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**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Second Sunday of Easter  
Worshipping in the Sanctuary  
11:15 AM



# Service for the Lord's Day

April 12, 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter

*Welcome.  
We are glad that you are here.  
As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.  
We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.  
So take a moment.  
Breathe.*

*This service is livestreamed and recorded. People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.*

## Welcome

### Prelude

*Etude Melodique*  
Matt Wheeler, piano

James. H. Rogers

### Announcements

*Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.*

### Moment for Mission

### Call to Worship

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Liturgist:* Please stand in body or in spirit and join me in the call to worship.

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**All: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

*Liturgist:* Walk in the light of his love.

**All: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

*Liturgist:* Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**All: Let us celebrate the risen Christ,  
who breathes life into the world by his resurrection!**

### Hymn

*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*  
Congregation

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### Call to Confession

*Please be seated.*

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** When our faith stands at the grave,  
grieving for a stone that's rolled away,  
forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding  
though the truth is there to see,  
forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt,  
sees no further than an empty tomb today,  
forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary,  
'I have seen the Lord!'  
and grant us faith to believe! Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance & Faith

*Liturgist:* This is Good News...and renewed!

Friends, rejoice in the good news of the gospel.

**All:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

### Response to Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Be Not Afraid*

Congregation

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## Passing of the Peace & Greeting

### Children's Message

*Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.*

*Please be seated.*

### Blessing of the Children

**All:** You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.

### New Testament Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the

1 Peter 1:3-9

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genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

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When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen

the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

*Intentionally Christian: Seeing and Believing*  
Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Pastor

## Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

*These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*  
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## Life of the Church, Joys, & Concerns

*Please be seated.*

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

*All:* 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 evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Stewardship

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Offertory & Reflection

*Gaelic Morn*  
Matt Wheeler, piano

Bruce Mitchell

**Prayerful Setting of Intentions**

*Please take this moment of silence to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.*

**Prayer for the Coming Week**

**All:** Holy One, you have made known to me the ways of life  
and have promised to fill me with the gladness of your presence.  
Open my eyes to see you as steady companion  
as I travel through this week,  
that might experience you  
alive and at work,  
transforming the world and human hearts,  
even my heart. Amen.

**Hymn**

*We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*  
Congregation

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Toccata on Hyfrydol*  
Matt Wheeler, organ

Christopher Pardini

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.  
As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

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## Song Lyrics

### *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing  
with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;  
today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 That night the apostles met in fear;  
among them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;  
and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be."  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### *Be Not Afraid*

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!

### *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*

1 These things did Thomas count as real:  
the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
the grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
the last frail twitch of blood and bone.

2 The vision of his skeptic mind  
was keen enough to make him blind  
to any unexpected act  
too large for his small world of fact.

3 His reasoned certainties denied  
that one could live when one had died,  
until his fingers read like Braille  
the markings of the spear and nail.

4 May we, O God, by grace believe  
and thus the risen Christ receive,  
whose raw imprinted hands reached out  
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

### *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found.

4 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.



## **Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups**

*How do we experience God's new life in the here and now?*

**My intention for this week is:**

### **Morning Prayer for the Week**

Holy One, you have made known to me the ways of life  
and have promised to fill me with the gladness of your presence.  
Open my eyes to see you as steady companion  
as I travel through this day,  
that might experience you  
alive and at work,  
transforming the world and human hearts,  
even my heart. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer for the Week**

Thank you, God, for giving me your counsel today.  
tonight, as a sleep may the dreams of my heart  
also serve to instruct me in your ways.  
My heart, my soul, and my body rest in you. Amen.

### **Readings for the Week** John 20:19-31

(Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words)

### **Questions for Reflection**

1. According to the gospel, Christ's wounds were not erased by the resurrection. In fact, he invites Thomas and the other disciples to touch his wounds to bring the disciples back to faith. How might we in the church use our wounds to help others come to faith?
2. In what ways have you experienced God alive and at work in the world? In your own life?

### **Intentional in Community**

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or prayer partner.

*Our Thought and Prayers*  
*Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity.*

Joys:

Concerns:

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those listed below who serve in the international field. We also support them with our prayers: **Sharon Kandel**, South Sudan; **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border; **Larry** and **Inge Sthresley**, Republic of Congo; **Elmarie** and **Scott Parker**, Lebanon and Syria; **Eliane Menezes** in Guatemala, and **Doug Dicks** for Israel/Palestine.

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