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**lent 2026**

Easter

April 5, 2026



**7:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!  
EASTER SUNDAY**

**In Preparation for Worship**

“Because Jesus lives, there can be no dead end ultimately, and no situation which cannot be lived through.”  
- Karl Barth

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship\***

Leader: What do you see as the night gives way?  
People: **A faint light on the horizon.**  
Leader: What do you feel as the earth begins to stir?  
People: **Hope rising with the dawn.**  
Leader: Who do you seek in this early hour?  
People: **The living Christ.**  
Leader: Why do you come to this place?  
People: **To listen for good news.**  
Leader: Then hear it and believe it:  
ALL: **Christ is risen.  
The night is ending.  
New life has begun.**

**Hymn\***

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

**Prayer for the Day**

Almighty God,  
As morning breaks, we hear and see that Christ is risen.  
We behold that you have broken the powers of sin and death,  
and opened the way to true life, which is eternal.  
In Christ you have opened to us the gates of hope and righteousness.  
As we enter through them, let our hearts be filled with praise. Amen!

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn\***

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**Affirmation of Faith\***

written for Easter 2026

**We believe in the God  
who meets us at the edge of grief  
and surprises us with joy.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
crucified and risen,  
who greets us on the road  
and calls us by name.  
We believe that fear does not have the final word,  
and that even trembling hearts  
can carry good news.  
We believe that the stone is rolled away,  
not just from the tomb,  
but from all that keeps us bound.  
And we believe we are sent—  
to go, to tell, to live  
as witnesses to resurrection.  
Alleluia. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The 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 debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Offering**

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
- 2) Scan the QR code or give online via [slpres.org/giving](https://slpres.org/giving),
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

## Hymn\*

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:  
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

## Charge and Benediction\*

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission),  
you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to  
[prayerrequest@slpres.org](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).

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