



MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2026 8:30 and 11 am
Holy Communion, Rite 2

Easter Worship Notes.

Our preaching theme for Easter Sunday, and Eastertide, is *Raised with Christ*, from Paul's letter to the Colossians: *If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Col. 3:1)* Where before Paul speaks of mortifying or putting to death our old way of life, he calls the Colossian Christians—and the Church ever since—to raise one's glance. To see above the world, the flesh and the devil, and see our life from Jesus' risen and exalted perspective. He goes on to say: *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Col. 3:12)*. In Eastertide we will read the Epistle, Psalm and Gospel, but the bulletin will also note the First Lesson from Acts. The preacher is free to use any and all texts.

A Note for Visitors.

Resisting the urge to project our music and liturgy on screens, as Anglican Christians in the Episcopal Church we pray from the Book of Common Prayer, and sing from our Hymnal. Other music is found in your worship bulletin. Our clergy will do our best to guide you, as will Messiah members.

Liturgy Changes.

Liturgically, we have also returned to the contemporary Rite II language and are using Eucharistic Prayer B and Prayer Form VI. Please also note, that it is customary during Eastertide to return all the Alleluias that were silenced during Lent, and to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer, where we had knelt during Lent. There is also no General Confession, nor Absolution during this season.

With every blessing of the risen one,

Rev. Dave+



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THE WORD OF GOD

All stand.

OPENING HYMN

Good Christians All, Rejoice And Sing! (verses 1-3, 5) **Hymnal #205**

Please turn in the hymnal to our opening Hymn, Hymn #205, Good Christian All, Rejoice

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #355.

Leader Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

All **The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known... and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

King Of Kings

Verse

1. In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spi - rit, three in one.

God of glo - ry, maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of kings.

2. To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (To Chorus)

3. And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored. (To Verse 4)

4. And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (To Chorus)

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Jesus Strong and Kind / Jesus Loves Me

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.

5. No one else can sa - tis - fy, I should come to Him. Him. For the
 No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.
 No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him.
 And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

10. Lord is good and faith - ful, He will keep us day and night. We can
 14. al - ways run to Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind.

5. Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
 Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
 Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
 Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
 The Bible tells me so.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 225

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people...
 ...and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LESSONS

BCP p. 357

(FIRST LESSON

(Acts 2:42-47)

Bible NT p. 120)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

(1 Peter 2:19-26)

Bible NT p. 233-234

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 233.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALTER: Psalm 23:1-6 (read responsively by whole verse)

BCP p. 612-613

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #612.

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

Antiphon

Al - le - lu - - - ia, Christ is ris - - en, al - le - lu - - - ia, he's a - live. 1. Repeat 2. To Verse

Verse

Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat-tle won. Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par-a - dise. To Antiphon

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

(John 10:1-10)

Bible NT p. 103

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 103.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ,,,

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading:

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

THE SERMON

the Rev. Dave Langille

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358-359

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #358, as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth...
...We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM V I

BCP p. 392-393

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader In peace, let us pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life....

All For our families...

All stand.

THE PEACE

BCP p. 360

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.

All **And also with you.**
Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.

Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.

All sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.

Psalm 23: Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy

Verse 1

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want
In green pastures He makes me lie down
He restores my soul and leads me on
For His name for His great name

Chorus 1

Surely goodness surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in Your house forever
And bless Your holy name

Verse 2

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door I'll trust You Lord

Bridge 1

And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death I will fear no evil
(And) even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death You are on my side (oh)

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All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come of thee, O Lord.

All **And of your own have we given you.**

All stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP p. 367-369

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 367.

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Please kneel as you are able.

Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God
of hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your
glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - - - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Leader We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...

... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your_ Name, your king-dom
come, your_ will be done, on earth as_ in_ heav-en.____
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our_ sins as we for-
give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,____
_ and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er and the
glo - ry are_ yours, now and_for - ev - er. A-men. A - men.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP p. 364-366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.

Leader Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Leader The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance ...
... and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to remain standing in prayer at the Communion during Eastertide. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you.

8:30 am service: Healing team members Dick Guiton and Ann Schwarz are available for prayer during communion.

