



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 20, 2025

HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME TO EASTER AT ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



Happy Easter and thank you for choosing to celebrate the joy of the resurrection at Royal Lane Baptist Church. We are so glad that you are here. We know there are many options when it comes to celebrating Easter, and we are thankful you chose to celebrate it with us.

Easter is the center of our faith, the defining moment for the Christian tradition. But whether you believe the resurrection to be true or not, you are welcome here. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, whether you've just begun, you're taking a break, or you're marching right along, we want to journey with you. Please consider filling out a "New Here" card, so we can connect with you.

We believe that the good news of the resurrection is that the worst things are never the last things. No matter how dark your night gets, there is always the promise of dawn. No matter how great your despair, there is always hope. And nothing in life or death can separate any of us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Welcome to Easter at Royal Lane.



Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

APRIL 20, 2024

THE *WORSHIP OF GOD*

EASTER SUNDAY



Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

✚ = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Prelude

Classic Brass

My Spirit Be Joyful

J.S. Bach

arr. by Michael Allen

Chiming of the Hour

Early on the first day of the week,
Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James went to the tomb
where he had been buried
only to find that the stone had been rolled away
and the tomb was empty.
Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples,
on the first day of the week,
to celebrate the good news of the gospel:
Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

Voluntary

Classic Brass & David Weigle

Flourishes

Carlyle Sharpe

Call to Worship

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

We have known grief.
We have known the long road, tired and winding.
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.

But in the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.

In the midst of our grief,
we believe the Spirit is at work.

In the chaos of our broken world,
we believe that love is on the loose.

For no stone could keep God at bay,
and no violence could keep God's love from us.

So today we sing,
Alleluia!

For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,
hope lives.

Christ has died,
and Christ has also risen. Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Let us pray:

God of Alleluias and empty tombs, God of good news, it is Easter.

In a world full of grief and heartache,
in a world full of violence and oppression,

in a world full of loss and separation,
we long for this day because Easter sings a different song.

Easter sings a song of hope.

Easter sings a song of new life.

So in a world full of grief,
help us to cling to Easter's hope.

In a world full of grief,
help us hear this story of good news.

In a world full of grief,
we're ready to run barefoot to the tomb.

With hope we pray,
with hope we listen. Amen.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, — al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, — al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, — al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, — al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; — al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; — al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once, up - on the cross, al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer — to re - deem our loss, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the — an - gels ev - er sing: — al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. — al - le - lu - ia!

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

If you are a guest with us this morning, we invite you to register your attendance by filling out a "New Here" card which can be found in the pew racks. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or with the QR code.



Scripture Lesson

Jeremy Pope-Levison

Scripture Luke 24:1-12

[Page 860 of the New Testament]

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us, **Thanks be to God!**

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Beth Johnson

At this time we welcome all children to meet with Rev. Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, and Families, at the front of the sanctuary. Following Time for Young Disciples, children will return to their seats. There will be no Godly Play today.

Call to Confession

Mike Jones & Congregation

If I were to ask you what parts of today's service feel joyful, you'd probably say the music, the passing of the peace, the flowers in the sanctuary. You might say Time for Young Disciples, or the crowded room. But it's unlikely that any of you would name the prayer of confession, because the prayer of confession has a reputation for being somber and serious.

But perhaps the prayer of confession can feel like a fresh page.

Maybe the prayer of confession can allow us to start again.

When we move closer to God, we are always met with grace, mercy, and abundant love.

And that is joyful. That feels like Easter.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles of the resurrection. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."

Forgive us, God,

when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.

Forgive us, God,

when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.

Forgive us, God,

when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.

In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.

Show us how to hold onto hope.

Show us how to run toward you. Amen.

We now silently confess our sins together.

Promise of Forgiveness

At first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

**God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving,
when we're shouting and when we're silent,
when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear.**

**God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days,
and every day in between.**

Thanks be to God for this good news!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!



Hymn

Congregation

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; ri - sen now to
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of hea - ven, be on earth our

reign in love. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Sa - vior; with the
sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be -
food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to

mul - ti - tudes a - bove. There the songs of saints and mar - tyrs
lives, nor ques - tions how. Tho' the cloud from sight re - ceived Him
You from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners,

thun - der like a might - y flood, "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, where the songs of

ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get the pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the cry - stal sea.

Offertory Prayer

Tommy Lamberth

Alleluia! Christ is risen! We, your Easter people, celebrate with amazement the gift of Jesus' resurrection. Our joy is unending! Today, we have received again the greatest gift that you have to offer—the gift of redemption and the promise of everlasting life. We renew our commitment to our faith. As a sign of our gratitude, we give generously of ourselves and of our possessions. May these gifts change ordinary lives into extraordinary lives filled with the hope and promise of Easter. In the name of the Risen One, we pray.

Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Choir & Classic Brass

Alleluia, For Christ the Lord Is Risen

J.S. Bach

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is risen.

