



**April 5, 2026**

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as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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# A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

## April 5, 2026 ~ Easter Sunday

**Prelude**

**Choral Introit:** *Alleluia, Christ is Risen!*

**Welcome** **Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!**

**Gathering Song:** *Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!*

### **\*The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: On this holy morning, we gather in the light of an empty tomb.

**People: We gather in wonder, in hope, and in joy!**

Liturgist: This is the new day. The new dawn. The new life in Christ.

**People: Let us lift our hearts in praise!**

Liturgist: Come, people of God, let us worship our Risen King!

**People: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today! verses 1, 2, 4*

*Please be seated.*

### **A Call to Confession (Liturgist)**

Before the dawn had broken, before hope had found its voice, God was already at work. The stone was rolled away, death was undone, and the morning light began to rise. In confidence, we bring our confessions before the Lord. Let us pray.

### **Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)**

**Holy and triumphant God, even on Easter morning, we confess that we cling to Friday's fear, we linger in Saturday's silence, and we doubt the promise of Sunday. We fail to fully embrace your love and share your love with each other. We come to you now, hearts open, sins exposed...**

**Silent Confession** *Please take a moment for silent confession*

### **Asking for God's Forgiveness**

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

**People: Forgive us when we look for the living among the dead. Forgive us when we mistake despair for destiny. Forgive us when we forget that you are making all things new. Roll away the stones in our hearts. Call us by name in the gardens of our grief. Awaken us to the light of this new day. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray, Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist: Hear the good news! The tomb is empty! Death is defeated! Our sins are forgiven!

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

## **Sung Response to Confession: *Be Not Afraid***

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

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## **\*Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

## **Children's Moment**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Risen Lord, as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open our eyes to see you, open our ears to hear your voice, and open our hearts to receive your truth. May we feel your good news of life stronger than death, grace stronger than sin, and love that will not let us go. Amen.

### **Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-10**

### **Anthem**

*I've Seen the Lord*

### **Scripture Lesson: John 20:11-18**

### **The Message:**

*A New Day*

Rev. Dr. Steve Wilson

### **Hymn of Affirmation:**

*Christ Arose*

## **Sharing Our Life Together, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

### **Offertory**

*Because He Lives*

Royce Jackson

**Thanksgiving in Song: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!***

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord;*

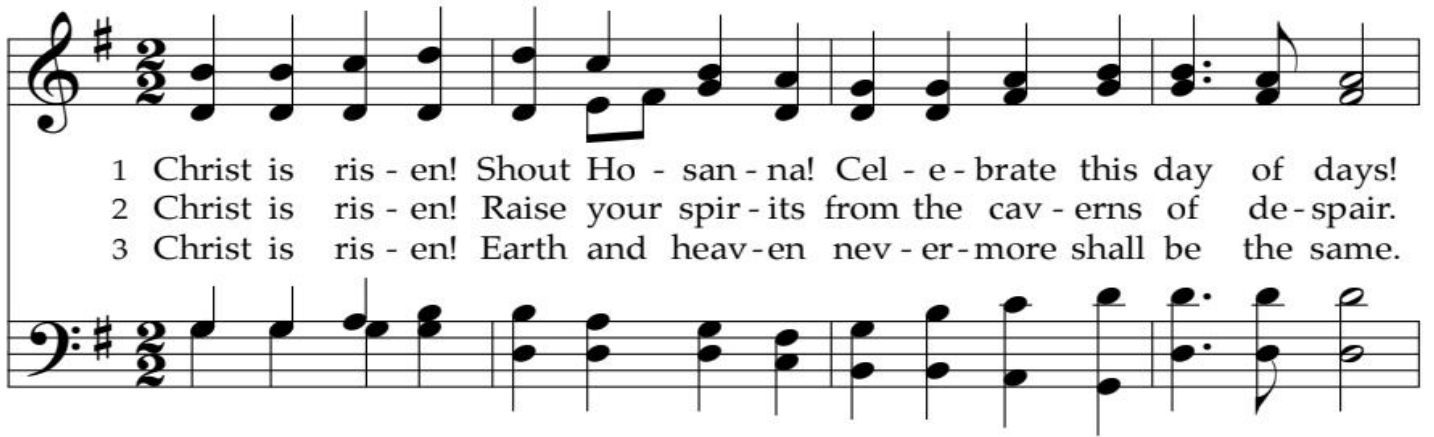
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

