

# Easter Sunday: The Celebration of the Resurrection

April 05, 2026

Thank you for joining us for worship today as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

on this most holy of all days, Easter Sunday.

During this service we will sing many hymns. If the music is not included in your bulletin, please use one of the hymnals located in the pew rack in front of you.

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

If you are visiting, we invite you to make this your church home.

God's blessings and peace be with you!

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRELUDE

La Plata:

Wayside: Because He Lives with Blessed Assurance, Arranged by Anna Laura Page

## \* ENTRANCE HYMN

Hail thee, festival day!

1982 Hymnal #175

## THE WORD OF GOD

### \* OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \* Song of Praise

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



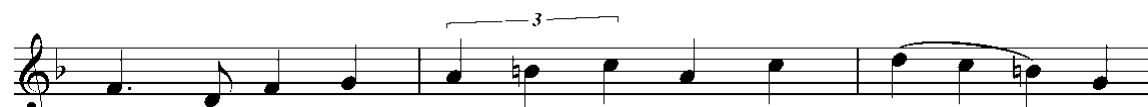
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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### \* THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

### JEREMIAH 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

1. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
**his mercy endures for ever.**
2. Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**
14. The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**
15. There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
**in the tents of the righteous:**
16. "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**
17. I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**
18. The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**
19. Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**
20. "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
**he who is righteous may enter."**
21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**
22. The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**
23. This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
24. On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**READING FROM THE EPISTLE:**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

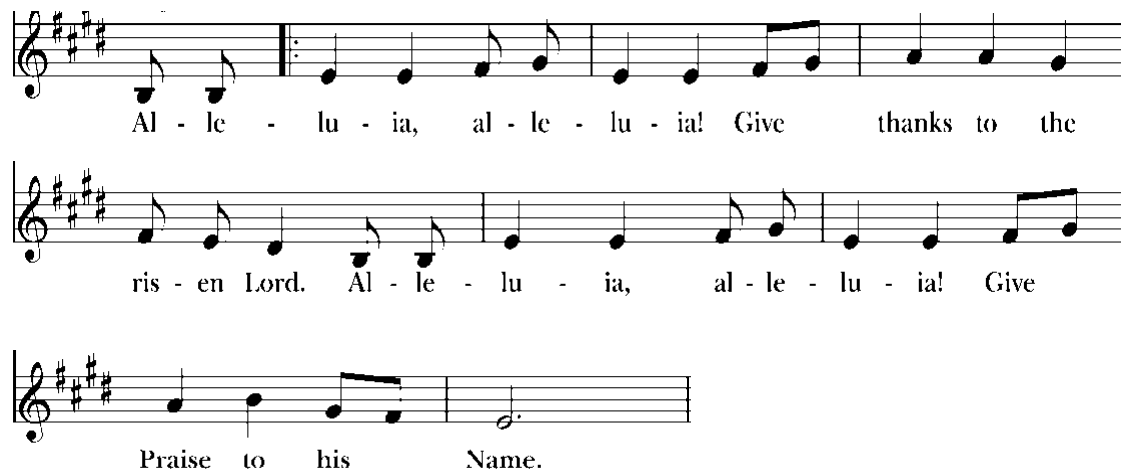
**Reader:** This is the Word of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* THE GOSPEL CHANT**

IN **LA PLATA**, PLEASE SING **THREE TIMES BEFORE AND AFTER** THE GOSPEL READING.

IN **WAYSIDE**, PLEASE SING **ONE TIME BEFORE AND AFTER** THE GOSPEL READING.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the  
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give  
Praise to his Name.

