



Resurrected Life: Ten Words
April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter



MEDITATION

The resurrection is the revelation to chosen witnesses of the fact that Jesus who died on the cross is indeed king - conqueror of death and sin, Lord and Savior of all. The resurrection is not the reversal of a defeat but the proclamation of a victory. The King reigns from the tree. The reign of God has indeed come upon us, and its sign is not a golden throne but a wooden cross.

- Lesslie Newbigin

The fact that dead people do not ordinarily rise is itself part of early Christian belief, not an objection to it. The early Christians insisted that what had happened to Jesus was precisely something new; was, indeed, the start of a whole new mode of existence, a new creation. The fact that Jesus' resurrection was, and remains, without analogy is not an objection to the early Christian claim. It is part of the claim itself.

- N.T. Wright

The word of the Eucharist makes us part of the great story of our salvation. Our little stories are lifted up into God's great story and there given their unique place. The word lifts us up and makes us see that our daily, ordinary lives are, in fact, sacred lives that play a necessary role in the fulfillment of God's promises.

- Henri Nouwen, *With Burning Hearts*

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, April 13th	Psalm 114	Judges 6:36-40	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Tuesday the 14th	Psalm 114	Jonah 1:1-17	1 Corinthians 15:19-28
Wednesday the 15th	Psalm 114	Jonah 2:1-10	Matthew 12:38-42
Thursday May 16th	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Isaiah 25:1-5	1 Peter 1:8b-12
Friday the May 17th	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Isaiah 26:1-4	1 Peter 1:13-16
Saturday the May 18th	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Isaiah 25:6-9	Luke 14:12-14

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WELCOME

Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor.

For Parents:

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

Infant & Toddler Care

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have required background checks, and maintain a safe environment for your child(ren).

Children & Worship

Children & Worship is for children ages preschool through 2nd grade and meets in a worship space below the sanctuary during the sermon. They are dismissed during the announcements and return during the offertory. New families are welcome to tour the space before or after a service if desired.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + **EASTER** + PENTECOST + TRINITY

Easter is the greatest festival season of the Christian year. It begins with the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) and lasts for 50 days. After the long preparation of Lent, and the cold dreary winter months that accompany it, and the somber preparation of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Sunday erupts into our hearts and souls as a joyous celebration filled with expectation of Christ's work among us. For 50 days we feast and celebrate Our Lord and his great victory. Easter themes are new life, joy, exuberance, resurrection, hope and love. The liturgical colors for Easter are white and gold.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Gathering Hymn - Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing, of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King, through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye, at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend, their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail, for Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail, throughout eternity

Confession Hymn - Trisagion



Ho - ly God Ho - ly and might - y Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Come, Christians Join To Sing

Come Christians join to sing
Alleluia amen
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia amen
Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice
Alleluia amen

Come lift your hearts on high
Alleluia amen
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia amen
He is our Guide and Friend
To us He'll condescend
His love shall never end
Alleluia amen

Praise yet our Christ again
Alleluia amen
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia amen
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore
Alleluia amen

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

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

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

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

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

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

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat, yet not I but through Christ in me

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Yet not I but through Christ in me



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Living Our Faith

Blessing Our Children

Jesus called the children to him and said,

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

April Memory Verse

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Psalm 51:1-2

Psalm Reading

Psalm 19:7-11; page 538

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-2; page 72

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:9-12; page 1204

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord!

Matthew 11:25-30; page 970

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - Resurrected Life: Ten Words

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his 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 into hell;**

**on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

- *The Apostles' Creed*

Offering of Prayers of the People

“God, thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days. For then we have you to lean upon. Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days. For then we can share that which we have with those who have less.”

- Maya Angelou

“Help us to be mindful that we are not alone. When we need wisdom, we need only to ask for it. You have promised to bestow it liberally... Teach us to know that if we are to be successful stewards, we must be your servants.”

- Barbara Jordan

For what else shall we pray?

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.



Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Praise God for His Mighty Acts

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Holy God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
[Repeat]

Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us once for all upon the cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast!

Sharing Holy Communion

Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Hebrews 13:20-21

Closing Hymn - Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
Such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
[Repeat]

Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
[Repeat]

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!



ATTRIBUTIONS

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words by Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874
Music by George Elvey, 1868

Trisagion

Armenian; English; Spanish

Come Christians Join to Sing

Words by Christian Bateman , 1843
Tune: MADRID

Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Senior Saints Lunch April 22

The next Senior Saints gathering takes place on Wednesday, April 22. We will meet in the Social Hall at 12:30. Plan to join us if you can!

Second Sunday Picnics Starting May 17

Our summer picnic tradition resumes next month! Because Mother's Day is May 10, our May picnic is scheduled for the third Sunday in May on the 17th. The dates for the following months fall on the Second Sunday of each month: June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13. All picnics will take place after church in the Upper Pavilion at Negley Park in Lemoyne. We hope to see you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED & ALTAR FLOWERS

Your Opinion, Please

Tell the world what you think about Second City Church! We would appreciate your thoughts and feelings. Please post your reviews here: <https://g.page/r/CUcSD7VFzpLoEAI/review>
Your review will show up in our google business profile. Your review will help us reach into our community.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are presented by Joe Ayers, in honor of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshner
Virginia Anderson
Greg Nies
Wes and Cynthia VanderArk

Chuck Bagley and Bagley/Gazsi families
Sophia James, USAF
Elizabeth James
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Jon Yawger
Dawn Benner
Donna Weatherly

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Instagram



YouTube



Your contact information

If you are our guest and would like to indicate your presence with us, or if you'd like to make us aware of a change in your contact information, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

_____ Visitor
_____ Regular Attendee
_____ Member

Name(s):

Address (please include city and zip):

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Prayer

Requests: _____

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