



**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY**  
**APRIL 20, 2025 · ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TEMPE 8:30AM**



**PRELUDE: I Know That My Redeemer Lives / Jesus Shall Reign**, Ringing Praise

**WELCOME:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Yesterday we thought death had won.

Yesterday we thought all was lost.

Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

But not today.

**Today we know that love has won.**

**Today we know that hope is real.**

**Today we know that Christ is here.**

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

**Christ is risen today.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

God of new beginnings,

**On that first Easter morning,**

**the disciples struggled to hear the good news.**

**Doubt clouded their minds.**

**Negativity took root and hope vanished.**

**Open our ears that we might hear the sound of Alleluias**

ringing through your Word.

Open up our minds to the mystery and joy of Easter.

Open up our hearts that we might believe the unbelievable.

And like Peter, in this hearing, may we move closer to you.

God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news.

Speak to us now.

With hope in our hearts we listen and we pray,

Amen.

## OPENING SONG: ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (*All services*)

**1** Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

**2** Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

**3** But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

**4** Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus, He loves me  
He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, how can it be  
He loves me, He is for me

Sunday 8:30 Tempe: ***Piano only***  
Sunday 10:30 Tempe: ***Music and Lyrics***

## FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (responsively)

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**his steadfast love endures forever!**

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,  
**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
**he has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
**"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

**the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

**<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

**<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EASTER GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Christ Is Risen**

### **Refrain**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen, praise His name!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
His great love we now proclaim!

### **Verse**

See, the stone is rolled away,  
the silent tomb could not contain,  
Jesus Christ is risen indeed,  
He lives and reigns, forevermore!

### **Refrain**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen, praise His name!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
His great love we now proclaim!  
And in this Love we will remain

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## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood

beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** *"Faith Changes Things"* – Pastor Andrea Cain

**SERMON SONG: ELW 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives** (vs. 1-4)

**1** I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!

**2** He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.

**3** He lives to grant me rich supply;  
he lives to guide me with his eye;  
he lives to comfort me when faint;  
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

**4** He lives to silence all my fears;  
he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart;  
he lives all blessings to impart.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

**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, died, 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

God of today and tomorrow,  
Like Peter on that Easter morning, we simply cannot stay away.  
So with beating hearts and wide eyes this Easter morning, we bring our questions,  
hopes, joys, and concerns. Hear these prayers as we draw closer to you.

*A brief silence.*

God of the dawn,  
Thank you for the gifts of this world that make us resilient.  
Thank you for the curiosity of children, for crowded tables  
and neighborly kindness, for the sun after the rain, and for faith after doubt.  
**We pray for hope for all people.**

God of the garden and the tomb,  
for the things that stitch doubt and fear into our hearts,  
we ask for your comforting hand.  
Wrap your arms around all who are still locked in that upper room.  
Wrap your arms around all who cannot find healing after their longest night.  
Wrap your arms around all who look for reasons to hope in their grief.  
**We pray for joy for all people.**

God of our faith and our doubt,  
fan the flames of our faith. Like Peter, invite us to step out of our boats.  
Use us to care for those in need, to tell your story,  
and to build a better world. We remember, and we believe.  
**We pray for faith for all people.**

With awe-struck, wildly-beating, grateful hearts,  
we run toward you.  
With feet in the garden and eyes on the cross,  
we pray to you lifting all our fears, hopes, and joys to you.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE:**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We share a word of peace with our neighbors.*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace, that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:10

*The Hunger Jar is a love offering and is designated for the Desert Cross Serves event at Feed My Starving Children on April 26, 2025.*

*You are invited to share your gifts in worship while others give electronically at [www.desertcross.org](http://www.desertcross.org) with the giving button, text giving, or by QR code. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel.*

**OFFERING SONG: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

**Verse 1**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 2**

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 3**

No fate we dread we know we are forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for our pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this we hold our sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is our plea  
Oh the chains are released we can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 4**

With every breath we long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring us home  
And day by day we know he will renew us  
Until we stand with joy before the throne