Alleluia, risen Lord.

He is worthy to receive power, wealth, and glory,
wisdom, might, and honor, blessing now and evermore.

For He is the true and righteous Lord of all in heaven and earth.

King of kings and Lord of lords,

we do worship at your throne.

*We invite you to use
this time to give to
Royal Lane's Ministry.*



Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“Grief and Hope”

Moment of Contemplation

Communion

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

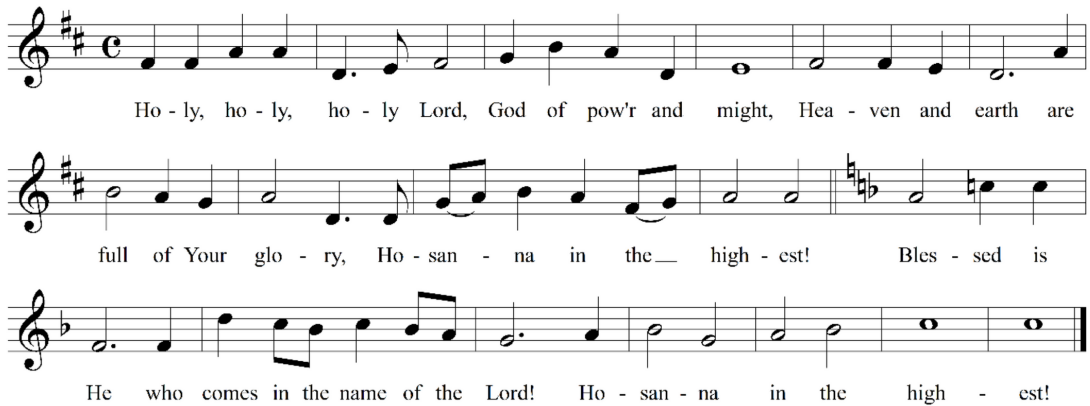
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is
He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution

Response: 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.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
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, God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake of communion and return via the outside aisles.

The Communion elements are non-alcoholic and gluten free.

Passing of the Peace

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God brought peace to all creation. Share this joyous peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

Sung Response

Congregation

Were You There

arr. Danny Wesley Ray

Were you there when he rose up from the grave?

Were you there?

Oh, sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Voluntary

Classic Brass & David Weigle

Festival Piece on CWM RHONNDA

arr. Jonathan Crutchfield

Classic Brass

Mark Schubert, Trumpet

James McNair, Trombone

Glen-Braden Frazer, Trumpet

Jordan Davenport, Bass Trombone

Gerry Wood, Horn

Daniel Cline, Percussion

At the close of the service, we invite you to gather on the front lawn to flower the cross. You may also take photos with your family, friends, and loved ones.



ROYAL LANE *EASTER FLOWERS*



Easter flowers have been given in memory of:

Dan Bohannon
Judy Mulinax
by Shirley Bohannon

Doris Gene Nelson
Diane Nelson
Bessie Taylor
Sloan Carpenter
by Darlene Carpenter

I.E. "Gene" Garrett
Nell & Ed Thomas
by Betty Garrett

Del Green
Lola Irwin
Ruth Carrol
by Nate & Deanna Green

Gerry Gunnin
by Barbara Gunnin

Nancy Spencer Hamic
by Garland Hamic

Pam Keith
by Mike, Phillip, & Joel Keith

Mary & Mark Walker
Roy Lockett
Rev. Mark Hart
*by Melissa Walker-Lockett &
Jamie Lockett*

Donna & Billy Wood
Douglas Martin
Katherine Beck Fey
by Donna Wood-Martin & Scott Martin

Ruth & Roy Moore & Sons
Lorraine & Zackey Meachum
Gene Sprout
Richard Seib
Lauren Miller
by Bettie Meachum

Zackey & Lorraine Meachum
by Wayne Meachum

Donald E. Meier
by Patsy M. Meier

Maxine & George Quesada
Charlie Jaynes
by Tex & Jan Quesada

Steve & Mireya Rhodes
by Steven Rhodes

Terry L. Simmons
by Karen Simmons

Jim Sewell
by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

Brad Carter
Elnora & Orville Wisdom
Charles & Linda Spear
Bill Irby
by Garey Wisdom

Kim Wade
by Jill Wade

Herschel & Louise Hunter
Grady & Dorothy Cullens
Larry E. Forth, Sr.
by Larry Forth & Stephen Lewis

Easter flowers have been given in honor of:

