

EASTER SUNDAY

# Jesus' Resurrection vs. Doubts

John 20:18-31



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | April 20, 2025

### SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

In Christ Alone

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 61:1-3 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

### PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Resurrecting

Living Hope

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the Heidelberg Catechism:

Q. 25. Since there is only one divine being, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A. Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word:2 these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

- Q. 26. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?
- A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

### RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:30a Service

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Mary Claire McCaulley

Grace Pierce

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 10:30a Service

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. It symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it makes how real God’s promise is for who will trust in Him (seal).

Luna Rose Schraw

Piper Elizabeth Shannon

### KIDS’ WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS’ DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

*Please see your child’s check-in name tag for class assignment.*

### GREETING

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

### PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD | Tim Rice, *Founding & Teaching Pastor*

A small portion of God’s Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God’s mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Death Was Arrested

### BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God’s wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God’s blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

# SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

## Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** John 20:18-31 (ESV)

**Title:** Jesus' Resurrection vs. Doubts

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her. 19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**INTRO:** Why is Jesus' appearance to His disciples so significant?

## WHY WE NEED PEACE

Why do we need Jesus' offer of peace?

## THE PEACE JESUS BRINGS

How did Jesus speak as if *He* believed that we have a need?

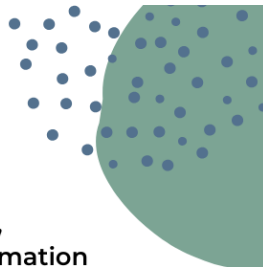
## THE IMPACT OF GRACE VS. DOUBTS

Therefore, what can we learn from Jesus' responses to His needy disciples, especially Thomas?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

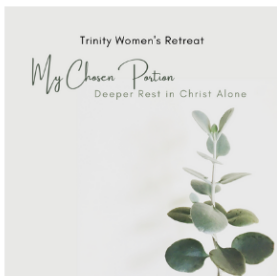
1. Worship our God Almighty, Lord of Life and the grave! Praise and adore Him for His goodness that in His power He went through death to gain our wellbeing and forgiveness and that He gives us His Spirit.
2. *How have you lived practically denying that Jesus cares for you and conquered sin and death?* Confess your pride and fear to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell. Thank Him for His gifts of atonement and Spirit, where He has worked to remove everything threatening and guarantee to us forever everything good.
4. Who do you know that lives in turmoil and brokenness? Pray for them, asking Jesus to show Himself to them in His living power and kindness and that He would use you to encourage them with hope.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to produce in your heart courage and an obedient attitude. Pray over how He has given you *everything* when you've done *nothing*, and then pray for the willingness to do *anything* He calls you to do.

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## Women's Retreat 2025

**April 25-27**

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



## Retirees Prayer Luncheon

**May 1, 12p**

Contact John Tucker at [jtuckerdc@gmail.com](mailto:jtuckerdc@gmail.com) for details.



## Middle School Boys Super Smash Bros Tournament

**May 2, 6p**

Contact Tucker O'Brien for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Night of Worship & Prayer

**May 4, 5p**

Contact the Church Office for details.

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for childcare.***





## Middle School Girls - Spa Night

May 9, 6p

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

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## 2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

May 11, 10:15a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



## High School Beach Day

May 17, 8a

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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## VBS - True North

June 16-20

Contact Callie Sandman for details.

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## FRAT Bootcamp (Rising 6th Graders)

June 16-20

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you may have.



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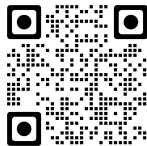


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## Community Bible Reading [communitybiblereading.org](http://communitybiblereading.org)

**April 21-36, 2025**

(3-year plan: read [blue](#) passages | 1-year plan: read [all](#))

Monday	1 Corinthians 11 1 Chronicles 1	Exodus 29 Jeremiah 5
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12 1 Chronicles 2	Exodus 30 Jeremiah 6
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 13 1 Chronicles 3	Exodus 31 Jeremiah 7
Thursday	1 Corinthians 14 1 Chronicles 4	Exodus 32 Jeremiah 8
Friday	1 Corinthians 15 1 Chronicles 5	Exodus 33 Jeremiah 9
Saturday	Psalm 69	Psalm 17 Psalm 119:33-48

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

**John 20:29 (ESV)**

29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

### Office Hours:

**Monday - Thursday** | 8:30a - 5:00p & **Friday** | 8:30a-12:00p

**Sunday Worship** | 8:45a & 10:30a

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### Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son,  
empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.