

Easter Sunrise Service

April 17, 2022 | 6:15 am



Michael Bjork

Gathering Music

Pastor Clare Gromoll

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship

One: O Living God, this morning begins in darkness, the day dawns in quiet. We pause now in a moment of quiet appreciation, breathing deeply. *[pause]*

All: **Come, God, arise!
Bring forth the sun from its slumber, and Jesus from the tomb.
Break forth the Holy Light, your Blessed Child. Greet us on this morning of mystery and hope. Amen**



1ST ANNUAL!

Seeking Artisans
Register by May 1st
for our "Early Bird" rate!

May 21, 2022
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

People's Park
(next to Barker's Alps)
1003 5th Ave. N.
Bayport, MN

Artisan Sale | artist, crafter, vendor & nonprofit exhibitors

Gertens Plant Sale | flowers & gift cards | order online, March 15-April 6

Plant Swap and Sale | perennials, succulents & seedlings

Educational Moments | community garden, labyrinth, prairie restoration & tai chi

Hands-On Activities for All Ages | engage in wonder, appreciation & fun

Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle | focused on art, nature & experiences

Food Trucks & Booths, Bake Sale | come hungry!

*****Opening Song** **“Morning Has Broken”** *Chalice Hymnal #53*

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black - bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm GW C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



Integrity of Creation Sunday | April 24
 @People's Park

Outdoor Worship | **9:30 am**

Fellowship | **10:30 am**

Antiracism Sacred Conversation | **10:45 am**
 “The Arc is Long: People’s Progress Toward Antiracism”

1003 5th Ave. N., Bayport
 (next to Barker’s Alp’s)

Thank you for all who made this morning wonderful: Music Dir. Michael Bjork (music), Cheri Schwartz (greeter & liturgist), Paul Spilseth (campfire)



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All are invited to join us at People’s Church

Breakfast @ People's Church | 9 am

Easter egg hunt | 9:30 am

Worship! | 10 am

*****Ritual of Self-Recognition and Longing**

One: O God, our Holy Week began with the waving of palms as we remembered Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. The palms that we used last Sunday as tokens of praise and gratitude are now symbols of our need for confession. Just as Jesus’ friends were not able to live up to their promises, so we acknowledge this morning that we fall short of what you would have us be. Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives, and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert, the beckoning power of sweet fruit, and the vain promises of the world; we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

One: Because we see the broken before the whole, the half empty cup, the unfinished task, and the thirst in freedom’s quest; we need you, Spirit of Life.

All: We need you, Spirit of Life.

One: Because we trust in what we can see, are blinded by our prejudices, and do not know what we do not know, we need you; Guiding One.

All : We need you, Guiding One.

One: Because you came among us, breathed into our sinewy souls, healed our pain let us wound you, loved us to the end, and triumphed over all hatred; we need you, Loving One.

All: We need you, Loving One. Amen

*****Offering Up of Palms of Regret**

After a moment of silent confession, you are invited to symbolically offer your regrets to God by placing a palm in the fire.

***Rekindling the Fire

*After the fire has burned for a bit, we will light the Christ candle from the fire
Please join in the responsive affirmation*

One: Christ is our Light **All: Thanks be to God**

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Readings

Cheri Schwartz

“Day One” by William B. Jones

wondering what next after this,
he woke to cave’s pierced-darkness
edged by light stone sought to block,
but could not this bright morning

loosing the wrappings death held close,
falling to floor he reaches his hand
un-bent, un-bleeding, into cool air
and, risking life, begins breathing

slowly it dawns it has been undone,
bruised yet healing from wounding
wondering what next after this,
he rises and eases through walls

clinging close the still-moist earth,
upending the plot tended by mourners
stumbling, tripping what they hadn’t sought,
newly un-dead, rooting deep seed

pulling himself up into the living
harder than dying his hand gripping mine
dried blood and cooling the fever his brow,
he rises and eases through walls.

From *Safe Passage: Words to Help the Grieving Hold Fast and Let Go*
By Molly Fumia

Resurrection. The reversal of what was thought to be absolute. The turning of midnight into dawn, hatred into love, dying into living anew. If we look more closely into life, will find that resurrection is more than hope, it is our experience. The return of life from death is something we understand at our innermost depths, something we feel on the surface of our tender skin. We have come back to life, not only when we start to shake off a shroud of sorrow that has bound us, but when we begin to believe in all that is still endlessly possible.

***Closing Prayer

**Holy One, we give you thanks for your care throughout all of life.
You have created and recreate us in your own image. You have given us the light of Christ, our Morning Star, to be a light to all creation.
Christ is our Light! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Peace Passing Song

Halle-Halle-Halleluja *Chalise Hymnal #41*

We pass the peace with one another as we sing!

Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja.
Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

***Blessing

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