

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Easter Celebration

May 31, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Glory of the Cross (A Medley for Holy Week):
Near the Cross
Were You There?
The Old Rugged Cross
He Lives

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered together we look for what will be.

Give us courage to expect your presence.

Feeling our hearts beat we know our own potential.

Give us courage to awaken to possibilities.

Come, Holy Spirit, move among us, make us a worshipping community.

We are ready to pray, to sing, to hear your Word.

*OPENING HYMN #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Come! Let us open our eyes to our inner selves where all is revealed. Let us look honestly and boldly unafraid of the glare of our sinfulness. Let us confess together:

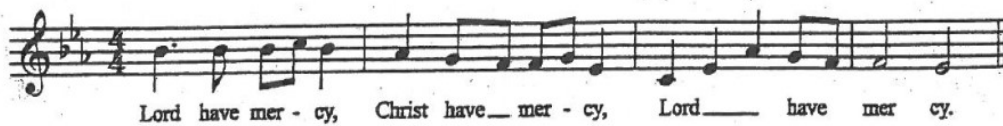
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

God of all creation whose love gives light to the world, we know how vulnerable we are to seeing only ourselves while consciously avoiding the suffering in the world. There are far too many who are in pain and who live in despair, poverty and fear for us to worry about. And in forgetting our connections, we unwittingly participate in the forces of alienation and violence. Forgive us. Restore us to faithfully living. Amen.

Minute of Silent Personal Confession *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—ALL SING



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Like the prodigal Father, God waits for us with open arms. In accepting grace, let us courageously extend it to those we hold in contempt and those we perceive as lesser than ourselves. In the name of Him who died for us all... Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Majesty by Jack Hayford arr. Jack Schrader
Soloist: Eileen Dyer*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-8

SERMON

Who Will Save Us?

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #233

The Day of Resurrection!

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of all creation, you made the hands that stirred unthinking at the start of this day. As the hours slip by, help me to be more mindful of the good that they might do:

**in the greeting they might offer,
in the burdens they might bear,
in the worry they might soothe.**

**Prompt me to keep them open—
not clinging to what you have entrusted
freely offering, freely receiving, in response to this day's needs.**

**May each small motion be a sign of trust,
a reminder that my life is in your hands. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #236

The Strife Is O'er

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary
From death's dread sting Your servants free,
That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Because He Lives by William Gaither arr. James Koerts

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Choir Director/Accompanist

Davis McKinney

Pastor

Rev. Tom Dunlap