



## Easter

Triangle Grace Church

April 20, 2025

# EASTER

## *The Resurrection Celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*

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This morning we conclude our Holy Week celebration of Christ's passion and resurrection entering a sanctuary filled with life.

The banner preceding the choir leads a triumphant procession of God's people restoring the sanctuary from its stripped state at the end of Maundy Thursday to a meeting house filled with glory manifesting greater beauty than was previous experienced even before Holy Week began.

The diverse fauna suggests a restoration of God's people to an escalated Garden of Eden

as Adam and Eve's failure has been overcome by Christ's death and resurrection. Ministers' white stoles represent the cleansing of sin, and the lit candles which had been extinguished on Good Friday teach that in the end, darkness could not overcome the Light of the World. The Word once again rests at the center of our corporate experience as it is returned to the pulpit.

Song selections emphasize the victory and life given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### **Prelude**

### **The Resurrection Pronouncement**

Minister: Christ our Lord, is Risen! Hallelujah!

**\*Processional Hymn No. 217** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" *(please stand, if able)*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

### **\*Call to Worship**

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**

Minister: Although we now suffer grief in all kinds of trials, we greatly rejoice.

**People: Through faith we are shielded by God's power until the coming day of salvation.**

Minister: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

### **\*Prayer of Invocation, Confession, and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### **\*Peace Of Christ**

*(you may be seated)*

#### **Welcome**

**Gospel Reading:** John: 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Minister : The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem** "Hallelujah to the Lamb" Choir

**Epistle Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

<sup>50</sup> I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God** *(Children 3-10 may leave for Children's Worship)*

**Sermon** "The King Reigns" Kris Perkins

**\*Hymn**

**"In Christ Alone"**

*(please stand, if able)*

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| 1 In Christ alone, my hope is found,<br>He is my light, my strength, my song;<br>This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,<br>Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.<br>What heights of love, what depths of peace,<br>When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.<br>My Comforter, my All in All,<br>Here in the love of Christ I stand. | 3 There in the ground His body lay,<br>Light of the world by darkness slain;<br>Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,<br>Up from the grave He rose again!<br>And as He stands in victory,<br>Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;<br>For I am His and He is mine,<br>Bought with the precious blood of Christ. |
| 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,<br>Fullness of God in helpless babe!<br>This gift of love and righteousness,<br>Scorned by the ones He came to save.<br>Till on that cross as Jesus died,<br>The wrath of God was satisfied.<br>For every sin on Him was laid;<br>Here in the death of Christ I live.                                  | 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,<br>This is the power of Christ in me;<br>From life's first cry to final breath,<br>Jesus commands my destiny.<br>No power of hell, no scheme of man,<br>Can ever pluck me from His hand;<br>Till He returns or calls me home,<br>Here in the power of Christ I'll stand! |

**Pastoral Prayer**

*(please be seated)*

**Offering/Offertory**

"I Believe"

TGC Praise Band

**\*Congregational Song No. 37**

"Hallelujah Chorus"

*(please stand, if able)*

**\*Benediction**

Minister: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

**Postlude**

*Individual prayer is available after the service at the front of the Sanctuary.*

**Childcare/Children's Worship at 10:15 AM**

*Infants-2 years, Room 210*

*Children 3-10 years, Room 102 (after Children's Message, 11:00AM Service Only)*

**First Time Guest**

Please fill out an "I'm New" card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.

Also, stop by the Welcome Desk just outside the sanctuary for a gift.

## This Week

4/20		Easter Sunday—Christ is Risen!
	-8:30 AM	Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	-10:00 AM	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	-10:00 AM	Resurrection Stations (Family Life Center)
	-11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
4/21		TGC Office Closed
	-12:30 PM	SALT Sr. Adult Potluck (100)
4/22	-12:15 PM	Prayer Time (FH)
	-1:15 PM	"J" Walkers (FLC)
	-4:30 PM	Youth Club Drama Rehearsal (FLC)
	-6:30 PM	Young Adults (5006 Tudor)
4/23	-4:30 PM	Wednesday Clubs
	-6:00 PM	Praise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	-6:00 PM	Bible Study (206/Zoom)
	-6:30 PM	Varsity Bible Study (205)
	-7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4/24	-11:00 AM	Women's Book Club (FH)
4/25	-6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (100)
	-11:15 AM	Mom's Prayer Time (209)
4/26	-9:30 AM	Wednesday Clubs Rehearsal (FLC)
4/27	-9:00 AM	Sunday Clubs/Adult Discipleship
	-10:15 AM	Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	-11:45 AM	Prayer Shawl (Welcome Center)
	-12:15 PM	Women's Luncheon
	-3:00 PM	Middle/High School Youth (FLC)
	-5:30 PM	Wednesday Clubs Musical (FLC)

\*\*The church office is closed every Wednesday morning from 10:30–Noon for staff meeting.

