

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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Prelude

"He Is Risen! Alleluia!"

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious dawn.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole, and we have new life.

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Risen Christ, we confess that we are a people who still live as though the stone has not been rolled away. We cling to our fears when you have told us not to be afraid. We guard our grief when you have conquered death. We sit in the darkness of the tomb when you have already gone ahead of us into the world. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. Forgive us for the ways we choose the familiar despair over the unfamiliar joy of resurrection. Shake the ground beneath our feet, as you shook it on that first Easter morning, until we rise and go and tell. In your mercy, make us people of the empty tomb: set free from fear, filled with wonder, and sent out with good news on our lips. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Be Not Afraid"

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Assurance of Pardon

One: God says to us, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

All: Christ says to us, Do not be afraid.

One: We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, and we are redeemed!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

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We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Choir Anthem

"On the Third Day"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

"Are You Afraid of the Dark?"

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

(The offering plate is not passed, but is located on a stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

Offertory

"Easter Song"

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

One: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing:

Scripture Reading, B.J. Breeding: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was

crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”