

SECOND PARISH OPC

Morning Worship

~ April 5, 2026 ~

Prelude

Announcements

God Call Us to Worship

Pastor: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

We Respond in Praise and Prayer

Songbook 28 | 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!*

Opening Prayer

Songbook 7 | *Come, People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace. Refrain

Come, young and old from every land Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call

The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all"! Refrain

We Hear God's Word | 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

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, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

We Respond in Faith, Gratitude and Prayer

Songbook 46 | Sing Choirs of New Jerusalem

Sing, choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
your sweetest notes employ the paschal victory to hymn
in songs of holy joy, in songs of holy joy, in songs of holy joy!

For Judah's Lion burst his chains and crushed the serpent's head,
and crushed the serpent's head; Christ cries aloud through death's domains
to wake th'imprisoned dead, to wake th'imprisoned dead, to wake th'imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now— to him all pow'r is giv'n,
to him all pow'r is giv'n; to him in one communion bow
all saints in earth and heav'n, all saints in earth and heav'n, all saints in earth and heav'n.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit be
while endless ages run, while endless ages run, while endless ages run.

Congregational Prayer

The Ministry of God's Word

Scripture Reading | Matthew 28

Sermon | RESURRECTION: FACT AND MEANING

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Trinity Hymnal 310 | *Here O My Lord*

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me:
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

Deacon's Offering | Songbook 2, *All for Jesus*

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
so enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

God's Blessing | *The Benediction*

Postlude