

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

INTROIT

Day of Delight - Sing of Salvation

IN DIR IST FREUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 118:14-18)

Leader: O LORD, You are our strength and our might;

People: You have become our salvation.

Leader: Let us sing glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous;

People: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

Leader: The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

People: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

Leader: We shall not die, but we shall live;

People: And we shall recount the deeds of the LORD.

*HYMN #123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: You brought from the grave our Lord Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not always believed Your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. We have not listened to the glad tidings of His victory over death, and we have refused to be comforted. Now in penitence we come to You asking Your forgiveness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and grant us strength to live as followers of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Chanticleer's Carol

Vernon Hoyle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

New Testament, p. 26

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“The Messenger in the Message”

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #105

Because you Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Day of Delight - Sing, All Things Living*

IN DIR IST FREUDE

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.

Thank you to
Sila Darville, violin
Ilana Thacker, violin
Qahtan Ahmed, viola
Luke Darville, cello