  
you kindled a light that will not die.

As you gather us at this table,  
setting before us the bread and wine  
that speak of so many things, we thank you.

Thank you for seeking us out in the life that Jesus lived;  
in the love that he revealed, in the healing that he gave,  
in the teaching that he left for us.

Thank you for seeking us out in the death that Jesus died;  
in the punishment that he took,  
in the suffering that he embraced,  
in the brokenness that he took upon himself.

Thank you for seeking us out in the new life that Jesus revealed;  
in the joy that he offers, in the hope that he promises,  
in the future that he welcomes us into.

Easter has dawned, a day for the healing of all creation  
and the renewal of all things;  
thank you for the hallelujahs we can share across the world today.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

Let them become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Let them feed us with the good news of resurrection.

Let them be food for pilgrims

as we journey on together with one another and with you.

We offer our prayers, and share this meal,

in the name of Christ our risen Lord,

to whom be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen.**

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

We meet the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Receive in faith.

**Amen.**

*(Communion Service, The Revd Neil Thorogood, URC – adapted)*



Lord our God, we give you thanks  
because you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son.  
Grant that as by his resurrection  
we are brought to new life,  
so by his continued reign in us  
we may be brought to eternal joy.  
We pray that, strengthened by his grace,  
we may serve you faithfully all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

♪ **Thine be the glory**

**StF 313**

**Blessing & Sending Out**

### **Next Week at Trinity**

12 April

10.30am Morning Worship led by  
Lois Greenhalgh & Peter Hemmings



*Thanks be to God for the life of Heather Ross  
whose funeral will be held at Trinity  
on Friday 10 April at 11am*

