

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Easter Sunday • April 20, 2025 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

During this time of reflection, we invite you to take a few moments to prepare yourself for worship. Take a few deep breaths and settle into the quiet. Center yourself through art by coloring the attached picture. Slip off your shoes and remember that you are on holy ground. No matter what this time looks like for you, your whole self is welcome in this space.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Polaski

*Responsive readings like this one are a part of worship. The congregation's part is in **bold**.*

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves, and it is true! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always!

Many: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 216

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Some of us stand while singing, and others don't. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandra Polaski

Prayer requests are shared out loud with the gathered community. If you have a joy or a concern to share, please raise your hand to request the microphone

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.

HYMN NO. 218

“Thine Be the Glory”

MACCABEUS

SCRIPTURE

[John 20:1-18](#)

Anita Laffoon

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Power of Love”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘The Hallelujah Chorus’ with ‘The Power of Love’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 224

“Christ Arose!”

CHRIST AROSE

CLOSING COMMISSION

One: We shall celebrate Easter!

Many: Alleluia!

One: We shall bring love to those who are sad,

Many: and share joy with those who are happy.

One: We will live our lives to the glory of God

Many: We will live in Easter joy and Easter hope.

One: And we will bring new life to those we meet.

Many: Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: And also with you.

Our services are hybrid, meaning there are cameras in the worship space to allow those joining us via Zoom to fully participate. If you would rather not be on camera, we have marked the areas where our cameras can't see you.



Are you visiting with us today? We'd love to get to know you better!

Scan the QR code to tell us more about you.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of April 20, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of hope, of possibility, of eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings new life out of death to people and communities.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

River City Faith Network is a network of churches that work together to serve the city of Richmond through a variety of ministry opportunities. Ministry Centers include Camp Alkulana, The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, Oregon Hill Baptist Center, South Richmond Baptist Center, Central Virginia Raceway Ministry, and the WMU.

Seventh Street Christian Church

Our friends at Seventh Street Christian Church are hosting a Service of Gratitude and Transition as a final farewell to their building, but not to their life together as a church. All are invited to join them on April 26th at 2:30pm. The building address is 4101 Grove Ave Richmond, 23221.

Study Opportunities

- **Weeknight Study** - *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor meets on Thursdays at 6pm. Contact Anita for more information.
- **Sunday Morning Small Group** – is reading *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You* at 9am on Sunday mornings. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.

Page Turner Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club will next meet on Sunday May 18, 2025. Location TBA. The book for discussion will be: *The Guilty One* by Kiersten Modglin.

Backpack Update

We are in need of paper bags with handles for our weekly backpack food program. Please continue to bring in your bags from your shopping trips, and if you are able please purchase extras. See Dixie Leathers or Connie Bak for more details.

Worship isn't the same without you...

...and we'd love to have your help! We need volunteers to help on Sunday mornings by leading the Call to Worship and the Prayers of the People, and to facilitate the Zoom room. Contact Anita to sign up (alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org)!

Hymn Texts

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your 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 was led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Christ Arose!

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away—Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

