

TRINITY CHURCH OF PORTLAND

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CALL TO WORSHIP

**Please stand as we hear the Call to Worship.*

—Luke 24:1–8

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead?

He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.’

And they remembered his words.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Brief Prayer.*

WE RESPOND IN CONFESSION

In Response To: Luke 22:54-62,; Matthew 27:24, 26:14-16,; John 20:24-25

O Lord and God, our own failures can be read into the events of the Easter story. For example, when

following Jesus Christ has proven costly for us—we have found it easy to deny knowing Him, as did

Peter:

So we now seek your forgiveness in the gospel.

When siding with Jesus has aroused threatening consequences against us—we have found it expedient to wash our hands of Him, as did Pilate:

So we now seek your forgiveness in the gospel.

When the allure of wealth has been real for us—we have found it convenient to surrender Jesus, as

did Judas:

So we now seek your forgiveness in the gospel.

When the arrogance of unbelief has tempted us—we have found it pragmatic to deny the resurrection of Jesus, as did Thomas:

So we now seek your forgiveness in the gospel.

In the radiance and victory of the resurrected King Jesus, all of our sins are painfully exposed, but

your overpowering grace conquers them all.

So we now seek your forgiveness, our Lord and God, on the basis of the gospel: the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSES

PETER'S DENIAL

Luke 22:54-62 – "But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.'" (v.57)

PILATE WASHING HIS HANDS

Matthew 27:24 – "So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'"

JUDAS'S BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:14-16 – "Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?' And they paid him thirty pieces of silver."

THOMAS'S UNBELIEF

John 20:24-25 – "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.'"

GOD GRANTS US PARDON

—Romans 5:6–11, 4:25

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ...who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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SERMON TEXT

—*Word Life: John 20:1-23*

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COVENANT RENEWAL

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One, Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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This is the good news:

Christ has come

Christ has died

The grave is empty and death is dead.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the good news:

Sin's penalty is paid

Our guilt is purged

God's justice is satisfied and the victory is ours.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the good news:

Christ has been exalted

He is now seated in glory

He possesses all sovereignty and gives us His Spirit.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the good news:

He is the Savior of sinners

The Friend of all those who trust in Him

The One we worship as our Lord and King.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

We now depart to announce the gospel:

the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life

to everyone who turns from their sins and embraces Jesus Christ.

And we do so with all joy and every confidence because He is risen.

He is risen indeed!

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