## Announcements

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### Interested in exploring membership at

**TGC?** Join our next More Grace class beginning May 1 at 7:00 PM at the home of Kris & Laura Perkins. This 6 week class offers the opportunity to explore together the fellowship, theology and ministries of TGC. We will consider what it means to live out a life of faith as a community considering the history of our church, our Presbyterian roots, theological essentials, growth groups, service opportunities, and engagement with the culture around us. Even more, we will grow together in friendship as we share our own faith journeys with one another week to week. Those who would like to become a member (we call them "Covenant Partners") can do so at the end of More Grace. Scan the QR code for full details and to register for the class.



**The SALT Potluck** will be held at 12:30 PM on Monday, April 21 in Room 100. All single, senior adults are invited. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some food and fellowship. Contact Leslie Hollingsworth for more info.

**Women's Book Club** is currently reading *All My Knotted-Up Life* by Beth Moore. It's available at the Durham Library and on Hoopla. Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 11:00 AM.

**Women's Luncheon** on Sunday, April 27 at 12:15 PM. All women are invited to join us at Urban Turban at Hope Valley Commons.



We hope to see you there! Scan the QR code to sign up.

**Prayer Shawl knitters and crocheters** will meet on Sunday, April 27 (1 week later due to Easter) after worship in the Welcome Center. Join this group as they sit, knit, crochet, fellowship and pray. Contact Helene Santos for more info.

### Wednesday Clubs Spring Musical, The Lions, the Switch and the Warm Robes ~ The Chronicles of Daniel and the God Who Saves

will be presented on Sunday, April 27 at 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center. Join our clue-hunting kids as this Biblical story literally - or virtually - comes to life with Daniel in a den of lions, Hebrew boys in a fiery furnace, and some mysterious handwriting on the wall. Be sure to invite others to come with you. This is a great opportunity to show your support for our elementary aged kids.

**Sr. Adult Ministry** is having lunch out on Tuesday, April 29 at 11:30 AM at Los Altos Mexican Restaurant in Hillsborough (126 W. King Street). We will carpool from the back parking lot at 10:45 AM or you can meet us there. If you plan to attend, let Penny Bitsas, pbitsas@gmail.com, or the church office know.

**Sr. Adults save the date** for an outing to Kerr Lake! Roy & Marilyn Whitmore have invited us to their lake house for a cookout on May 15. Feel free to bring an appetizer or just bring yourself! We will carpool from the back parking lot at 9:00 AM or you can meet us there at 10:00 AM. RSVP to Penny Bitsas, pbitsas@gmail.com, for the address.

**Men's Spring Bible Study.** All men are invited to join in on Friday mornings at 6:30 AM in Room 100. Bring your own breakfast and we will supply the coffee. We are doing a video study on "The Life of Joseph: How to Live Purposefully in Uncertain Times". Join us as we study, worship together and share stories and build each other up as men of God in our families, church and community. For more information on Men's Ministry, contact Aaron Messer.

## **Discipleship Hour 9:00—10:00 AM**

### **Children & Youth**

Infants & Toddlers—Room 210A

### **Resurrection Stations (FLC)**

Primary Bible Club (5 yrs–2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Tweens (3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Middle & High School Sunday School (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade)

### **Adult**

**Special Discipleship Hour on April 27 in the Family Life Center.** Rich Lamb recently returned from 2 weeks in India teaching pastors, lay leaders, and church members in the Indian states of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh, and another week teaching organizational leaders in Dhaka, Bangladesh. If you want to hear more about this rambling itinerant trip and the amazing stories of the bold pastors and lay leaders he worked with, join us for an hour of sharing during the Discipleship Hour. Hear about the church under persecution and how God is miraculously at work!

### **Beginning May 4**

**Galatians**, led by Richard Draffin & Rich Lamb, Room 100

Join us for a study of Galatians, which is a three way argument including Paul, agitators, and the churches in Galatia, concerning some Jewish Christians' insistence on the need for circumcision for a person to be included in the people of God. Probably written in 55 AD, here Paul is agitated by the "Jesus plus" ideology, and this epistle depicts the apostle vigorously defending the gospel. We will examine some teachings from the book of James in light of Galatians. Each class is self contained, so please join us whenever you can.