Anna & Glenn Brown

by Cheryl Brown

Sheryl Gambill

by Darlene Carpenter

Our grandkids: Porter, Ellie, Aidy, & Eli

Our fabulous worship team at this
church

by Scott & Christine Gonzalez

Von & Sandra Irwin

by Nate & Deanna Green

Alice Johnson

David Doom

by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Zadie Lockett

James C. Walker

The Stewart Family

The Seymour Family

Pastor Victoria

Harry Wooten

by Jamie & Melissa Lockett

Jackie Martin

by Donna Wood-Martin & Scott Martin

Kurt, Amy, Allie, Kendall, & Ben
Meachum

Aubrey, Mary Katherine, & Mac
Connatser

Royal Lane Ministers & Staff
by Bettie Meachum

Adam, Aubrey, Mary Katherine, & Mac
Connatser

Kurt, Amy, Allie, Kendall, & Ben
Meachum

by Wayne Meachum

Victoria Robb Powers & Our Staff

Our Musicians

Our Children: Walt, Lora, Zack, & Adam
by Jack & Maryanne Pfeffer

Susie Jaynes

Bryan Chastain

Pastor Beth Johnson

by Tex & Jan Quesada

Nancy Ferrell, Questers Teacher &
Friend

Theresa & John Helms, Sunday School
Teachers

Sarah & Blake Vickrey, Sunday School
Teachers

by Cookie Stokes

Anne Sewell

Bob Watson

Sue Watson

Donna Sewell

Grace Watson

Emma Watson

Sadie Watson

by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

The Worley Family

Joan "Cookie" Terry

by Alan, Tiffany, & Cayton Wright

Linda Hueston

Clergy & Staff of Royal Lane Baptist
by Garey Wisdom

Clowie & Raylon Lewis

Jeff & Candace Johnson

by Larry Forth & Stephen Lewis

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Communion Music

Thaxted
arr. Sterling Proctor

Classic Brass

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Nancy Hill Cobb

Choir & Classic Brass

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen today, All creation join to say: alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, O heavens and earth reply: alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won,

Death in vain forbids him rise, Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Jesus died our souls to save.

Where your victory, O grave? Where, O death, is now your sting?

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to You by both be given: alleluia!

Every knee to You shall bow, Risen Christ, triumphant now, alleluia!

Death in vain, forbids Him rise, Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Rhosymedre
by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. John Edwards

Classic Brass

Liturgy Notes

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Hymn Notes

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

arranged by Jeremy J. Bankson

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Sanctus

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Alleluia! For Christ the Lord Is Risen

Johann Seb. Bach, 1785-1750

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Nancy Hill Cobb, arr. by Charles Wesley, alt.

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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Voting Opportunities

April 22-29, Vickrey Hall

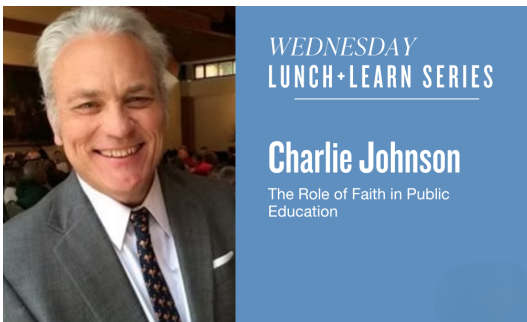
We will host early voting again starting this Tuesday. Come by to vote or encourage those in our area to stay involved in the community by letting their voices be heard!



Next Sunday

Sunday, April 27, 11:00am, Sanctuary

Our youth will lead in every part of this annual service! Cayton Wright will bring the message and we'll be joined by the Concord Choir from Broadway Baptist Church for this special occasion.



Lunch + Learn

*Wednesday, April 30, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall
(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)*

Our Lunch & Learn series picks back up next Wednesday with Charlie Johnson. He joins us to discuss a crucial topic: "The Role of Faith in Public Education."



Young Adult Event

*Monday, May 19, 6:00pm, Pierremont
Townhomes' Clubhouse*

Our Young Adults swing into summer with a pool party – bring a swimsuit, towel, drinks, and pizza money for a great evening with friends. Contact Pastoral Intern, Kenna Curry, for more info.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Tuesday, April 22

8:00 am: Early Voting begins — Vickrey Hall

6:00 pm: “Life Support” Small Group — Harris Youth Cottage

Wednesday, April 23

10:00 am: Communion & Contemplation — Church Library

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:15 pm: Children’s Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, April 26

9:00 am: Women of the Church Spring Retreat — Sister Grove Farm

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, April 27

8:30 am: Children & Youth Committee — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building & Library

9:45 am: “Sacred Rhythms” Sunday School Class — The Helms’ home

9:45 am: Children’s Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Youth Cottage

11:00 am: Youth Led Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Third Grade

HOW TO CONNECT

Event Details

See the Weekly News & Journal or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events.

royallane.org/resources/event

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the green prayer cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. You can also submit requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at royallane.org/prayer. Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

REQUEST
PRAYER



Deacons on Call

Joey Belgard & Tommy Lamberth

GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

We encourage you to support the missions and ministries of our church. Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200 or scan the QR code. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Standard text message rates may apply. You can also donate online at royallane.org/give.

ONLINE
GIVING



April 2025 Financials *YTD Actual*

Offerings & Revenues	\$ 258,231
Expenses	\$ 273,228
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 14,997)

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