### **\*Sending Hymn:**

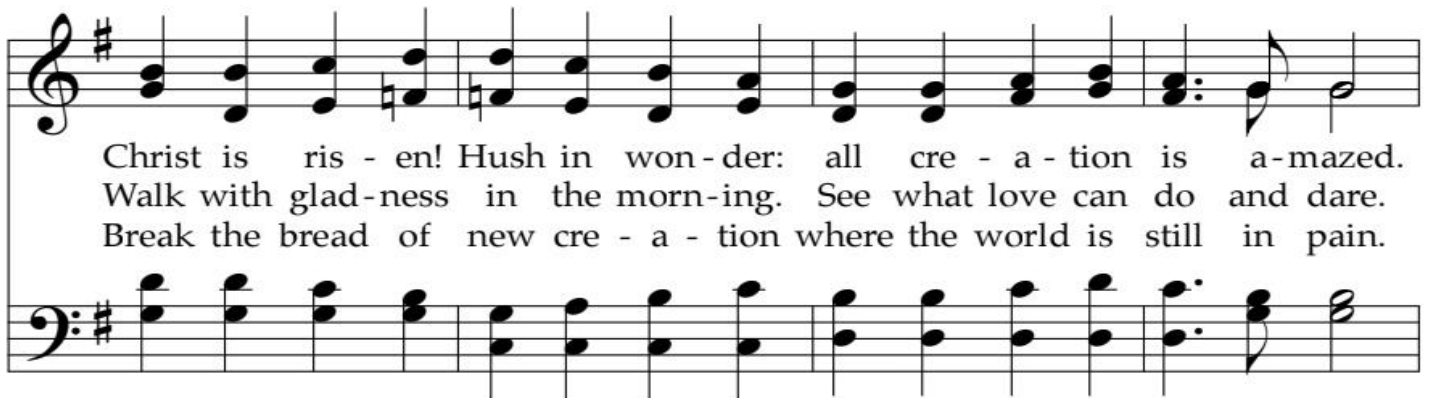
*He Lives!*

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

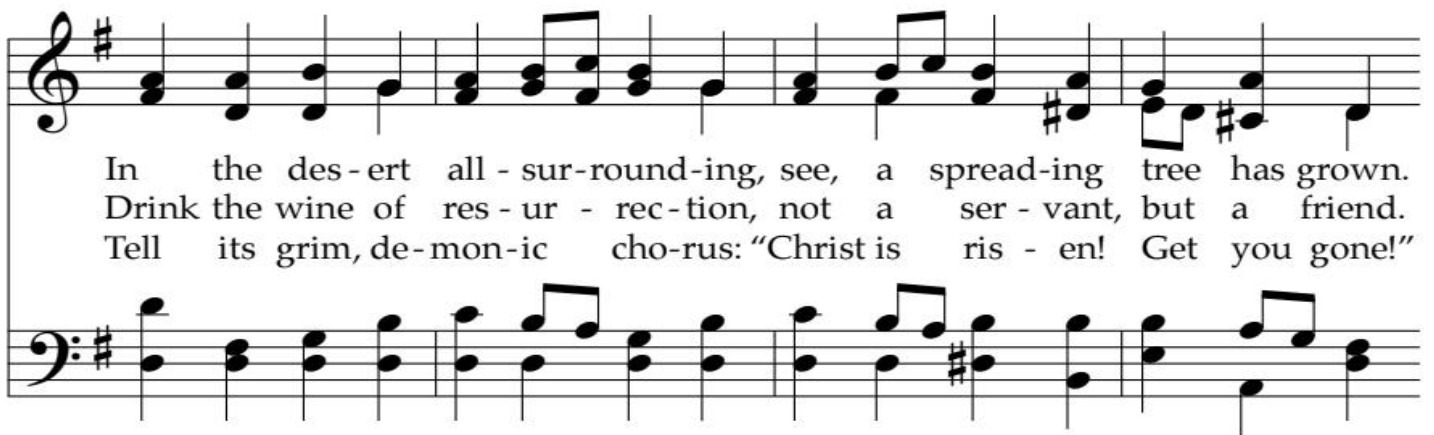
# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



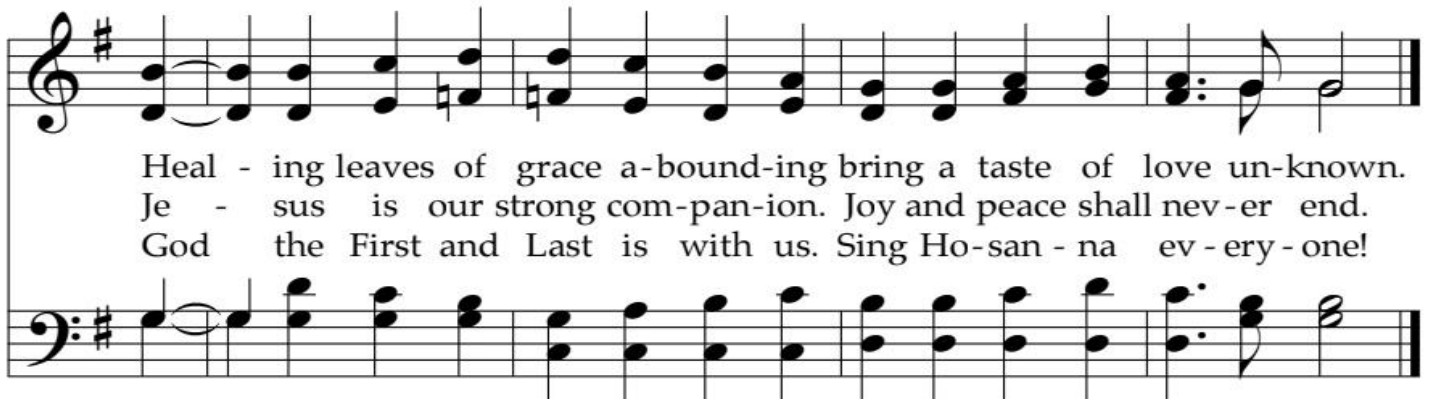
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

# 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# Christ Arose 357

It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. Acts 2:24

1. Low in the grave He lay- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the  
2. Vain - ly they watch His bed- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they  
3. Death can - not keep his prey- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

*Refrain*  
faster

com - ing day- Je - sus, my Lord!  
seal the dead- Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a  
bars a - way- Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,

might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose a vic - tor from the  
He a - rose!

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!  
He a - rose!

# 368 He Lives

I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! Revelation 1:18

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; I  
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care; And  
3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing E -

know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say. I see His  
tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair. I know that  
ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! The Hope of

hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I  
He is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast; The day of His ap -  
all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None oth - er is so

*Refrain*  
need Him, He's al - ways near. He lives, He lives! Christ  
pear - ing will come at last. He lives, He lives!  
lov - ing, so good and kind. He lives, He lives!

Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's

nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
He lives, He lives,

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart!