

# Traditional Worship

April 5, 2026

*Resurrection of Our Lord*

*Easter Day*

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new!*

*Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34):*

*Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone.*

*We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words,  
and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion.*

*With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful.*

*We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*With Trumpets & Horns (Allegretto – Hornpipe)  
from Water Music Suite in D – G. F. Handel*

### RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL \*

*As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.*

*A \* in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

### WELCOME \*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Assembly: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### OPENING HYMN #367 \*

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY \*

Leader: Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE \*

*This is the Feast*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*The cantor sings the refrain and then the assembly joins in the refrain.  
The cantor then sings the verses and the assembly joins in each refrain.*



This is the day that the LORD has made;



let us re-joice and be glad in it.

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD...*Refrain*
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation...*Refrain*
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it...*Refrain*

## SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \*

*Hallelujah* from *Messiah* – G. F. Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of kings, and Lord of lords.*

## HOLY GOSPEL\*

Matthew 28:1-10

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY #365 \*

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

### NICENE CREED \*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS \***

*The assembly responds to each petition ending in “Merciful God,”*

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.”*

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **PEACE \***

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**Assembly: And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with  
“peace be with you...and also with you.”*

*You’re invited to share God’s peace with those around you.*

*If you’re worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*In Christ’s body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.*

## **OFFERING**

*He Is Risen! – Craig Courtney*

*As we respond to hearing God’s Word and prepare to feast at God’s table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.*

*Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.*

*Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.*



*He is risen! Christ is risen!  
Christ the Lord is risen indeed!*

*Prophecy now is fulfilled in the crucified Lord.  
Death could not hold Him, the temple destroyed is restored.  
The power of sin has been broken by God's only Son.  
Christ over Satan has triumphed, our victor won!*

*Come to the tomb, it is open, the stone rolled away.  
He is not here, He is risen, oh, glorious day!  
Join in the glad celebration of Jesus the king.  
Sing to the world of His victory, sing to Him, sing!*

**OFFERTORY \***

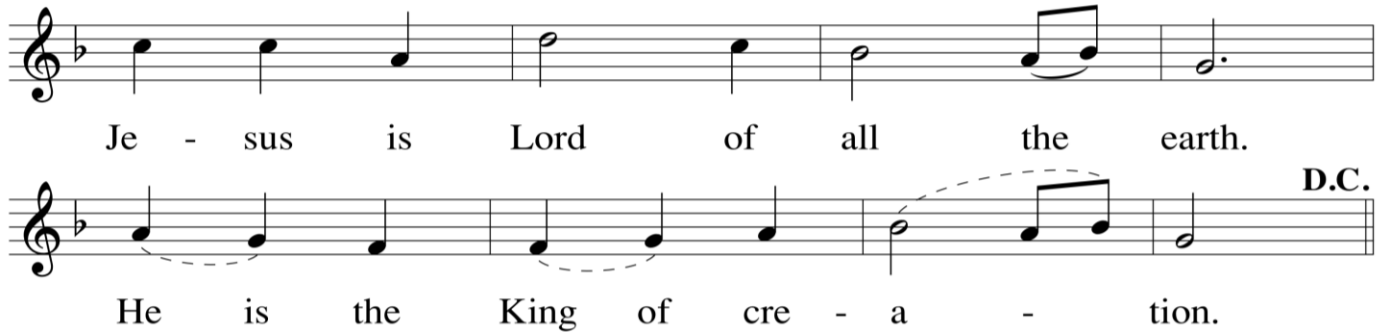
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the  
ris-en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

Verse



Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of cre - a - tion. **D.C.**

## **CONFESSION & GREAT THANKSGIVING \***

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: With hearts lifted to the risen Lord,  
let us confess our sin in the light of the resurrection.

*Silence is kept.*

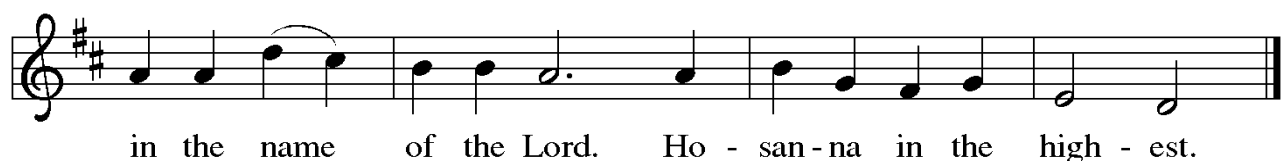
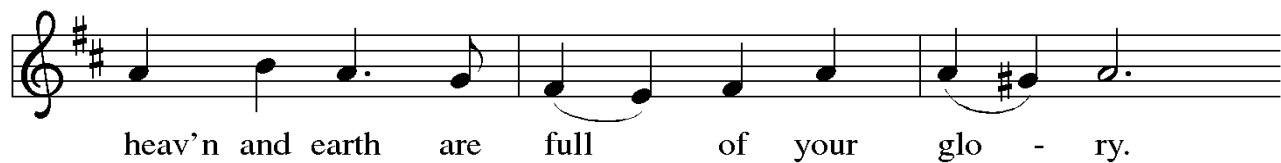
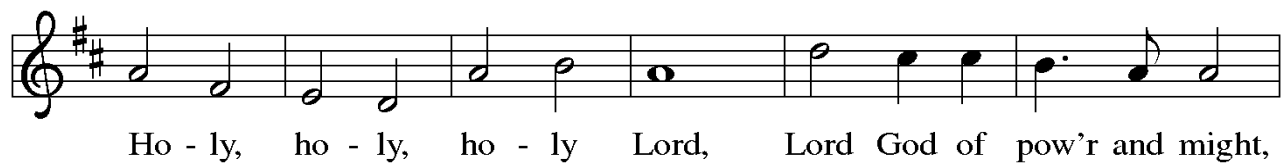
Leader: Risen Christ, you conquered sin and death,  
yet we confess that we still live in fear.

**Assembly: We cling to what is passing away,  
we turn from neighbors in need,  
and we doubt the promise of new life.  
Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up,  
so that we may live as your Easter people,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ is risen!  
Death no longer has dominion over him,  
and neither shall it have dominion over us.  
Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter,  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION \***

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We pray as our Lord has taught us...

## **LORD'S PRAYER \***

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD \*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.*

*We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.*

*You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.*

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.*

*"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

Pastor: Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

*As you are served communion:*

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution:

Hymn #826– *Thine the Amen*

Hymn #384 – *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Hymn #379 – *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Hymn #378 – *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Leader: The body and blood of the risen Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace,  
now and forever.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE**

### **BLESSING \***

Leader: Almighty God,  
who raised our Lord † Jesus Christ from the dead,  
who broke the power of sin and death,  
and who makes all things new,  
bless you and keep you in everlasting life.

May the risen Christ go before you,  
beside you, and within you,  
renewing your hope,  
strengthening your faith,  
and filling you with Easter joy.

May the Holy Spirit,  
given to you in baptism,  
raise you each day to new life  
and send you forth as witnesses  
to the resurrection of our Lord.

And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and remain with you always.

**Assembly: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN #376 \***

*Thine Is the Glory*

## **DISMISSAL \***

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Assembly: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Go in peace.

Share the good news of the Resurrection with the world.

Alleluia!

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE \***

*Toccata - from Symphony V- Charles-Marie Widor*

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