

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EASTER DAY

APRIL 9, 2023

10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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Good Morning!

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning.

- WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS** If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.
- SUNDAY MORNING MASK POLICY** Masks at indoor Sunday services are strongly recommended.
- NAMETAGS** In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags.
- KIDS IN CHURCH** Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight some aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are welcome as they are, including kids!
- INTERCESSORY PRAYER** Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over for the next month.
- ABOUT OUR WORSHIP** Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

EASTER DAY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

APRIL 9, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE	Canzona (from Folkloric Suite)	Jean Langlais (1907-1991), arr. Ken Danchik
	Canzoni primi Toni	Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)
	The Trumpet Shall Sound (from <i>The Messiah</i>)	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
	Salvation is Created	Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944), arr. Todd Marchand
	Easter Rejoicing	Todd Marchand

Brass Quintet:
Tucker Barney and Dave McCabe, *trumpets*; Roger Caruk, *horn*;
Topher Logan, *trombone*; John LeBlanc, *tuba*



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1982 Hymnal #207

Choral and instrumental parts arranged by Terre Johnson

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Presider
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

1982 Hymnal #S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 118:1-2,14-24

BCP 760



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is / good; *
his / mercy en/dures for / ever.
- 2 Let / Israel now pro/claim, *
“His / mercy en/dures for /ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my / strength and my / song, *
and he has be/come / my sal/vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exul/tation and / victory *
in the / tents / of the / righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the / LORD has / triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! √
the right / hand of the / LORD has / triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not / die, but / live, *
and de/clare the / works of the / LORD.
- 19 Open for me the / gates of / righteousness; *
I will enter them; √
I will / offer / thanks to the / LORD.
- 20 “This is the / gate of the / LORD; *
- / he who is / righteous may / enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, / for you / answered me *
and have be/come / my sal/vation.
- 22 The same stone which the / builders re/jected *
has be/come the / chief / cornerstone.
- 23 This is the / LORD’S / doing, *
and it is / marvelous / in our / eyes.
- 24 On this day the / LORD has / acted; *
we will re/joice / and be / glad in it.

Please sit.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst (1874-1934),
setting by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

All 1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we
Choir 2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in
All 3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac -
wor - ship you to - day and sing the love a -
time must sure - ly die, its frag - ile bloom sur -
cept the love we bring, that we who know your
maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; for
ren - der to you the Lord most high; but
fa - vor may serve you as our king; and
we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you
hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is
wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or
send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and
sown— though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to
ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and
mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be -
heav - en's gar - den grown: for Christ the Man from
rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your
fore you and wait up - on your word, we
heav - en from death has set us free, and
beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and
hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please sit.

SERMON

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

BCP 392

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(silence)* For all people in their daily life and work;
 People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
 People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
 People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
 People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
 People *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura our Bishops, and for all bishops and
 other ministers;
 People *For all who serve God in God's Church.*

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
 People *For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
 People *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
 People *Who put their trust in you.*

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Fanfare on Easter Hymn

Christopher Teichler (b. 1977)

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
 All Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 And deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 Now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - ov - er is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on request. We are offering wine and grape juice using the Common Cup. If you prefer, you may instinct (dip) into the small brass chalice on the bread plate. Please remember that if you wish not to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

Please sit.

*Crown Him the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.
 Crown Him, the one who died, and rose again to live forevermore.
 Crown Him, the Bread of Life, High and Holy Priest, Bright and Morningstar
 He holds the keys of death, He holds the keys of hell. He is ruler of the kings of earth.
 Crown Him, behold your King!*

*See Him, coming with the clouds, every eye will see Him whom they have pierced.
 See Him, who is the first and last, Alpha and Omega, He is the Living One
 He who is and was and is to come.*

*He has loved us unto death, freed us by His blood, He is the mighty Son of God.
 Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings!*

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Presider Let us pray.
 All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing.
 People *Amen.*

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.
 People *Amen.*

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.
 People *Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
 People *Amen.*

Choral and instrumental parts arranged by Michael Burkhardt

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Toccata
(from *Symphony V*)

Charles Marie-Widor (1844-1937)
arr. Christina Harmon

You are invited to a special coffee hour in
Goodwin Hall after today's service.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the children will take place outdoors after the service.

LET US PRAY

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider and Preacher

The Rev. Horace Johnson – Assisting Clergy

Readers

Peter Vreeland

Mark MacGougan

Intercessor

Jon Widing

Minister of Communion

Jacqui Lucier

Verger

Cathy Rowe

Acolytes

Jon Garcia,

Juan Matos, Kenny Okeke

Altar Guild

Mary Register, Louisa Cummings, Kitty Peterson

Director of Music

Michelle Horsley

Welcome/Announcements

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau

Jake Troiano

Altar Flowers

George Chien and Percy Williamson

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More details will be given during the Announcements.

**Lenten Giving Opportunity
To Benefit College Students
*Thank you!***

To everyone who was able to participate in purchasing personal care items during Lent to benefit the Capital Community College (CCC) Food Pantry - thank you! What a generous outpouring of support for these students, yet another example of our Faith in Action!

