



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am, no 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. For those struggling through a hard season of life, God has not abandoned you, but is for you, forever. That's the power of Easter.

**GUESTS**, please join us for refreshments following worship and sign-in at the Welcome Table and receive a gift. We are glad you are with us today! For those desiring a nursery for young children, it's located in the classroom closest to the Sanctuary. Sign-in and grab a pager. We also love children in worship!

**TODAY**, we hear from our Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum on this Easter Season artwork - *Superbloom*. Thanks to Michelle and all the volunteers for beautifying our sanctuary in such an amazing way.

PRELUDE: Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (9:30am)  
Anderson James Bang, Harlow Jean Herr & Jon Caspian Zeiger-Salimian  
(Outdoor Baptismal Fountain)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

**GATHERING HYMN: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

He's got the whole world in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the little bitty baby in His hand,  
He's got the little bitty baby in His hand,  
He's got the little bitty baby in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand,  
He's got you and me, sister, in his hand,  
He's got you and me, neighbor, in his hand,  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

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.** (Silence for 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.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (The grace of our Lord ... 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

Pastor David R. Mattson

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

### THE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(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 14th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-7

**Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not**

**so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."**

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

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: *The Calling* by Lee Dengler (8:30am)

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum & The Sanctuary Choir

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SONG OF THE DAY: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death** (insert)

THE MESSAGE: *Lessons from a Superbloom*

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum (8:30/10am)

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Andy Degan

### THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

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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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**Borning Cry**

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I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

**10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

Refrain: **Bless the Lord, O my soul**  
**O my soul, worship His holy name**  
**Sing like never before, O my soul**  
**I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain.)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Refrain.)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Refrain.)

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THE SENDING HYMN: Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer**

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Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'r-ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and ever-more,  
feed me now and ever-more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv-'rer, strong deliv-'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise forever-more,  
I will raise forever-more.

**SENDING WORDS:**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE MUSIC:**

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Greg and Dianne Blanda in thankfulness to God for all their blessings.

**MAY NEWSLETTER:** Paper copy is at the Welcome Table or, on-line: mygloriadei.org.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is during Sunday services (children ages 4-5th grade). They leave after the Kid's Message & return at Communion. Questions; Children's Ministry Dir. Molly Healey - childrensministry@mygloriadei.org.

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

**WALK THE LABYRINTH** - Saturday, May 9, from 8am-5pm. Sign-up.

**MOTHER'S DAY** - "Daisy a Day" - please join us for Mother's Day on May 10th and we will be passing out daisies to all moms/daughters and muffins served.

**SENIOR HIGH GROUP** - May 10, after both services - Muffins for Mom. Sr. High Servers provide muffins for the masses. Donations go to help high schoolers attend the Western States Youth Gathering.

**ART GATHERING** - May 13, 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Join the art ministry as we celebrate the culmination of our working artist projects. All are welcome to come.

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - May 16, 8:30 a.m. Youth Director Paige is going with Senior High kids and all are welcome to join in.

**PRIME-TIMERS** (Seniors): Free Private tour of the historic Modjeska House. Saturday, May 16, 9am-12 noon. Sign up at the Welcome Table. Limited space.

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING GAME NIGHT** (20/30 somethings) - May 23, 6pm-10pm at Kelsey Engel's House - call or email church office for info.

**PRIME TIMERS** - Christ Cathedral (formerly Crystal Cathedral) tour of Shroud of Turin exhibit. Tuesday, May 26, 12-2. Sign up at the Welcome Table. Limited space.

**MEMBERSHIP?** If you are interested in officially saying "yes" to Gloria Dei's ministry. See the sign-up for details. Orientation at Mattson's home, May 31, 11:30am. New members will be received during services on Sunday, June 7.

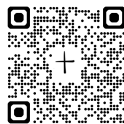
**HOLY GUACAMOLE** - Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 4pm, Bankson Hall, join the Gloria Dei family - Taco Cart and More (donation). Sign-up at the Welcome Table. At 5pm, a concert featuring Celli a Deux (Free-Will Offering). Join us for both or one.

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY** - May 31. If you have a high school senior graduating, contact the church office. GDLC has a prayer and a gift for them!

**CHURCH CAMP-OUT** - Join us at O'Neill Park for our annual camping trip June 12-14, 2026. RV's and tents are welcome. Come for the day or come for the weekend. See the Welcome Table for details and to sign-up.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - RAIN FOREST FALLS - Exploring the Nature of God! July 6-10. We are in need of all sorts of volunteers! See the Welcome Table!

**THANK YOU** for supporting Gloria Dei! Place check/money in donation boxes or give via Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/debit card through Vanco: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate) or go to QR code to right.



### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Greg & Dianne Blanda; Communion: Barb Collins & Denise Boyd; Lector: David Macher; Ushers: Diane Kelly & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Tim Boyd  
**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Lisa Mers; Lector: Lisa Mers; Ushers: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR - MAY 3-9, 2026**

**Today:** Worship & Sunday School (8:30am, 10am & 5pm) Baptisms (9:30am); Confirmation Class (11:15am) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (11am); Al Anon (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); Prayer Labyrinth (8am); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); Synod Regional Gathering (10am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** ❖ Confirmation Sunday (May 24, 2026) ❖ Genealogy Class (May 31) ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026) ❖ Western States Youth Gathering - High School (June 28-July 1)

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