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"Sharing the love of Jesus by glorifying God and extending His kingdom"

EASTER SUNDAY **Sunday, April 5, 2026**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us
(*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"

Words and Music by
Cody Carnes, Austin Davis
and Chandler Moore

WELCOME SONG

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

GLORIA

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

READER

8:30 – Nancy Ferzola

10:30 – Hank Hosking

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

(Read Responsively)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have**

answered me and you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING:

Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL:

John 20:1-18

SERMON

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah Chorus” From “The Messiah”
G.F Handel

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

RESPONSE: *RECEIVE OUR PRAYER*

PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNION NARRATIVE

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS

“Gratitude”

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah
hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah
hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those
Lungs Get up and praise the Lord

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Hallelujah

"Bread for the Journey"

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
When our legs are getting heavy,
and we're hanging down our heads,
give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.
Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.
With so many roads before us,
where to go is hard to say.
Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.

Make us one with each other, make us one.
Make us one with each other, make us one.
All the walls we've built around us:
may we learn to tear them down.
Make us one with each other, make us one.

Lead us home to the garden, lead us home.
Lead us home to the garden, lead us home;
where we'll live with all creation,
find our place and never roam.
Lead us home to the garden, lead us home.

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey, give is bread.
When our legs are getting heavy,
and we're hanging down our heads,
give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

"Thine is the Glory"

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

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

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,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains
creation, ✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

“I Am the Resurrection”

I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will live a new life.

I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life;
If you believe, then you shall live.

I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will live a new life.

In my word all men shall come to know;
It is love which makes the spirit grow;
If you believe, then you shall live.

I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will live a new life.

Keep in mind the things that I have said
Remember me in the breaking of the bread
If you believe, then you shall live

I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will live,
will live a new life.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding-Bishop Pedro Suarez
Praise Band Music Director-Brian Lindner
Celebration Choir Director-Sally Schaefer
Assist. Minister-Barbara Craig
IT/Livestream-Scott Giesking
Readers-Nancy Ferzola, Hank Hoskings
Keyboardist-Ken Hanks
Worship & Music Director-Rebecca Parker