

# MORNING WORSHIP

March 31, 2024 – 10:00 AM

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Prelude  
Greeting

## APPROACHING GOD

*(Lord, may your holy name be praised in all the earth!)*

\*Call to Worship *(In the bulletin)* **John 20:24-29**

\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #360**  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\*Confession of Faith **Heidelberg Catechism Q40, 42, 43, 45**

**Q40: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?**

**Answer:** *Because God's justice and truth demand it;  
only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.*

**Q42: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?**

**Answer:** *Our death does not pay the debt of our sin. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.*

**Q43: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?**

**Answer:** *Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.*

**Q45: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?**

**Answer:** *First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.*

*Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.*

*Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.*

\*Congregation Standing

## CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

*(Lord, forgive us our sins according to your steadfast love.)*

God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1199)* **Romans 6:8-13**

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ **Romans 6:14**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #512**  
*Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

*(Lord, teach us your Word, that we may walk in your truth.)*

Sermon Text *(p. 1199)* **Romans 6:1-14**

Sermon "CHRIST'S VICARIOUS RESURRECTION"

## RESPONDING TO GOD

*(Lord, we gladly give you our praise, our gifts, and our lives.)*

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

\*Hymn of Response **Trinity Psalter #515**  
*More Than Conquerors*

Prayer of Intercession

## COMMUNING WITH CHRIST

*(Lord, form Christ in us so that we would reflect your glory.)*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Closing Hymn **Trinity Psalter #570**  
*Doxology*

\*Benediction

**WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS:** *It is a joy to have you join us in fulfilling man's highest calling, namely the worship of our holy God!*

## John 20:24-29

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him,

**“My Lord and my God!”**

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me?”

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**