



Order of Worship

April 19, 2026

Call to Worship

The risen Christ walks with us on the road,
Even when we do not recognize him.
Our hearts burn within us as he speaks.

In the breaking of the bread, our eyes are opened.
Christ is made known among us.

Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving.
**We will call on the name of the Lord
And praise God's holy name.**

Call to Confession

The risen Christ meets us on the road,
Yet we often fail to recognize him in our lives.
Let us confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
You walk beside us, yet we do not see you.
You speak truth, yet we are slow to understand.
You reveal yourself, yet we cling to doubt.**

**We confess that we have not loved you fully
Or followed you faithfully.
We have turned aside from your ways
And relied on our own understanding.**

**Open our eyes, O God.
Warm our hearts with your presence.
Forgive our sin and restore us to your path,
That we may live as your redeemed people.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
In him we are forgiven, restored, and sent to share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

God of the journey,
 As your Word is read and proclaimed,
 Walk beside us once more.
 Open the Scriptures to us,
 That our hearts may burn within us
 And our lives be transformed.
Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 The love of God,
 And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 Whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
 Fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 Preaching good news to the poor
 And release to the captives,
 Teaching by word and deed
 And blessing the children,
 Healing the sick
 And binding up the brokenhearted,
 Eating with outcasts,
 Forgiving sinners,
 And calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 Suffering the depths of human pain
 And giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 Vindicating his sinless life,
 Breaking the power of sin and evil,
 Delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Amen.

Call for the Offering

What shall we return to the Lord for all God's goodness to us?
 Let us lift up the cup of salvation
 And offer our gifts with grateful hearts.



Prayer of Dedication

Holy God,
 You have redeemed us not with perishable things
 But with the precious gift of Christ.
 Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude.
 Use them to proclaim your love and truth
 To all the world.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

God of the road and the table,
 You meet us on our journeys
 And reveal yourself in unexpected ways.

We pray for all who are searching -
 for meaning, for hope, for direction.
 Walk beside them and make yourself known.

We pray for those burdened by sorrow or despair.
 Turn mourning into joy and bring light into darkness.

We pray for your church,
 That we may recognize Christ in one another
 And in those we are called to serve.

We give thanks for your redeeming love,
 For the ways you open our eyes and hearts.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ,
 Who taught us to pray, saying:
“Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Charge and Benediction

Go forth with eyes open to Christ's presence in your life
 And in the world.
 May the risen Christ walk beside you,
 Open your eyes, and set your hearts ablaze with hope. Amen.

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 Revised Common Lectionary texts (Year A):
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
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