

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Introduction and Welcome

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Easter Introit – *Accessio* – Helmut Kogler

Responsive Call to Worship – from *Psalm 118*

Give thanks, the Lord is good,

God's love is forever!

I shall not die but live

to tell the Lord's great deeds.

This is the day the Lord made,

let us rejoice and be glad.

Opening Prayer

**Great God of resurrection power,
we thank you for the miracle of this Easter Day.**

**May we feel your presence this morning
in new and hopeful ways.**

**Create in us clean hearts, Oh God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

**Transform our fear into great joy
as we share the good news of Christ's resurrection.**

May we be resurrected with Jesus this day. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 232 – *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Children's Song – *Where Children Belong*

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
this is where children belong.**

Children's Lesson

Children's Prayer

Amazing God,
Amazing God,
Thank you for Jesus,
Thank you for Jesus,
for the new life and joy you bring
for the new life and joy you bring
in this season of resurrection.
in this season of resurrection.
Amen.
Amen.

CONFESSING

Call to and Prayer of Confession

**Savior God, forgive our alienating ways,
turning away from you and each other.
Forgive our exclusion and judgment of others;
the ways we evaluate and compare.
Forgive our shallow and selfish ways.
Forgive our death-dealing sins,
our habits that demean and degrade,
our addiction to violent and destructive behavior.
Forgive us for thinking that we are better than others,
or for thinking that we don't deserve love.
Create in us clean hearts.
Put a new and right spirit within us.
Redeem us. Restore us.
Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Lenten Sung Response No. 551 – *Lord Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

LEARNING

Choral Anthem – *Jesus is Alive! Alleluia!* – Larry Shackley

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson – *Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*

Second Scripture Lesson – *Matthew 28:1-10*

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response No. 250 – *Hymn of Promise

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Affirmation of Faith - from *The Book of Common Worship

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Sung Lord's Prayer for Lent

Our Father

Our Father

in heaven,

in heaven,

holy is your name.

holy is your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your kingdom come,

your will be done,

your will be done,

on earth

on earth

as in heaven.

as in heaven.

Give us today

Give us today

our daily bread;

our daily bread;

forgive us our sins

forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

who sin against us.

Save us from the time

Save us from the time

of trial,

of trial,

and deliver us

and deliver us

from evil.

from evil.

For the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory are yours, forever.

For the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory are yours, forever.

Forever,

Forever,

and ever.

and ever.

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *Fairest Lord Jesus* – Todd Marchand

***Doxology No. 606** – *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offering Prayer**

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds,

your generosity fills to overflowing.

Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude

and bless our work on Christ's behalf.

May we love as Christ loved.

May we serve as Christ served.

Call us forth into your world,

guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

SENDING

*Sending Hymn No. 246 – *Christ Is Alive!*

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response – *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah* – George Frideric Handel

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