



# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 5, 2026

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:  
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 100 (p. 821 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;

**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.  
The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.*

***Thine Be the Glory***

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

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

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, thro' thy deathless love: bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won. Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we join with your Church around the world, with Christians now in glory, and with the heavenly host of angels to praise the risen and exalted Lamb, who was slain for the forgiveness of our sins and raised for our justification.

**All:** We confess that despite the grace we have received in Christ, we have sinned against you and others with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to honor you and give you the thanks and praise you alone deserve. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon Christ, our risen and ascended King. Enable us by your Spirit to live for his glory as we await his return, for we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 16

Congregational Response

Hymn 277

### *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” *Alleluia!*  
Sons of men and angels say; *Alleluia!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!*  
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. *Alleluia!*

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: *Alleluia!*  
Death in vain forbids his rise; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has opened paradise. *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!*  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*  
Once he died, our souls to save; *Alleluia!*  
Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!*  
Foll’wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*  
Made like him, like him we rise: *Alleluia!*  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!*

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! *Alleluia!*  
Praise to thee by both be giv’n; *Alleluia!*  
Thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
Hail, the Resurrection, Thou! *Alleluia!* Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 27.** *What was Christ's humiliation?*

**A.** Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

**Q. 28.** *What is Christ's exaltation?*

**A.** Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the Last Day.

**Q. 29.** *How do we take part in the redemption purchased by Christ?*

**A.** We take part in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

### Doxology\*

Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer\*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church's website.*

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

John 20:1-18

Congregational Response

Hymn 286

### *Worship Christ, the Risen King!*

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!*

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:

“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”

*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!*

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;

All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.

*He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!*

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;

But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.

*He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!*

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

*Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King! Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”  
John 20:1-18

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 706

### *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!  
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.  
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict’ry o’er my passions giving,  
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.  
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever,  
Life nor death nor pow’rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.  
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is the Christian’s trust. Amen.

## Benediction\*

### Congregational Benediction Response\*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion,  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*





# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, April 6**

Scripture: Deut. 29:1 - 30:20; Luke 11:37 - 12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Prov. 12:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 14

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, April 7**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1 - 32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Psalm 78:32-55; Prov. 12:21-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, April 8**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Psalm 78:56-64; Proverbs 12:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the Cayman Islands and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, April 9**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 33:1-29; Luke 13:1-21; Psalm 78:65-72; Proverbs 12:25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, April 10**

Scripture: Deut. 34:1 - Joshua 2:24; Luke 13:22 - 14:6; Psalm 79:1-13; Prov. 12:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

## **Saturday, April 11**

Scripture: Joshua 3:1 - 4:24; Luke 14:7-35; Psalm 80:1-19; Proverbs 12:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, April 12**

Scripture: Joshua 5:1 - 7:15; Luke 15:1-32; Psalm 81:1-16; Proverbs 13:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 24

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

## **MISSIONS CORNER**

*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

**Ray & Michele Call in the Dominican Republic**

**Dave Eby in Uganda**

**Christ Bible Institute in Japan**

**The Shepherd's Church in Riverside**

## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Jesus' resurrection marked the turning point from his state of humiliation to his state of exaltation. After suffering all of his life and then bearing the wrath of God for the sins of his people on the cross and being buried in a tomb, Jesus was raised in glory. While his followers struggled to believe and understand the significance of his resurrection, Jesus was patient and loving. This truth should encourage us as we often struggle with discouragement in this life. We have a risen and ascended King in heaven who loves us and who will raise us in glory in the same way that he was raised in glory. J.C. Ryle notes about John 20:1-18:

We see in these verses how kindly and graciously our Lord speaks of his disciples. He bids Mary Magdalene carry a message to them as "his brethren." He bids her tell them that his Father was their Father, and his God their God. It was but three days before that they had all forsaken him shamefully, and fled. Yet this merciful Master speaks as if all was forgiven and forgotten. His first thought is to bring back the wanderers, to bind up the wounds of their consciences, to reanimate their courage, to restore them to their former place. This was indeed a love that passeth knowledge. To trust deserters and to show confidence in backsliders was a compassion which man can hardly understand. So true is that word of David: "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:13-14).

1. Read John 19:28-42. What did Jesus finish? Why is the fact that Jesus died emphasized in this passage?
2. Read John 20:1-18. What are some details in this passage that reveal the fact that Jesus' followers were surprised by his resurrection?
3. Why did Jesus tell Mary not to cling to him in verse 17?
4. What do Jesus' words to Mary in verse 17 reveal about the blessing of our adoption? Read Romans 8:15-17 and Westminster Confession of Faith ch. 12. How should knowing that you are a child of God encourage and strengthen you in this life?
5. Read John 20:19-23. Why do you think Jesus used the word "peace" twice when greeting his disciples? What does this reveal about what he had accomplished through his atoning death?



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