

***Easter Benediction** (Ann Weems)

Tyler Cross

The silence breaks into morning.
That One Star lights the world.
The lily springs to life and not even Solomon...
Let it begin with singing and never end!
Oh, angels, quit your lamenting!
Oh, pilgrims,
upon your knees in tearful prayer, rise up
and take your hearts and run!
We who were no people are named anew God's people,
for He who was no more is forevermore!
Christ is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia and Amen!

***Easter Processional**

Everyone who is able is invited to process from the Garden to the Empty Cross around the front of the building so that we might enjoy the glory of the sunrise. Please bring your bulletin for the words to the processional song and grab some flowers and or streamers to take with you. Once at the cross everyone is invited to help us flower the cross. The flowers symbolize that new life comes from death. It is a beautiful reminder that Christ is not on the cross but is risen!

Processional Song We Are Marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh We are marching in the light of God.
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...
We are walking...
We are loving...

Easter Sunrise Service



Come to Him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

~ 1 Peter 2:4-5

**Easter Sunrise Service
Trinity Presbyterian Church
1 April 2018 - 7:00 AM**

Easter Proclamation

Chance Bickers

This is the Good News...the grave is empty,

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

This is the Good News...the light shines in the darkness,

And the darkness can never put it out, Alleluia!

This is the Good News...once we were no people,

Now we are God's people. Alleluia!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(please share the sign of peace with one another)

Opening Song:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore

Hymn to Joy

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, See a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding, bring a taste of love
unknown.*

Easter Prayer

Connor Bickers & David Preyna

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young, You made life in all its beauty and terror; You gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be Your name.

Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that You had come among us that You were one of us.

Hallowed be Your name.

Early in the morning surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, You accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God; You shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be Your name.

Early in the morning a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that You had risen, that You had

come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed You.

Hallowed be Your name.

This morning in the multi-colored company of Your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate Your creation, Your life, Your death and resurrection, Your interest in us: so we pray...

**Lord, Bring New Life, where we are worn and tired;
New love, where we have turned hard-hearted;
Forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have
been wounded; Joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit,
where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

Silence

To all and to each on His community on His friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces His pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

***Song of Response:**

Where You There

Spiritual

*Were you there when He rose up from the dead?
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?*

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

Andrew Preyna

Silent Reflection

Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-18

Annalee Bickers

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

Tyler Cross

Our prayers this morning are the prayers offered this Lenten season from the Wailing Wall. As the prayers are burned as a fragrant offering to God, please keep silence and offer up the prayers on your heart.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again! We proclaim the ancient promise in our hearts, and may it settle there as truth, that we know in our heart of our hearts that God's love endures forever. This world, this life may pass away, but God's love endures forever because of Christ our Lord. May we go, live into the Good News, and share God's love with all.

Amen.