

# Contemporary Worship

April 12, 2026

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

By Faith – Getty/Townend

*By faith, we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design;  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith, our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –  
A place where peace and justice reign.*

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith, the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.*

*By faith, the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news,  
In every corner of the earth.*

*By faith, this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name.*

# 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.**

## SONG \*

*Come and See*

*A \* in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.  
A soloist will sing the parts designated "Leader."  
Everyone is invited to join in the parts marked "All."*

Leader All



1 The night was dark and filled with gloom.  
2 Then sud - den - ly the Lord ap - peared (Come and see! Come and see.)  
3 Well, Thom - as said, "My God, my Lord!"

Leader All



They hid with - in a se - cret room.  
to see his friends and calm their fears. (Come and see! Come and see.)  
Now I be - lieve the liv - ing Word.

Leader All



Now Thom - as had not seen the Lord.  
To Thom - as he said, "See my hand." (Come and see! Come and see.)  
Go tell the peo - ple far and wide,

Leader All



He doubt - ed ev - 'ry sin - gle word.  
It hap - pened just as God had planned. (Come and see! Come and see.)  
'twas for their sins that Je - sus died.

*Refrain*



I be - lieve this is Je - sus! Come and see! Come and see. Oh,



I be - lieve this is Je - sus! Come and see! Come and see.

## HOLY GOSPEL\*

John 20:19-31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## PRAYERS \*

## Come and Fill Our Hearts

*The Praise Team sings the refrain and then the Assembly joins in the refrain.  
The prayer petitions are offered and all join in the refrain as indicated.*

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!

Leader: God of new life,  
breathe your Spirit into your church  
and send us out with peace and bold faith...*Refrain*

Leader: God of peace,  
stand among all who live in fear or conflict.  
Bring healing, justice, and reconciliation to the world...*Refrain*

Leader: God of compassion,  
be near to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.  
Breathe your healing and give them hope...*Refrain*

Leader: God of faithfulness,  
meet us in our doubts and strengthen our trust in you,  
that we may confess Christ as Lord...*Refrain*

Leader: Into your hands, O God,  
we commend all for whom we pray,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord...*Refrain*

## 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.*

## OFFERING

*My Savior Lives – Egan & Packiam*

*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 are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.*



*Our God will reign forever,  
And all the world will know His name.  
Everyone together sing the song of the redeemed.*

*I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And now I stand on what He did.  
My Savior, my Savior lives.  
Everyday a brand new chance to say,  
Jesus You are the only way.  
My Savior, my Savior lives.*

*The King has come from Heaven  
And darkness trembles at His name.  
Victory forever is the song of the redeemed.*

## **CONFESSION \***

Leader: Christ is risen and comes to stand among us, offering peace and new life.  
Trusting in his mercy, let us confess our fears...our doubts...our sins...

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Risen Jesus,  
we're afraid sometimes.

**Assembly: We doubt.  
We hold back.  
We don't always live like people who believe  
you are alive and at work in us.  
Forgive us.  
Fill us with your Spirit and help us trust you more.  
Amen.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS \***

Leader: God meets us right where we are—  
in our fear and in our doubt—  
and still loves us.  
We are forgiven.  
We are made new.  
We are invited to God's table with peace and love.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION \***

Leader: 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.**

## **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.

## **Open Our Eyes, Lord**

Verse 1: Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Verse 2: Open our hearts, Lord, we want to love Jesus,  
To reach up and praise Him and sing "alleluia."  
Open our minds, Lord, Your Word will sustain us.  
Open our hearts, Lord, we want to love Jesus.

Verse 3:     Open our mouths, Lord, we want to share Jesus,  
              To tell of His goodness so others may love Him.  
              Open our lives, Lord, and make us more willing.  
              Open our mouths, Lord, we want to share Jesus.

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## **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.**

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE**

### **BLESSING \***

Leader:     The God of all mercy and power,  
                  who raised our Lord † Jesus Christ from the dead,  
                  and breathed on the disciples the Holy Spirit,  
                  bless you and keep you in his peace.

May the risen Christ be with you,  
                  bringing you peace where there is fear,  
                  faith where there is doubt,  
                  and life where there is death.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
                  bless you now and forever.

**Assembly: Amen.**

### **SONG \***

*Sing 3x's*

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*Music: Traditional Caribbean  
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**DISMISSAL \***

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Alleluia!

Assembly: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**FLOWER DEDICATION:**

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dear friend,  
Nancy Prater by Becky Liefeld and Viki Rogers Beckholt.*

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