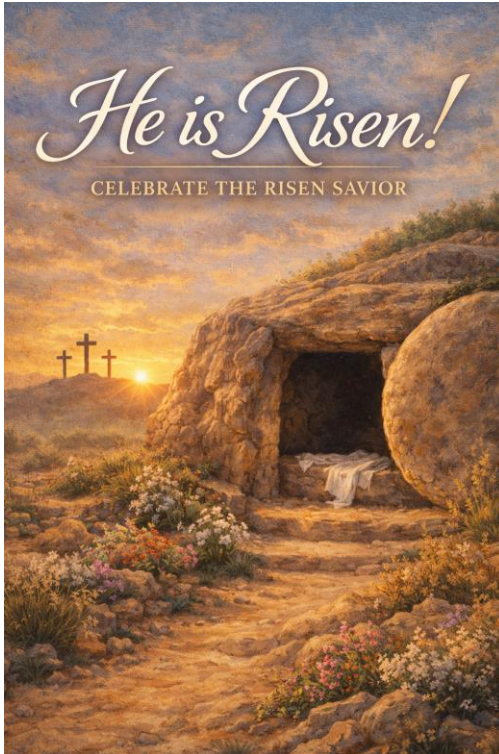


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Easter Sunday | April 5th 2026

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

Easter Joy
The Christ Church Ringers

M. Helman

***Call to Worship:**

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed.

One: Into the darkness, the unknown, we set out to find a grave.

All: At the break of day, we find the Living One, Christ. Who calls us by name.

One: We stand at the edge of the empty tomb, the threshold of the garden,

All: And discover we are amidst God's recreation, Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise 302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, ALLELUIA!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, ALLELUIA!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, ALLELUIA!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, ALLELUIA!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, ALLELUIA!
Fought the fight, the battle won, ALLELUIA!
Death in vain forbids him rise, ALLELUIA!
Christ has opened paradise, ALLELUIA!

3. Lives again our glorious King, ALLELUIA!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? ALLELUIA!
Once he died our souls to save, ALLELUIA!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? ALLELUIA!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, ALLELUIA!
Following our exalted Head, ALLELUIA!
Made like him, like him we rise, ALLELUIA!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, ALLELUIA!

Opening Prayer

Living God, on the first day, you spoke light into darkness. On this day, you have done something greater still; spoken life out of death. Here we are, on the threshold of your new creation, move

us as you moved the disciples, to come and see and then go and tell what we have seen this day. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let us say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Children’s Moment

All children are invited to come forward for our lesson, Children’s Sunday School happens after the children’s moment, pick up is in the courtyard.

Music of Preparation

A Day of Celebration
The Christ Church Ringers

B. Childers

You are invited to come forward to decorate the living cross in celebration of the resurrection!

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Sermon

"There is a crack in everything, that is how the light gets in."

Pastor Beth Rambikur

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Offering

Offering

Offertory

Easter Song
The Chancel Choir
The Christ Church Ringers

Joseph M. Martin

***Doxology 94**

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Offertory Prayer**

***Holy Communion**

The risen Christ is with us.

Christ is with us indeed!

Lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (*Almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and blessed us with a way of life formed after your own image – love. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

Communion Hymn 307 *Christ Is Risen* W ZLOBIE LEZY

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

310 *He Lives*

ACKLEY

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

REFRAIN

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

REFRAIN

***Benediction**

**We are sent forth in the power Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with all. Amen.**

Postlude

Toccata (from Symphony No. 5)

C.M. Widor

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Golf Cart Driver: Ray Roman

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