

**The Lord's Day, April 5, 2026**  
**10:30 AM Morning Service**

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God!*

**\*Call to Worship**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Minister: This is the good news: the grave is empty.

**People: Alleluia!**

Minister: This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Alleluia!**

Minister: This is the good news: once we were not a people; now we are God's people.

**People: Alleluia!**

Minister: This is the good news: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we share with God and each other.

**Unison: Come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn of Proclamation: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (TH No. 277)**

1 "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!

4 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!

2 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!

5 Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

3 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!

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

**Almighty God: Great was the joy in Israel when Egypt died upon the shore; but far greater is our joy since the Redeemer's foe lies crushed in the dust! O, Jesus, you stride forth as the victor; conqueror of the grave, hell and all opposing might. You burst the bands of death, trampled the powers of darkness down, and now live forever. Give me the assurance that in you I died, in you I rose, in your life I live, in your victory I triumph, in your ascension I shall reign, in your glory I shall be glorified, all to the praise of your glorious grace. Amen.**

~from Valley of Vision

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Gloria (Tune: "Lauda Anima")**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit: great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, blessing, praise eternal! While unending ages run.**

**Responsive Scripture Reading: "Great Truths about the Glorious Resurrection" (SH No. 823)**

Minister: Who is the resurrection and the life?

**People: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."**

Minister: What does God promise to all who believe?

**People: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Minister: Will anything separate us from the love of God in Christ?

**People: No! We can be "sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

Minister: What will God do someday soon?

**People: "He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces."**

John 11:25-26, Romans 10:9, 8:38-39; Isaiah 25:8

**\*Hymn of Response: "Resurrection Hymn" (SH No. 836)**

1 See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the Man, for he lives —  
Christ is risen from the dead!

3 One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.  
And we are raised with him:  
death is dead; love has won; Christ has conquered;  
and we shall reign with him, for he lives —  
Christ is risen from the dead!

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2 See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years;  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound till he appears, for he lives —  
Christ is risen from the dead!

## A Litany for Easter

Minister: In the peace of the risen Christ, we pray to you, our Father: that our risen Savior may grant us victory over all our enemies, seen and unseen.

**People:** That He may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and his power.

Minister: That He may raise us up and seat us with Himself in heaven.

**People:** That He may fill us with the joy of His holy and life-giving resurrection.

Minister: That He may, through us, provide for those who lack food, work, and shelter.

**People:** That isolated and persecuted churches might find fresh strength in the Paschal mystery.

**Unison:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Words of Encouragement

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.... You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever! (Psalm 30)

**Unison:** Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

### \*Hymn of Praise: "Up from the Grave He Arose" (TH No. 276)

1 Low in the grave he lay-  
Jesus, my Savior,  
waiting the coming day-  
Jesus, my Lord.

2 Vainly they watch his bed-  
Jesus, my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead-  
Jesus, my Lord. [Refrain]

*Refrain:*

*Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

3 Death cannot keep his prey-  
Jesus, my Savior;  
he tore the bars away-  
Jesus, my Lord. [Refrain]

## Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

### \*Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen!

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

### \*Reading of the Holy Scriptures: Matthew 27:62 - 28:10

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**Unison:** Thanks be to God for his Word!

### \*The Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon: "Remember Jesus Christ, Risen from the Dead" (Rev. Mike Osborne)**

**\*Hymn of Response: "Thine Be the Glory" (TH No. 274)**

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain:*

*Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph  
sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
[Refrain]

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless  
love;  
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.  
[Refrain]

**\*The Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*