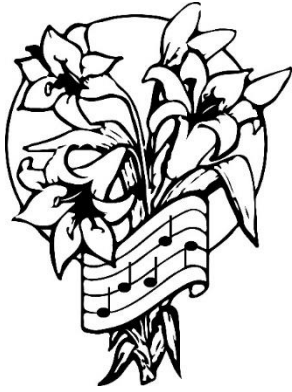
(Reminder: If you are planning to deliver your items in-person to the Cathedral, the drop-off timetable is Wednesday-Friday (4/12-4/14), from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m; Sunday (4/16) from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

**ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION
SAVE THE DATE!!
APRIL 16,2023**

Processing Three Years Of Change

If someone asked you, “What’s new at Trinity Church?” how would you answer? So much has changed in the past few years – we said goodbye to one rector and welcomed another, we said goodbye to one minister of music and welcomed another, we made it through a pandemic but we’ve had to say goodbye to some long-time and short-time members – it would be hard to answer that question quickly.

The Adult Christian Formation team invites you to come to the Library following the 10 o’clock Eucharist on Sunday, April 16 to talk about what’s changed: what we’ve gained, and what we’ve let go of over the past 3 years. We will reminisce and mourn, but we will also celebrate. Where has God been present in all of these changes? Who is God calling us to be now? Roy McAlpine will facilitate our discussion. Please join us!



THE 2023 EASTER MUSIC AND FLOWERS HAVE
BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
LOVING MEMORY OF:

Joel, Joan and Michelle Blancaflor
H. Mae Brown
Eddie Brunelle
Karen Butterfield
William Shaw Crandall
Barbara Derrick
Kitty and Dudley Duncan
Renatus and Una Daisy Duncan
Sonya Fagan
Neil J. Foster
Kathleen and Arnold Gleave
Elsita Glaud
Lois and Eugene Hebrank
Roberta Jackson
JoEllen and Clyde Jansing
Elizabeth Johnson
Fay D. Johnson, by the Johnson Family
Ellen Kennedy
Helen Kitzman
Helen Ann McLendon
Mary and Bob Morton

Augustus and Beatrice Nelson
Joseph Negrelli Jr.
Diana Negrelli
Frances Negrelli
Walter and Shirley Nelson
Hal, Pat , David and Kevin Nelson
Kay Nelson
Andrew Onderdonk
Beth and Edward Rapkin
William A. and Lillian C. Sandford
Steve Smith
Peter Tyler Steinwedell
Elizabeth and Ranald Steven
Bernard W. Trafford, Jr.
Sarah J. Trafford
Delores Wilkinson
Susan Wilkinson
Bruce L. and Kathleen K. Wilson
Eva Woodworth
Phyllis and Paul Zhitnik

AND IN CELEBRATION OF:

The Office Volunteers of Trinity Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: Easter 2023 Message

The following is the full text of the presiding bishop's Easter 2023 message, lightly edited for clarity:

This is a different Easter message. I've shared Easter messages from Jerusalem some years ago, and I have shared Easter and Christmas messages from a variety of locations. Last year for Christmas, we were in San Diego. Today I'm in Paris, part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. We just finished a revival—over 50 young people and some 300-400 people from all over Europe who came for this revival service. It was a remarkable thing to behold and be part of.

The Convocation here in Europe is engaged in incredible ministries, with some joining together with Episcopal Relief & Development to make it possible for resettlement of those who are refugees from war and famine, particularly those who are refugees from Ukraine.

Thinking about it—I realize not only with this view—but with the reality of Easter looming on our horizon, John's Gospel opens: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then there is a point in which it says, of Christ coming into the world, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it."

On that early Easter morning, John says in his 20th chapter, that early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. They went to the tomb after the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. They went to the tomb of their world having fallen apart. They went to the tomb of all their hopes and dreams having collapsed.

But they got up and they went anyway. They went to perform the rites of burial, to do for a loved one what you would want to do for them. They went, following the liturgies of their religion and their tradition, and, lo and behold, when they went, they discovered that, even in the darkness, the light of God's love, the light of Jesus Christ—the light of Christ, as we say in the Great Vigil—in fact, was shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Jesus had been raised from the dead. He was alive, and darkness and evil and selfishness could not stop him. Love—as the old song says—love lifted him up.

We are here in Paris, this wonderful city. While there are protests going on in the city—garbage has not been collected, and it's all over the city—we are here in Paris, in Europe, with refugees streaming into this continent from all over the world, impacted by changes in weather pattern, impacted by war and famine. We are here in a world struggling to find its soul, but the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it. Jesus lives. He has been raised from the dead. That is the message of Easter, and that is the good news of great tidings. From Paris, I'm Michael Curry. God love you. God bless you, and the light shines in the darkness, wherever there is darkness. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Amen.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 9th 10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	Easter Sunday – One Service Only Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) Festive Coffee Hour (Goodwin Hall)
Wednesday, April 12th 7:00 P.M.	Intercessory Prayer Team (Library)
Thursday, April 13th 12:00 P.M.	Noonday Prayer (Church)
Friday, April 14th 7:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Sunday, April 16th 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) ACF Forum – What’s changed at Trinity in 3 years?

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