

CHRIST
CHURCH

April 5, 2026



***W**elcome to worship at Christ Church!*

Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.

We are glad that you have joined us.

Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger and Christ Kids Worship at the 8:30 service for 4 and 5 year olds during the sermon. Activity bags for children during the 11:15 service are available in the bulletin table in the foyer. If you would like a quiet space to feed or rock your baby during the worship service, you are welcome to use Room 106 or the Children's Ministry office, Room 102.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the sound booth, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are experiencing sensory sensitivity, an usher can direct you to a quiet space.

Some symbols/types from the cover that point to Jesus as Messiah: spikenard (Mary's broken alabaster jar), fig (Israel's covenant), pomegranate (early Christian symbol for blood of Christ), Cornerstone, bread of life, Agnus Dei (representing victory over death), Aaron's flowering rod.

Prelude

Hallelujah Chorus

bluegrass group

Even though it's a tradition to stand for the *Hallelujah Chorus*, please have a seat after you enter the sanctuary!

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation ¹

Jesus said to him [Thomas], "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:26-31

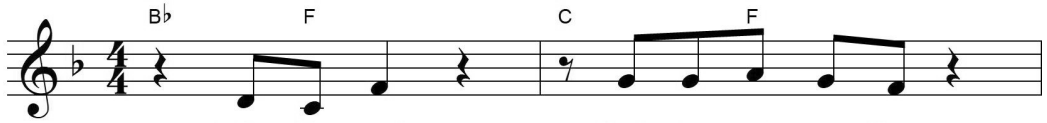
¹ **Christian meditation** is a deliberate, sanctified contemplation of God's word showing who God is, what he has done, and what he promises to do in the future. We see it modeled by Mary in Luke's Gospel when, after hearing the shepherds' report of God's promises concerning the baby Jesus, she "treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19).

Introit ²

Sing with All Your Heart

congregation

Jacob Sooter, Jessica Ray Langdon
Matt Maher, Natalie Leonhardt



1. Let the weak look to their bro - ther,
2. Let the strong car - ry their neigh - bor,



lean on a shoul - der when they ___ can't stand.
bind up the wound - ed and wash ___ their feet.



No shame in need - ing ~ one a - noth - er.
O - pen your door ~ and set your tab - le,



Reach out and take hold of a
the place of hon - or for the



heal - ing hand. Re - joice, a - gain, I ___ say re - joice. Sin -
least of these.

² The word **Introit** comes from Latin and means Entrance or “a going in.”
It is a song for the opening of a worship service.

Dm Bb C F

- ners, strang - ers, we're wel-comed in. Lift

C F/C C F/C

up your hands, lift up your voice. Sing

Dm Bb C F

with all your heart; he calls you friend. Sing

Dm Bb C F

with all your heart; he calls you friend. *1st time to Vs 2
2nd time to Bridge*

Bridge (sing 4x)

Make us one, hold us to-gether. Make us one. to Chorus

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP ³

Call to Worship³ II Timothy 2:8 [NIV]

Lucas Mooibroek

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel.

* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Trinity Hymnal 277 Verses 1-4

* **Invocation** ⁴

On this Jubilant Day choir

by Robert Leaf

On this jubilant day we sing to the risen king
Glory, glory to God we sing, glory to God.
On this jubilant day we sing of the victory won.
Joy and gladness abound.
Let praises ring; trumpets resound!
To the glory of God we sing, glory to God!

O perfect peace that comes to all who know
the risen king, the source of eternal life, source of peace.
This holy day we come to praise the king.
Alleluia! All praise to the risen king.

³ The function of **the call to worship** is to call the community to the unique activity of worship. Repeated throughout the service, God speaks and we respond. Worship arises best not out of fear or guilt but out of gratitude.

⁴ **To invoke means to call upon someone earnestly**, so a prayer of invocation is a serious, intentional calling upon God to grant his presence in the worship, to bless the service, and to hear the songs and prayers of praise and petition offered to him.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession ⁵

Acts 3:19-20a

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

Prayer of confession ⁶ followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness from I Peter 1:3-8 responsively (*congregation reads bold type*)

Blessed 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...

In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, we have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of our faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory....

8:30 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

⁵ **The call to confession** is given within the context of our covenant relationship with God. God's grace comes to us, creating a relationship with us in Christ in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe. We confess our sin not in order for God to forgive us but because God has forgiven us in Christ. The call to confession, therefore, is a word of grace, not an exercise that shames us into confession.

