



PARISH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Easter Season
April 12th, 2026

Quotes for reflection:

A just view of God's goodness will lead us to trust in Him. They will go to Him with all their guilt to be pardoned, and all their corruptions to be mortified, and all their wants to be supplied.

—Charles Simeon

Cry to Him in the knowledge that you will always be a pauper as long as you do not possess Him who makes you rich.

—Augustine

The King spreads the dish of God's covenant goodness and whets the appetite for the meal.

—Christopher Ash

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Matthew 5:5

Jesus said, “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Sung Response—Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah, Vs. 1



Christ is ris - en! Hal-le - lu - jah! Ris-en our vic - tor-ious Head!



Sing His prais-es! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore Him, as His light once more ap - pears,



Bow-ing down in joy be - fore Him, ris-ing up from grief and tears,



Sing His prais-es! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

CCLI #2844402 Text: James S.B. Monsell, 1863; Music: BEACH SPRING (FOUNT OF GLORY),
attr. B. F. White, 1844, R.W. Thompson, 1854, arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2010.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 34:1–6, 8

Pastor: Bless the Lord at all times; let His praise continually be in your mouth.

All: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Reader 1: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Reader 2: I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

All: **We cried out in our poverty, and the Lord heard us and saved us out of all our troubles.**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Congregational Psalm—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)



Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise.
Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
Heav'n and Earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er He be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges He is King;

He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness He will main - tain.
 Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146:1-10, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant,
 arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church’s songbook.

Congregational Psalm—Turn Your Ear And Answer (Psalm 86)

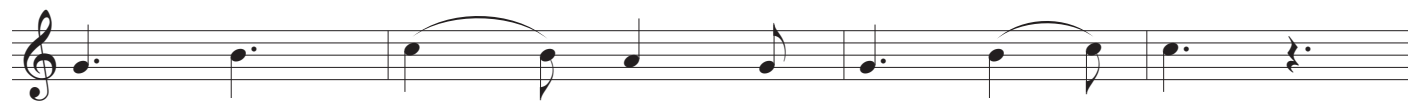


Turn Your ear _____ and an - swer, O my _____ Lord
Make the soul of Your ser - vant, glad this _____ day!
You _____ are good and for - giv - ing, kind and _____ true;
O _____ Lord lis - ten to my plea for _____ grace;



For _____ I am _____ op - pressed, I _____ am weak and _____ poor.
O _____ my sov - 'reign Lord, hear _____ me when I _____ pray.
Full _____ of stead - fast love; I _____ will call on _____ You!
I _____ will call _____ on You, in _____ my trou - bled _____ days.

Chorus



Save Your ser - vant! Pre - serve my _____ life!
Lord be Gra - cious! All my days, to You, I _____ will cry.

Text: Psalm 86:1-7, Nathan George, 2015; Music: Nathan George, 2015.

Scripture Reading—John 19:31–37

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me

The musical score is written for a congregational hymn in 3/2 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee;
Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, simp - ly to the cross I cling;
While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy wound - ed side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Nak - ed, come to Thee for dress; help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the doub - le cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1776; Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830.

Sermon Text—Psalm 34:1–22

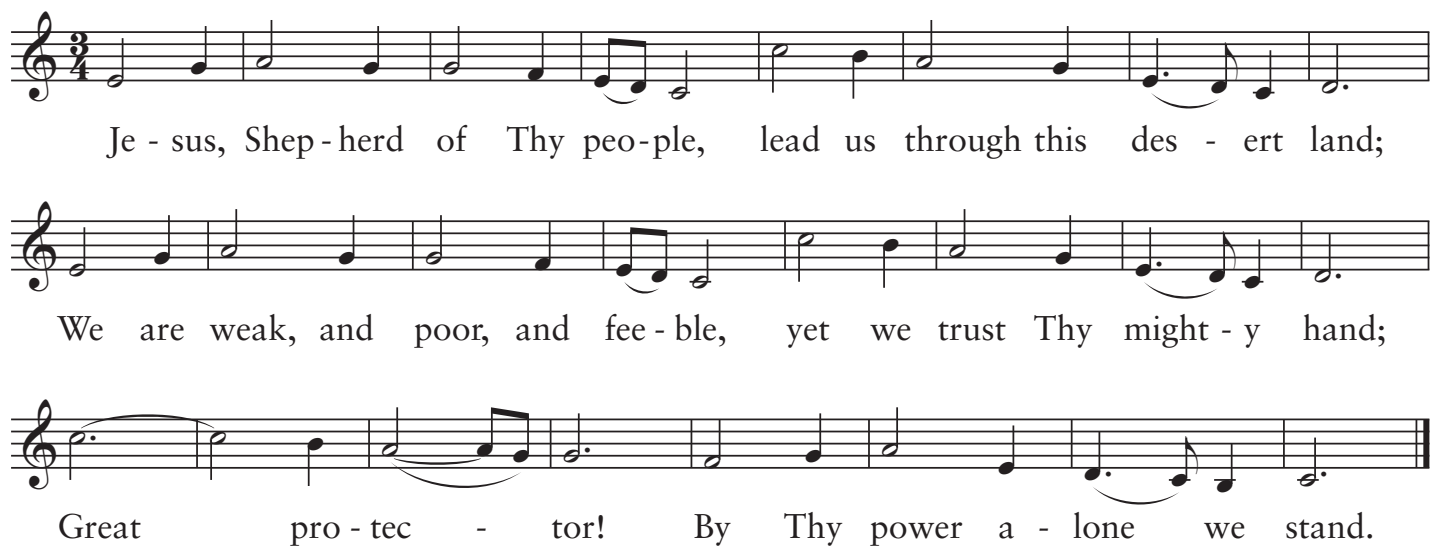
- I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together!
- 4 I sought the Lord, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to Him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear Him, and delivers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
- 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints,
for those who fear Him have no lack!
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and His ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
- 21 Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The Lord redeems the life of His servants;
none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Jesus, Shepherd Of Thy People, Vs. 1



