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## EASTER - RESURRECTION SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 - 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** May the joy of the resurrection give you strength and hope! Please join us for refreshments following the service and if you are a guest, please "sign-in" at the Welcome Table and receive a gift. A nursery is available for young children today. Sign your child in and grab a pager. Again, welcome to worship!

PRELUDE MUSIC: "Air" from *Watermusik Suite No. 1*

"*La Rejouissance*" from *The Music of the Royal Fireworks* by G. F. Handel

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist, Music Director Kathy Person, Violin  
Gloria Dei Bell Choir

**THE GATHERING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

#365 vv. 1-3

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!  
our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!**

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

**But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
now above the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia!  
where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read **bold** words.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

We gather on this Resurrection Sunday to celebrate the hope of the world.  
**May the Spirit of the living Christ grant us this hope.**

As we gather, we remember how the first Easter began:  
**Early in the morning, on the first day of the week,**

They gathered in the dark to go to the tomb. And they were saying among themselves,  
**"Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?"**

And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back  
**and entering the tomb, an angel greeted them, saying,**

"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.  
**He is not here; for he has been raised!"**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

**THE HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

#365 v. 4

**Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

ANTHEM: Easter Anthem in Celtic Style by Bradley R. Norris (8:30/10am)  
Sanctuary Choir, Director Kathy Person

THE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: All Creatures of Our God and King** (Please stand.)

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice with us and sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam,  
and silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE EASTER GOSPEL: John 20:1-10

**Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."**

**Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Assistant Minister Dana Becker

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine is the Glory**  
**Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;  
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

#376 vv. 1-2

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;  
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lov-ing-ly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!** (Refrain)

THE MESSAGE: "25 or 6 to 6"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *I Will Rise* arr. Courtney/Hasseler (8:30/10am) Andy Degan

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Thine is the Glory** (Please stand.)  
**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than con-qu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

#376 v. 3

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;  
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer: Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION (6:30am/10am)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (6:30am/10am)

THE HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communicating children and adults who choose not to receive, may still come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms in front of you as a signal that you would prefer a blessing. Also, for those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of each tray. There will be three communing areas today. The ushers will guide you forward.)

**THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Lamb of God** (Cantor sings first and people repeat.)

**Lamb of God... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

**Lamb of God... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei... You take away...  
the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .**

**Let us praise God together on our knees . . .**

**One Bread, One Body**

Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.**

**And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.** (Refrain.)

**Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all.** (Refrain.)

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.** (Refrain.)

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev-'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev-'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never-more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,**

#631

#471

#496

**till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
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!**

#619 vv. 1-2, 8

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

**He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

THE SENDING WORDS: Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE: *Alleluia Toccata* by Fenton Groden Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**  
**6:30am:** Communion & Lector: Diane Kelly  
**8:30am:** Acolyte: Evan Neiderhiser; Coffee Prep: Pam & Steve Weiss; Lector: Christian Asis; Ushers: Christian Asis, Tim Boyd, and Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Shelli Parajeckas & Karen Sanchez  
**10am:** Acolytes: Jackson Brodrick & Reed Jensen; Coffee Clean-up: Carol Weinhardt; Communion: Ron Bacon, Donna & Jerry Combe, Sharry Hilyard, Wayne Johnson, Mary Jane Rylaarsdam, and David & Susan Warneke; Lector: Wayne Johnson; Usher: John Cummings, Dean Frasc , Dennis Pysz & Dianne Scott; Welcome Table: Melody Bacon

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Lisa Mers in celebration of Lennox's 2nd birthday!

**THANKS** to all the musicians and singers for leading us in worship this morning - The Sanctuary Choir, The Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Music Director Kathy Person, Organist/Pianist Fred Johnson, soloists Michelle Lum, Andy Degan & Harrison Witt.

**OFFERING** - Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei!

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA** egg hunt, 9:30am today, outside the Sanctuary in the labyrinth for all young children. Enjoy and have fun!

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (3/31- Jeremiah 39:1 - Ezekiel 11:25). This group will be taking a break for Lent and begin after Easter.

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE VISIT** - Directors, Manager, and some of the older youth will be in worship on April 7 (morning). If you would like to help with activities that weekend, see the sign-up.

**DANIELA Y SU MARIACHI** provides special music on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at both morning services (8:30 & 10am). They will perform during the service times and also in between on the patio (9:30am). Invite a friend to worship with you!

**YOUTH FUND RAISER DINNER** - Gloria Dei Youth will be serving a Cajun dinner to congregation members & friends on April 19, 6pm as a means to raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY PETTING ZOO** - Gloria Dei will host a petting zoo (with sheep) on Sunday, April 21 between the morning services (9:30am). Invite a friend to join in the fun and worship!

**ORDINATION** of Deacon Daneen Pysz takes place on Sunday, May 5, 5pm. Bishop Dave Nagler will preside. Afterwards, (6pm) Cinco de "Magico" fellowship event takes place - great food and drink, entertainment, a magician, and more. All ages are invited for this wonderful event. Sign-up if you plan to attend the dinner. Food - Adults/\$10, children/free.

**VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)** - "SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God", June 17-21, 9am-12pm. Children ages 4 (Pre-K) - 5th grade are welcome! VBS Registration is open online [www.mygloriadei.org/vbs\\_form](http://www.mygloriadei.org/vbs_form). More details: email Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS** - Sign-up to be a volunteer helper at the Welcome Table. Middle School and High School kids are needed as helpers and volunteer hours will be signed off. Questions, email Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**DEVOTIONALS** - Pick up a Christ in Our Home devotional (April - June) at the Welcome Table.

**NURSERY** is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services (babies - pre-K.). It is located up the steps, inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign your child in and grab a pager.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service). Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To register your child for Sunday school, speak with Susie Boland: [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org). Thanks to all our leaders and teachers! Sunday school resumes next Sunday, April 7.



**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Every Wednesday at 10am all women are invited to join in! Study is led by Assistant Minister Dana Becker and Pastor David and meets upstairs in Knudson Hall.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Confirmation Sunday (May 5, 10am); Moms & Mimosa Pancake Breakfast (May 12, 11am); Synod Regional Gathering at Gloria Dei (May 18, 10am); Baccalaureate Sunday (June 2); Women's Tea (June 2, 2pm); Church Campout (June 7-9)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 31 - APRIL 6, 2024**

**Today:** Worship (6:30am, 8:30am & 10am); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Easter Egg Hunt (9:30am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (6:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council Games & Conversation (1pm); Fred Johnson Rehearsal (5pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bible Year Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); Women's Board Meeting (9:30am); Grady Vaughan Memorial (11am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR DONATING THE BEAUTIFUL LILIES!**

John & Susan Adams	In memory of Big John & Marjorie Adams
Shawn Adams	In memory of my dad, Nicky Adams
Kathi Anderson	In memory of Cliff Anderson and Matthew Court
Ruth Anderson	In memory of my husband Harvey Anderson In honor & celebration of my grandchildren
Barbara Baldwin	In memory of Kirk "Toby" Tobiassen - Firefighter/Medic In memory of Jim Smoot, Virgil Baldwin, and Trig Tobiassen
Susan Behnke	In memory of Fred Voss
Bret & Maria Boyd	In honor of Haydee Dilchoff
Denise & Timothy Boyd	In celebration of Dr. Brent Boyd's 31st birthday In honor of Dr. Allie Kawata
Linda Curie	In celebration of the John Curie family
Sharon Derr	In memory of Nellie & Olyn Saine, mom & dad

Dubow Family  
Kathy Evans  
Larry & Annette Fettis  
Linda & John Friend  
Bob & Brenda Gaumer  
Bob & Bonny Gillespie  
Nadine Graven & Larry Lisser

Judith Henderson  
Lynn Heuer

Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino  
Don & Janet Klein  
Mike & Dellita Kobold  
Sonja Krafcik & family  
Terri Litzkow

Gia Lugo  
John, Kristina, Charlotte & Taylor Mayfield  
Tom McKeown

Garry & Toni Nelson  
Michelle Nowroozi  
Daneen & Dennis Pysz  
The Ross Family  
Mary Jane Rylaarsdam & Pike family  
Gayle & Jack Scanlon  
Liane Schuller  
Robert Schultz  
Dianne Scott  
Gloria Sievers & Lisa Naranjo

Jim & Ann St. Martin  
David & Susan Warneke  
James & Neta Wenrick

Brian & Lindsey Worek  
Jon & Jane Zeiger  
David & Lisa Zylstra

In memory of Betsy Dubow  
In memory of Chuck Tyus an Jeannette Evans  
In memory of Ernie & Joan Butler  
In memory of our parents and our daughter Lisa Marie Friend  
In memory of our parents  
In honor of Patsy Thiemens & our loving parents  
In celebration of Mike Graven  
In memory of Graven & Lisser parents & grandparents  
In honor of Buck Henderson and Terry Daniels  
In memory of my daughter, Jill Eller and my husband, Ron Heuer  
In memory of family members who have passed...Heuer, Jepsen, Schmiedt, Hirsch, Olson, and Keller  
In memory of Gordy & Schmoo Johnson and Roger & Joann Groom, Sr.  
In honor of family members  
In honor of our parents  
In honor of Luther Stumme  
In memory Jan & Gary Litzkow & Rocky  
In memory of Grandma, Great Grandma & Mama Chana  
In celebration of God's many blessings  
In memory of Laurie McKeown and Ruth McKeown  
In celebration of my wife Barbara  
In memory of Donna Decker Bardswich and Gladys Wright Nelson  
In honor of James Earl Rich  
In celebration of our Risen Lord!  
In memory of Robin Pauling, Susan Bahan & Daniel Johnson  
In memory of Jack Pike Jr., husband, father, son  
In memory of John Raithel & Marilyn Hall  
In memory of Ray & Ingrid Schuller  
In memory of Don & Ruth Schultz and William Schultz  
In memory of John & Margaret Vislocky  
In honor of Linda Kauffman  
In loving memory of Sandra Solomon  
In celebration of our Risen Lord  
In celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ  
In memory of our parents, Stanley & Dorothy Wenrick and Frank & Ethyle Crawford  
In memory of Walter Worek and Roy Lovejoy  
In honor of Tom Torrance  
In honor of the Zylstra Family