**\* THE GOSPEL**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of our Savior

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Robin Taylor

*Please observe a few moments of silence after the Sermon.*

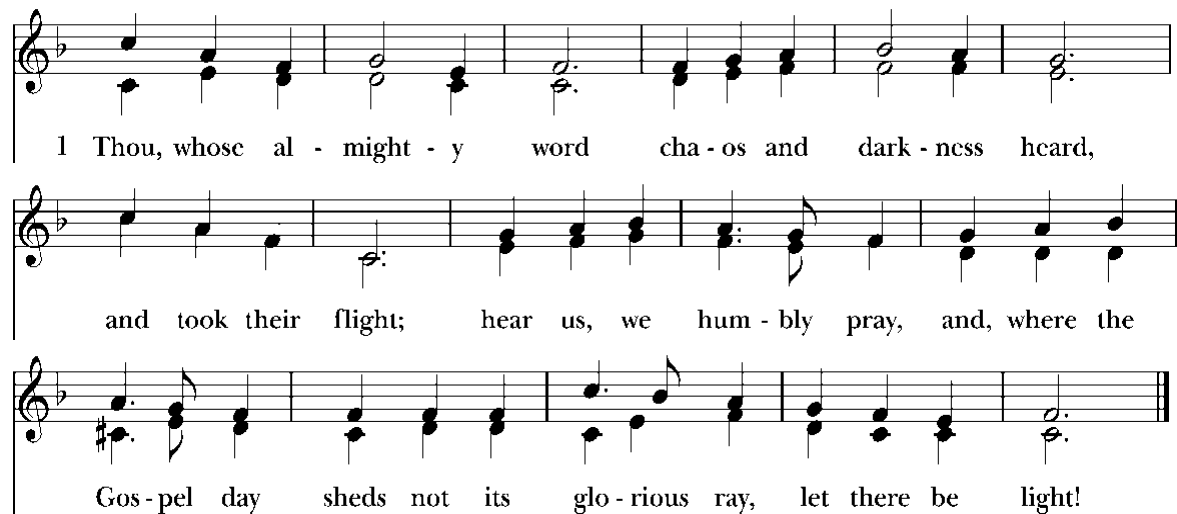
**\* THE NICENE CREED**

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, 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.

**\* PRAYER SONG**                      Thou, whose almighty word                      1982 Hymnal #371 v. 1



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!

**\* EASTER PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For bishops, priests, deacons, and teachers, especially Sean, Mariann, and Robin that they will be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil:

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may practice compassion and mercy, and reject politics that uses intimidation, suffering, and death as means of control; God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance; God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality; God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life; God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors, that we may live together in harmony:  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus; God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

Celebrant:                      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People:                              **And also with you.**

*The People are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

### CHRIST IS ALIVE

### THE HYMNAL 1982 # 182

*For La Plata Congregants: Please support our mission as you feel called to do so. Text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256 or online at <https://christchurchlaplata.org/donate/> or with cash in the offering plate. Thank you!*



*For Wayside Congregants: Please support our mission as you feel called to do so. Text "Wayside" to 73256 or online at <https://onrealm.org/ChristChurchWay/give/now> or with cash in the offering plate. Thank you!*

## 625 Doxology

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us. Eph. 1:3*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### \* SANCTUS

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### HYMNAL S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People:**

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior taught us we are bold to pray together:

**Celebrant and People:**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!  
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**  
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God

#### **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*We gather at God’s table. All are invited and welcome to share in Holy Communion.*

*Please come forward to the altar rail to receive. Please let someone know if you need Communion brought to you at your seat.*

*If you come to receive Holy Communion, the custom is to place the palm of one hand (palm up) into the palm of the other to receive the wafer.*

*If you receive only the wafer, you may consume it, and return to your seat.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*To receive the wine, you may sip from the chalice (large cup), or take one of the small wine cups.*

*If you do not wish to receive but prefer to come forward to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest after you come to the front.*

*Return to your seat by the side aisle, disposing of the small wine cup in the basket on the front side pew on your way back to your pew.*

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

La Plata:

Wayside:

The Power of the Cross by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

#### **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BLESSINGS**

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* THE BLESSING**

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Jesus Christ is risen today

1982 Hymnal #207

*After this hymn we 'Process' into the world to carry Jesus' message of love.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:**

La Plata:

Wayside:

Christ Arose by Robert Lowry Arranged by Mark Hayes

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**MUSIC NOTES**

*La Plata Organist: Andrew Kivrah  
Wayside Organist: Cheryl Reckeweg*

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**OUR PRAYERS TODAY:**

**We give thanks for:**

**We pray for:**

**Those celebrating this week:** Bill Cooke, Melissa Gardiner, Deanna Kamienski, Jackson Wilkinson, Ryan Kamienski

**We pray for:**

**Those in need of healing** – Margaret Farthing, Bill, James, Janet, Chris, Pat, Tom, Scott, Gerald, Steve, Sylvia, Joy McCartin, Edie, Stacy, Nada, Sheila Smith, Gloria Groeger, Pete, Kathi Blamer, Toby, Adele, the Farthing and Bartholomew families, the Havenner family, the Bowling Family, the Gray Family, the Coulby Family

**Those who have died** – Jack Havenner, Betty Bowling

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HELP NEEDED:**

- The Christ Church La Plata IT/Tech Committee needs help on Sunday mornings. If you are available, please contact Evelyn Bowling

**BIBLE STUDY** – The Beatitudes, led by our Canadian friend and seminarian Kirk Vandezande. Come every Wednesday at 7:00 pm on-line.

**LUNCH AND LEARN** –We will resume our classes on Thursday, April 9 from Noon to 1:30 pm.

**FLOWERS TO REMEMBER SOMEONE?** – If you love having flowers on our altars, consider donating one Sunday in memory of, or in honor of someone. The suggested donation is \$50. You can call the La Plata parish office (301.392.1051) or the Wayside parish office (301.259.4327) to find out more.

**OUTREACH and ALMS FUNDS** – Our Outreach and Rector's Alms Funds receive many requests. The needs are great. Please give as you are able.