

\*CLOSING HYMN #236

*The Strife is O'er*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee by Beethoven arr. Carol Tornquist*

Congregation remains seated

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Liturgist	Kurt Schuler
Ushers	Barb Pratt, Debbie Johnson, Joleen Goens
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Kate Mauch

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**Bolded words are read by the congregation. \*Indicates please stand as you are able.**

**Welcome:** to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow slips which are on the table in the narthex, and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

**Today,** Agharih Asumba and Shiva Ayukeyong are dedicating their daughter, Talia Anih Asumba to God.

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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

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## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

*The Glory of the Cross: A Medley for Holy Week*  
*arr. Ken Farrell*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!*

INTROIT #243

*Be Not Afraid*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

—Ps. 118:24

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN #246

*Christ is Alive!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

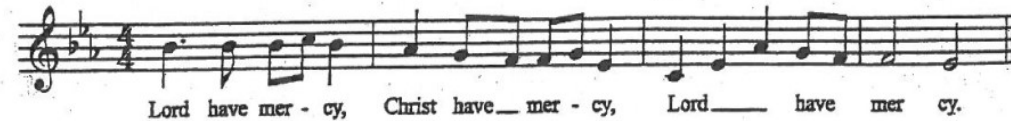
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION** *Let us sing to the Lord...*

**KYRIE—All Sing**



### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Crown Him with Alleluias: a Resurrection Celebration arr. Mark Hayes*  
*Trinity Singers and Trinity Bell Choir*  
*Connie Williams and Glenn Mojzer, narration*

*Please join us in singing the final verse of Christ the Lord is Risen Today and one verse of Crown Him with Many Crowns (see insert)*

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** *Children's Sermon*

*(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 20:1-18

**SERMON**

*The Empty Tomb*

*Rev. Kate Mauch*

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN #233**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in a God who can astound us—  
a God who created the mountains of Colorado,  
the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.  
We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—  
an example of love for those on the fringes,  
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.  
We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,  
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.  
And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again—  
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.  
Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into  
an expansive life— a life not measured by wealth or accolades,  
but a life full to the brim with joy,  
overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with good news.  
Death has lost its sting. We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

With compassion for our needs, the Risen One stands beside us, calling our names. Let us, with that same mercy, bring forth tithes and offerings to relieve the suffering of this world and to proclaim far and wide the good news of resurrection life.

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth by G.F. Handel*  
*Soloist Eileen Dyer*

**\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS—BABY DEDICATION (see insert)**

**CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)**

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today v. 4:**

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

(Narration)

**Crown Him with Many Crowns:**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
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Talía Anih Asumba  
March 31, 2024**

Agharih and Shiva, if it is your intention to present this child, Talia, to the Lord, and to pledge yourselves to bring her up in the nurture and teaching of the Lord, please answer “we do” to the following promises:

Do you here this day recognize this child as a trust from God and give heartfelt thanks for God’s blessing? “We do.”

Do you here this day dedicate this child to the Lord who gave him?  
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Do you here this day pledge as parents that you will bring up this child in the nurture and teaching of the Lord? “We do.”

Do you here this day ask God’s blessings upon her life, to guide, guard, and direct her through all her years? “We do.”

**To the Congregation:**

Do you here this day acknowledge that this child is a trust from God; giving heartfelt thanks for God’s blessings and committing yourselves to pray for this child, seeking to strengthen her faith in Christ with each opportunity God may grant you? “We do.”

**Statement of Dedication:**

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate you, Talia Anih Asumba, to God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

**Prayer:**

O God, our times are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray on Talia, as her life begins.  
Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

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