



Easter Sunrise Service

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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THE SILENT MEDITATION

*By His holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.
May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.*

FROM THE EASTER VIGIL



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting

Mr. Andrew Mingus

† The Call to Worship – (*congregation reads bold type*)

Minister: Why do you look for the living among the dead. He is not here;
the Lord has risen.

People: He is risen indeed!

† The Hymn of Adoration

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

**This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

**This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have

carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that He had said these things to her.

† The Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

The Third Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-5

Mr. Franklin Johnson

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The Homily

How Great is the Mercy of God?

Mr. Andrew Mingus

**In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save;
‘til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev’ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ!**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow’r of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!**

The Acclamation

Minister: God raised Jesus from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

People: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Minister: We stand in awe of Your resurrection and give thanks, O Risen Savior!

People: Amen! He is risen! Amen! He is risen indeed!

† The Closing Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

**“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

† The Benediction of God’s Grace – Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you, ²⁵ the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

† The Benediction Response

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Leading In Worship

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Mr. Andrew Mingus, *Director of Youth*

Mr. Josh Blades, *Ruling Elder*

Mr. Bob Champion, *Ruling Elder*

Mr. Franklin Johnson, *Ruling Elder*



Pancake Breakfast in Trinity Hall

Served immediately following the Sunrise Service – all are welcome!

Easter Morning Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Music by the Chancel Choir and soloists with organ, trumpet, and timpani.

Sermon by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

**Nursery (ages 3 months to pre-K) is provided for all services except for the Sunrise Service.*

NO SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS



VISITORS

We are honored to have you as our guest today. Please complete the information on our Friendship Register (by scanning the QR code) so that we may respond properly to your visit.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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