

Easter Sunday
Worship Leader Bulletin

April 5, 2026

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Easter Joy”
Bells of Praise and Brass Quartet

Michael Helman

EASTER GREETING *{Front Center}* (Rob)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WELCOME *{Front Center}* (Rob)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
Featuring Organ & Brass Ensemble

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arr. John Ferguson

Verse 1

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Verse 3

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Verse 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

LITANY OF CONFESSION *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

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L: Loving God, as we encounter the pain of the cross and the earth-shattering power of the resurrection, help us to confess.

C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!

L: When we cannot see Jesus in the brokenness of our world, remind us:

C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!

L: When we feel discouraged and confused, and our expectations are shattered, remind us:

C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!

L: When all hope is lost, and we see death, remind us:

C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!

L: When we grieve with broken hearts, remind us:

C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!

L: When we hear Jesus call us by name, remind us:

C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!

L: Jesus is alive and remains with us always.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

L: Risen Messiah, Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

L: Glory be to Jesus, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever, Christ our savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SONG OF PRAISE

“Easter Fanfare”
Brass Ensemble, Organ & Choir

D. A. White

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side} (Andrea)*

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Beth Angerhofer)*

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (**STAND**)

“Alleluia”

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C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING *{Center Aisle} (Rob)*

John 20:1-18

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. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON *{Pulpit}*

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Verses 1 & 4

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Verse 1

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,

his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Verse 4

Alleluia! King eternal,

Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS"

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

After each petition:

L: Risen Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (Rob)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(brief intro)*

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Rob)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Rob)

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C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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C: 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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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During this time of reflection and response, please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered, collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically, a QR code is in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org. A link is at the bottom of every page. Email prayers to office@stlukesbloomington.org. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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“Day of Arising”

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“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*) (**REMAIN SEATED**)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES (*Rob*)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Choir*)

L: Now may the God of peace -- who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will, through the power of The Holy Spirit. All glory to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever!

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Hallelujah Chorus”

George Frederic Handel

Congregation, St. Luke’s Choir, Piano, Brass

DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

C: Christ is Risen indeed.

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

“The Strife is O’er. the Battle Done”

Edwin T. Childs

Lori Murray

Brass Ensemble

Andrew Morgan, Trumpet

Jeannine Burnett, Trumpet

Sean Smith, Trombone

Max Theroux, Trombone