

Order of Worship

April 5, 2026

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.
**The stone that the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
**This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!**

Call to Confession

Peter declares that God shows no partiality,
Yet we confess that we often do.

Though Christ is risen and calls us into new life,
We cling to what is comfortable and familiar.

Trusting in God's mercy,
Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

**Risen Christ,
You call us to set our minds on things above,
Yet we remain bound to the things of this world.**

**You call us into new life,
Yet we cling to what is dead and buried.**

**You meet us in the garden and call us by name,
Yet we fail to recognize your presence among us.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Lift our eyes to your resurrection promise.
Turn our hearts toward your kingdom.
Help us to live as those who have been raised with you.**



**In your mercy, renew us,
That we may bear witness to your love.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:
God raised Jesus Christ on the third day
And made him known to those who believe.

All the prophets testify
That everyone who believes in him
Receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
Raised to new life and set free to live in hope.
Alleluia! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Living God,
By your Spirit, open our hearts and minds
To recognize the risen Christ in your Word.

As Mary heard her name spoken in the garden,
May we hear your voice calling us this day.

Open the Scriptures to us,
That we may see your truth,
And be sent out to share the good news:
“I have seen the Lord!”
Amen.

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

**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.**

**With believers in every time and place,
We rejoice that nothing in life or in death
Can separate us from the love of God
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

Call for the Offering

“The Lord is my strength and my might;
He has become my salvation.”

With gratitude for the gift of new life in Christ,
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God,
That others may come to know the joy of resurrection.

Prayer of Dedication

God of resurrection,
You have brought us from death to life in Christ.

Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude
And use them for your purposes in the world.

May they bear witness
That your steadfast love endures forever,
And that new life is possible through you.
Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Risen Lord,
You have triumphed over death
And brought new life into the world.

We pray for your church,
That we may boldly proclaim the good news
That Christ is Lord of all.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



We pray for the world,
That justice and peace may take root,
And that all people may know your steadfast love.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn,
Like Mary in the garden,
That they may hear your voice calling them by name
And find comfort in your presence.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those seeking new life—
For the weary, the broken, and the lost—
That they may be raised up in hope.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Risen Christ,
You gather us as your people
And call us your own.
With confidence as your children,
We pray together as you taught us, saying:
“Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Charge and Benediction

Go now, as those who have been raised with Christ.
Set your minds on things above,
And seek the life that is yours in him.

Go and tell the good news,
Like Mary in the garden:
“I have seen the Lord!”

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always.

Alleluia! Amen.

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Revised Common Lectionary texts:
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
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