**Fellowshipping: Psalms**, led by Pastor Molly, Room 206

Join us as we walk through *Psalms: Prayers of the Heart*, a study by Eugene Peterson. The Psalms teach us how to relate to God as we pray our doubt, fears and anger. Ultimately, they show us how to turn to God in praise. In keeping with our class tradition, we highly value prayer and informal discussions as we explore God's Word together.

### **Bible Study**

Bible study meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in Room 206 or via Zoom. We are currently studying the book of Exodus. Contact Pastor Molly to learn more and get on the email list.

### **Prayer Opportunities**

**Tuesday Open Prayer (12:15–12:45 PM).** Join us each week in the Fellowship Hall as we lift up our prayers and praises for missionaries, friends, family and the world.

**Mom's and Grandma's Friday Prayer (11:15 AM–12:30 PM.)** Join other moms and grandmas in the Fellowship Hall for prayer each Friday to pray for our children, their schools, their lives, etc. Contact Jennifer Elkin (elkinteam@gmail.com) for more information.



## Prayer Concerns

### **Prayer Needs**

- Oddeth Root, physical therapy for hip replacement
- Lori Bray, pancreatic cancer
- Iva Barnes, multiple health issues, currently at Hillcrest Rehab
- Teresa Meriwether, multiple medical issues, mobility
- Donna Monzon, bladder cancer
- Ted Meyers, Parkinson's, back pain management
- Jon Huml, Muscular Dystrophy
- Meredith Huml, Muscular Dystrophy, epilepsy & other health issues
- Carrie Alter (Peggy Anglin's cousin), chronic health problems
- Our friends and family serving in the Armed Forces
- Our co-workers in ministry around the world

### **In Care Facilities**

Mark Bullock

Betsy Englishman

Ruth Landrum

*Prayer Concerns will be removed after 30 days unless the office has been updated.*

*Flowers this Easter were given*

*In Memory of*

*To the Glory God by Dennis & Sue Abraham*  
*Matilda Alexander by Joseph & Carol Witt*  
*Beverly Anglin by Kim & Peggy Anglin*  
*Andy & Betsy Batton by Perry & Elaine Hinkle*  
*Joe "Papa" Bondos by Lisa McDowell*  
*Ann & Alvin Chinnis by Dena & Craig Kornegay*  
*Cliff Decker by Perry & Elaine Hinkle*  
*Bob & Caroline Dilweg by Anthony & Jamie Dilweg*  
*Mrs. Josephine Ficarra by Skip & Edith Ficarra*  
*Marc J. Ficarra by Skip & Edith Ficarra*  
*Bob & Bea Fleming by Judy Fleming*  
*Leona Goss by Missy Owen*  
*Louis & Eileen Guertin by Wally Guertin*  
*Charlie & Iva Hartwell by Randy & Catherine Hartwell*  
*Charlotte Hoffman by Missy Owen*  
*Ronald Hollingsworth by Leslie Hollingsworth*  
*Scott Hollingsworth by Leslie Hollingsworth*  
*Olin & Jane Hunter by Randy & Catherine Hartwell*  
*Subin Le by Keenan Thungtrakul*  
*Matthew Leiber by Lucy Leyland*  
*Richard "Grandaddy" McDowell by Lisa McDowell*  
*My Parents by Janie Ward*  
*Nga "Srisanga" Nguyen by Keenan Thungtrakul*

*Our Parents by Perry & Elaine Hinkle*  
*Jim & Doris Paulsgrove by Kim & Peggy Anglin*  
*Mr. Raymond Perez by Skip & Edith Ficarra*  
*Mrs. Sophia Perez by Skip & Edith Ficarra*  
*Jeanne Phelps by Missy Owen*  
*Tom & Bonnie Suitt by Dena & Craig Kornegay*  
*Phillip & Stevie Thomas by Anthony & Jamie Dilweg*  
*Tinzam Vaiphei by Mary Lalenmawi Vaiphei*  
*Bob Ward by Janie Ward*  
*Jean Watkins by Dino & Carolyn Jerkovich*  
*Lucille Witt by Joseph & Carol Witt*

*In Honor Of*

*Ralph Anglin by Kim & Peggy Anglin*  
*Nikki Goss by Missy Owen*  
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