⁶ **The prayer of confession** invites us to speak words that are honest about our own sin, words that may not come naturally in our relationship with God or with our fellow human beings. Such honesty, perhaps more than we could ever generate in our own strength, becomes remarkably liberating when we sense the immensity of God's grace. In this way we can think of the prayer of confession (and of the declaration of forgiveness that follows) not as an onerous obligation but as a gift of grace.

*** Up from the Grave He Arose**

Trinity Hymnal 276

Note we'll sing Verse 1, Verse 2
Chorus
Verse 3
Chorus

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

*** Scripture reading**

Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God,

and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,²⁸ for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;
as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Prayer**

Sermon

Babbling the Resurrection

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Proof Provided

Death Defeated

Sinners Sanctified

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

** I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!*

Trinity Hymnal 281

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.

Pastor Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us;

People therefore let us keep the feast.

During the passing of the bread

The Body of Christ

by Bruce Benedict

When your life is broken - the body of Christ
When your knees are falling - the body of Christ
When your hands are barely holding - the body of Christ
Every need of your life - the body of Christ

Chorus Oh the body, oh the body, oh the body of Christ
Oh the body, oh the body, oh the body of Christ
From your birth, to the grave, it's the kingdom life
Every need, every day, oh the body of Christ

When your neighbor fails you - the body of Christ
When your husband leaves you - the body of Christ
When your friend deceives you - the body of Christ
In the valley, in the darkness - the body of Christ *Chorus*

*As an added 3rd verse,
you are invited to silently offer up a lament or a praise from your heart and life.
The music-makers will sing "the body of Christ" over your prayer.*

During the passing of the cup

Danielle Vanderput and Amos Maupin, readers (8:30)
Norah Tilchen and Audrey Rodeheaver, readers (11:15)

...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. –Hebrews 12:1b-2a

Resurrection Day –Matthew 28:1-15

Prayer of Thanksgiving spoken together

Loving God, we thank you for this sacrament, for uniting us with Christ, and for giving us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory *He Did Rise*

by Mark Anderson

Early on a Sunday, the women at the tomb,
Found the rock was rolled away,
His body had left the room.
An angel said to them while clad in glowing white,
“Do not look among the dead for the one who is alive.”

He did rise. Jesus has risen, cleared the path to glory.
And the way is written in the book of our Lord.

“He is not here, he has been freed,
Remember what he said to you in Galilee:
‘The Son of Man must die, by sinners crucified,
That he may lead us all to grace when in glory he will rise.’”

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus said to the three,
“Go and tell my brothers ‘Meet in Galilee.
He said, “Tell all the people everywhere
That the Son of Man did rise and he truly is the way.””

*** New Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all _____ bless - ings _____ flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye _____ heav'n - ly _____ host;
praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.
A - men. A - men.

*** Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

* Amen! for Lent & Easter

traditional spiritual

ALL

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -

1. See him at the sea - shore
2. See him in the gar - den
3. Then they cru - ci - fied him

men! A

preach - ing to the peo - ple heal - ing and for - giv - ing!
pray - ing to the Fa - ther in ry, deep - est sor - row!
Je - sus, our Sav - ior, but he rose on Eas - ter!

men, a - men.

ALL

A - men, a - men, a - men!

* Postlude

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

Cover art
Morgan West

Worship musicians
Adult Choir
Wesley Klamer, trumpet
Sarah Helder, director

Linda Bokma-deJong, song leader
Leah Quinn, song leader
Rick Groggel, song leader
Esther Ratajeski, Jaci Yasugi, Margaret Yasugi, Olivia Yost, violins

Willem Mouw, mandolin
Lucy Harley, ukulele
Jonathan Fradette, guitar
Susan Guerra, guitar
Mark Lundell, bass

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Up from the Grave He Arose

An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. Matt. 28:2

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E⁷) (D/A) (A)

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F#m) (E/B) (B⁷) (E)

wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN

(A) *Faster*

Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!

(D) (A)

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

(E) (E⁷) (F#m) (D) (A)

He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

(D) (B) (E) (F#m) (E) (A)

lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose!

(D) (A/E) *rit.* (E⁷) (A) $\bar{\Gamma}$

He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

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I know that my Redeemer lives. Job 19:25

Unison Dm C Dm Gm⁷ Dm

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. He lives, he lives, who once was dead— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 3. He lives to bless me with his love— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name!— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Am Bb F Gm⁷ Dm Gm⁷ Dm

What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 He lives to plead for me a - bove— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 He lives, my Je - sus, still the same— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

REFRAIN
 F C Dm Am Dm

Shout on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Am Dm Am Gm⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Am⁷ Dm

The dead's a - live and the lost is found— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!