



## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Our theme for the Season of Easter (50 days) is *Superbloom*. As you can see by the artwork, superblooms are about hope. They are rare and precious. Superblooms come out after years of drought. For those struggling through a hard season of life, God has not abandoned you, but is for you, forever. That's Easter.

**TODAY**, we begin a new series on 1 Peter, which goes so well with our *Superbloom* theme. For the next 5 weeks, we'll look at this important book on hope and resilience. May God's grace and mercy bloom and empower you to be Jesus' humble severance and persevere in faith.

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)  
Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GREETING AND INVOCATION

**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 has 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 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(People read **bold** words.)

Risen Christ,  
**the world despised and rejected you - You responded with grace, humility,  
and welcome. The proud questioned your power, devised your death - You  
responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life. Forgive us, merciful One,  
our arrogance, selfishness, and violence. Forgive us, merciful One and  
make us more like You. Amen.** (Time of silent confession)

Risen Christ, we proclaim your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Dying, you destroyed the power of death and rising, you restore us to new and forgiven life. With our words and actions, we give You thanks and praise for this new beginning, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **And also with you.**

**THE KYRIE** ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain.) page 184

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.  
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

Deacon Daneen Pysz

### THE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace intended for you made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings intended for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look!

(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Please stand.)

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

**When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.**

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 power of 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; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SONG OF THE MONTH: Christ Our Hope in Life & Death (Getty)**

**What is our hope in life and death?**

**Christ alone, Christ alone.**

**What is our only confidence?**

**That our souls to Him belong.**

**Who holds our days within His hand?**

**What comes, apart from His command?**

**And what will keep us to the end?**

**The love of Christ, in which we stand.**

Refrain:

**O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;**

**O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess**

**Christ our hope in life and death.**

**What truth can calm the troubled soul?**

**God is good, God is good.**

**Where is His grace and goodness known?**

**In our great Redeemer's blood.**

**Who holds our faith when fears arise?**

**Who stands above the stormy trial?**

**Who sends the waves that bring us nigh;**

**Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Refrain)**

**Unto the grave, what shall we sing?**

**"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"**

**And what reward will heaven bring?**

**Everlasting life with Him.**

**There we will rise to meet the Lord,**

**Then sin and death will be destroyed,**

**And we will feast in endless joy,**

**When Christ is ours forevermore. (Refrain)**

THE MESSAGE: *Superbloom #1* (1 Peter Series)

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Resurrection Power* arr. Galbraith

Andy Degan

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

**Lamb of God**

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**Lord of the Dance** (tune: *Simple Gifts*)

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,**

**and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,**

**and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.**

**At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain: **Dance, then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,**

**and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,**

**but they would not dance and they would not follow me;**

**I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;**

**they came with me and the Dance went on. [Refrain]**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die.** [Refrain]

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the Dance and I still go on.** [Refrain]

**They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.** [Refrain]

### **I'd Rather Have Jesus**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Earth and All Stars  
Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

#731 vv.1-2,5

Refrain: **God has done mar-vel-ous things.  
I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!** (Refrain.)

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!** (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS:

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

POSTLUDE MUSIC:

Micaela Lum (8:30/10am)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by John and Tami Engel in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is during Sunday services (children ages 4-5th grade). They leave after the Kid's Message & return at Communion. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Questions; Children's Ministry Dir. Molly Healey - [childrensministry@mygloriadei.org](mailto:childrensministry@mygloriadei.org).

**SUPERBLOOM ARTWORK** - Easter artwork is now up in the Sanctuary for the season of Easter, many thanks to the Art Ministry for creating such beautiful pieces!

**LUNCH AND LASER TAG FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS** - TODAY April 12th @ Laserland in Mission Viejo, noon. Call the church office for details.

**CLOSET CLEAN-OUT/CLOTHING EXCHANGE:** TODAY, April 12, 1pm-5pm, Bankson Hall. Bring clothes on hangers. Women's clothes, handbags, etc., men's clothes as well. Then shop for FREE. Drop off items noon-4pm, Sat., April 11.

**ALL MUSIC GROUPS** - Bell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Chorale - begin again on Thursday, April 16. Join in for the remainder of the season. Questions, speak with Michelle Lum.

**WOMEN'S TEA** - Saturday, April 25, 2pm. Sign-up! \$30. Catered, traditional tea. (No cost for table hostesses and military families). Hats encouraged!

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - PETTING ZOO** - Sunday, April 26, please join us to visit with all the animals out by the parking lot during the morning.

**CREPE PAPER FLOWERS WORKSHOP** - Thursday, April 30 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Learn how to make beautiful flowers out of crepe paper! In this workshop, you'll learn to create some realistic, life-sized flowers. Sign up at the welcome table.

**SARA GROVES CONCERT:** Saturday, May 2, 7pm, Gloria Dei. Tickets available at the Welcome Table. (\$25 suggested donation).

*"The consummate storyteller..."* Join us for a night of music with recording artist and author Sara Groves. Equal parts observer and autobiographer, Sara has spent her career baring her soul through transparent, thoughtful songwriting. She has released 10 albums, nominated for three Dove Awards, including New Artist of the Year and the album, *Add to the Beauty*, was named Album of the Year by *CCM Magazine*. ([saragroves.com](http://saragroves.com))

**MEMBERSHIP?** If you are interested in officially saying "yes" to Gloria Dei's ministry. See the sign-up for details. Welcome to the "family!"

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** - Next, they meet with the Assistant to the Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin search for an Associate Pastor.



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**XTRA PRAYERS** - Candle station (by organ pipes) is available before & after services.

**UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** Serra's Pantry, Los Angelitos Orphanage, Laundry Love, and more. Call the office for all the details/dates.

**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Bonnie & Bob Gillespie; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Bill Jonas; Ushers: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Susan Behnke & Marsha Atkinson Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Ushers: Lisa Mers & Willie Knottnerus; Welcome Table: Rebecca Horner **5pm:** Carol Simpson

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR - APRIL 12-18, 2026**

**Today:** Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Senior High Laser Tag (12pm); Clothing Exchange (2pm) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters (9am); Staff Meeting (11am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm) **Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Seniors & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); Kerygma Bible Study (6:15pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); 12 Step Men's Meeting (6:30); **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ Mother's Day - "Daisy a Day" (May 10, 2026)
- ❖ Confirmation Sunday (May 24, 2026)
- ❖ Baccalaureate Sunday (May 31)
- ❖ Genealogy Class (May 31)
- ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14, 2026)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026)
- ❖ Western States Youth Gathering - High School (June 28-July 1)