To this we hold our hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete  
still our lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Ending**

When the race is complete  
still our lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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### **OFFERING PRAYER:**

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in mission to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION:**

### **WORDS OF CONFESSION:**

We hear the story of Easter morning:

**The stone is rolled away! We assume it is a mistake.**

**The angels say, "He is not here!" We don't believe the news.**

**The women tell the story, but we do not want to hear it.  
Peter runs to the tomb, but we do not understand.  
Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is impossible.  
Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope  
when you are risen and present in the world.  
Teach us to see what you see.  
Be present in our hearts.  
Amen.**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS:**

The angels tell the women, "Remember what Jesus told you."  
So remember this: You are seen. You are forgiven.  
You are held in God's grace. All of this is true.  
Grace and mercy abound for you. +  
Remember this.  
**Amen!**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:**

O God most mighty, O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise, call us to your table,  
grant us your life.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*



*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *(Traditional, spoken)*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Come to the Table and remember.  
Remember how Jesus fed everyone.  
Remember how none were turned away.  
Remember how he said, "Do this in remembrance of me."  
Come and remember. There is room for you here.  
All are welcome!

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:**

*Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. Children may commune or receive a blessing. All are welcome.*

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG 1: ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs. 1-4)**

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| <p><b>1</b>     Crown him with many crowns,<br/>         the Lamb upon his throne;<br/>         hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns<br/>         all music but its own.<br/>         Awake, my soul, and sing<br/>         of him who died for thee,<br/>         and hail him as thy matchless king<br/>         through all eternity.</p> <p><b>2</b>     Crown him the virgin's Son,<br/>         the God incarnate born,<br/>         whose arm those crimson trophies won<br/>         which now his brow adorn;<br/>         fruit of the mystic rose,<br/>         yet of that rose the stem,<br/>         the root whence mercy ever flows,<br/>         the babe of Bethlehem.</p> | <p><b>3</b>     Crown him the Lord of love--<br/>         behold his hands and side,<br/>         rich wounds, yet visible above,<br/>         in beauty glorified.<br/>         No angels in the sky<br/>         can fully bear that sight,<br/>         but downward bend their burning eyes<br/>         at mysteries so bright.</p> <p><b>4</b>     Crown him the Lord of life,<br/>         who triumphed o'er the grave<br/>         and rose victorious in the strife<br/>         for those he came to save.<br/>         His glories now we sing,<br/>         who died and rose on high,<br/>         who died, eternal life to bring,<br/>         and lives that death may die.</p> |
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## **DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: Communion**

### **Verse 1**

This is communion  
Your body broken  
The cup we're drinking  
Is bittersweet

The gift of friendship  
Truest salvation  
Borne of Your suffering  
On Calvary

### **Chorus 1**

We remember the sacrifice of love  
We remember the blood poured out for us  
We remember the only Son of God  
Upon the cross

### **Verse 2**

From stained to spotless  
From wrath to favor  
Through You our Savior  
The work complete

In full repentance  
Led by Your kindness  
Partake of presence  
As we receive

### **Chorus 2**

We remember the sacrifice of love  
We remember the blood poured out for us  
We remember the only Son of God  
Upon the cross

We remember the price You had to pay  
We remember the wounds that made a way  
We remember the Lamb for all was slain  
Upon the cross

### **Bridge 1**

How can it be  
There is a table  
For all who would come  
For all who would come

Taste now and see  
There is a table  
For all who would come  
For all who would come

### **Bridge 2**

Take of the bread  
Receive the cup  
For His mercy is enough  
For the many and the one  
This is communion

Take it as often as you will  
For His blood has power still  
By His wounds we shall be healed  
This is communion

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## **DISTRIBUTION SONG 3: O Praise the Name (Anastasis)**

### **Verse 1**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

### **Verse 2**

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

### **Chorus**

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

### **Verse 3**

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

### **Verse 4**

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

God of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION:**

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: ELW 377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!**

**1** Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

### ***Refrain***

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**2** Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

**3** Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me.

**4** Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

**5** City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM!


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**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:**

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