11 am service: Healing team members Walter McManus and Anne McManus are available for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slinger & Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

All sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Good, Good Father

1. I've heard a thou - sand sto - ries of what ___ they think You're like, ___ but

5 I've heard the ten - der whis - per of love ___ in ___ the dead of night. You tell

9 ___ me that You're pleased and that I'm ___ nev - er a - lone. ___

13 **Chorus** You're a good, good Fa - ther; it's who You are, it's who You are,

16 it's who You are. ___ And I'm loved by You; ___ it's who I am,

19 it's who I am, it's who I am. ___ 2. I've seen

24 man - y search - ing for an - swers far and wide, but I ___ know -

28 we're all searc - hing for an - swers on - ly You pro - vide be - cause You know ___ just

32 *D.S. (Chorus)*

what we need be-fore we say a word. You're a good, good Fa -

35 **Bridge**

(am.) You are per-fect in all of Your ways, You are per-fect in all of Your ways,

39 *1 Repeat Bridge*

— You are per-fect in all of Your ways — to us. You are

44 *2 Verse 3*

3. Love so un - de-ni - a-ble, I can hard-ly speak.

49

Peace so un - ex - plain - a - ble, I can hard - ly think as You call me —

54

deep - er still, as You call me — deep - er still, as You call me —

58 *D.S. (Chorus)*

deep - er still in - to love, love, love. You're a good, good Fa

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Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus

O, the o - ver - whelm - ing nev - er - end - ing,

reck - less love of God. — O, it chas - es me down,

fight's 'til I'm found, leaves the nine - ty - nine. — I could - n't earn

— it, I don't de - serve — it, still You give Your - self a - way. O, the

1. To V. 2

o - ver - whelm - ing nev - er - end - ing, reck - less love of God. *2. To Bridge*

Verse 2

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me.

(To Chorus, then Bridge)

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up, Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down, coming after me. (Repeat)

(then To Chorus)

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At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus 1

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge 1

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father...
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All stand.

CLOSING HYMN

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymnal #645

Please turn in the hymnal to our closing Hymn, Hymn #645. The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

- ၁. တၢ်ခဲၣ်စၢ်ပၤယၤကွၢ်သိ,
ထီၣ်အံၤက့ၢ်က့ၢ်ယၤ,
အဝဲၣ်မ့ၢ်ယၤခိၣ်သးဘိ,
ဒီးမၤမံၤသ့ၣ်မံၤသးယၤ.
၄. တၢ်သံအကျဲတၢ်ပျံၤဘၣ်ယဲ,
အဝဲၣ်ဒ်အံၤ, န့ၣ်ဆွၢ်ယၤ,
န့ၣ်နီၣ်ထီၣ်ဘိသးန့ၢ်ခိၣ်ယဲ,
ထူၣ်စုၣ်ညါဆွၢ်ယၤဂ့ၢ်မး.
၂. မဲထံက့ၢ်မ့ၢ်ယၤလိၤအလီၤ,
အဝဲၣ်ဆွၢ်ယၤမ့ၢ်မး,
မဲသိအဆၣ်ခိၣ်အါအလီၤ,
ဆွၢ်အးဘျဲးခိၣ်အသိယၤ.
၅. မ့ၢ်ခိၣ်တၢ်ခိၣ်တၢ်ခိၣ်စိဆံ့,
န့ၣ်ပၤလိၤလၢယၤဂီၢ်လိၤ.
မ့ၢ်လၢန့ၢ်ခိၣ်ဒီးန့ၣ်သ့ၣ်,
ဒီးမ့ၢ်တၢ်ဘျဲးတၢ်ဖျိၣ်လိၤ.
၃. ယၤန့ၢ်က့ၢ်ခိၣ်ဟးဖျိးထီၣ်ဘိ,
ဘၣ်ဆၣ်အဝဲၣ်ယုက့ၢ်ယၤ,
ပၤထီၣ်ယၤလၢအမံၤဘၣ်ခိၣ်,
ဆူပၤအဟံၣ်စိၣ်က့ၢ်ယၤ.
၆. သ့သ့တၢ်န့ၢ်သိသိတၢ်န့ၢ်,
န့ၣ်အံၤန့ၣ်က့ၢ်ယၤထီၣ်ဘိ,
ပျံၤကွၢ်သိၣ်တၢ်, အးသးဝံၣ်ယၤ,
လိၤထူၣ်လိၤယိၣ်လၢမ့ၢ်ခိၣ်. အာမ့ၢ်.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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