Je - sus, Shep - herd of Thy peo - ple, lead us through this des - ert land;

We are weak, and poor, and fee - ble, yet we trust Thy might - y hand;

Great pro - tec - tor! By Thy power a - lone we stand.

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Text: J. Adams, 1838; Music: Cathy Steere, 2008.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on 1 Peter 3:8–12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have commanded all of us to have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. You have called us to bless even those who do evil to us, that we may obtain a blessing.

All: But we have repaid evil for evil and reviling for reviling, contrary to what You have commanded.

Pastor: You have taught us that whoever desires to love life and see good days should keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.

All: But we have turned away from good and done evil. We have not sought peace or pursued it.

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer.

All: But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Lord, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 8:1–4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: What is impossible with man is possible with God.

Sung Response—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, Vs. 5

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

He speaks and, list' - ning to His voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

The mourn-ful, bro - ken hearts re-joice; the hum-ble poor be - lieve.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1828,
arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived 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 from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,

MEN



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might.



Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the



Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho



high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high - est. A - men.



san-na in the high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est. A - men.

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Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory Wilbur, 2009.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—Come, Ye Disconsolate



Come, ye dis - con - so-late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
Joy of the de - so-late, light of the stray - ing,
Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing



Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound-ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
Here speaks the com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row that Heav-en can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that Heav-en can - not cure."
Earth has no sor - row but Heav-en can re - move.

CCLI #2844402 Text: Thomas More, 1816; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2007.

Congregational Hymn—Calm Content



Fierce pass - ions rise and toss the mind as tem - pests turn the sea;
 In vain by rea - son and by rule we try to bend our will;
 So teach us, then, by hum - ble means, — whe - ther rich or poor,



But calm con - tent and peace we find when, Lord, we turn to Thee;
 For none but in the Sav - ior's school can learn the heav'n - ly skill;
 In times of hun - ger help us lean up - on the grac - ious stores—

Vs. 1 & 2, then Chorus



Lord, we turn to Thee.
 Teach us, Lord, heav'n - ly skill.
 Christ, our Grac - ious — Store.

Chorus



We would find our souls at rest with - in Your care.



We would learn to be con - ent with when and where You lead,



Lord

Text: John Newton, 1779; refrain and vs. 3, Nathan George, 2012;
 Music: CONTENT, Nathan George, 2012.

GOD’S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*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.

Congregational Psalm—The Lord I Will At All Times Bless (Psalm 34)



The Lord I will at all times bless; with praise my mouth em - ploy; ____
 O chil - dren, come, and gath - er round for wis - dom you should hear; ____
 The trou - bles that af - flict the just in num - ber man - y be; ____



My soul shall in Je - ho - vah boast, the hum - ble hear with joy ____
 I'll teach you how to un - der - stand and seek the Lord with fear ____
 But God de - liv - ers from them all the righ - teous He sets free. ____



O let us mag - ni - fy the Lord, ex - alt His name with me. ____
 Re - strain your lips from speak - ing lies, con - trol your fool - ish tongue. ____
 Your bones He care - ful - ly will keep, what - ev - er shall be - fall, ____



Look up to Him, and so your fac - es ra - di - ant shall be.
 De - part from ill, do good, seek peace, so shall your days be long.
 For not so much as one of them can be bro - ken at all.

Chorus



Taste ____ and see ____ that the Lord ____ is good; ____ Take re - fuge in ____ His bless - ing ____

Last time, to Coda



Fear ____ Him, you saints: ____ those who fear ____ the Lord lack no ____ good thing.

Coda



The righ - teous cry un - to the Lord sal - va - tion He im - parts; ____



The Lord is ev - er near to them who ache from bro - ken hearts. ____ A - men.

Text: Psalm 34:1-22, *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, alt. 2021;
 Music: BETHESDA/DUPLEX, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Q. How was Christ exalted in His resurrection?

A. Christ was exalted in His resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death (of which it was not possible for Him to be held), and having the very same body in which He suffered, with the essential properties thereof, (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life), really united to His soul, He rose again from the dead the third day by His own power; whereby He declared Himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and Him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of the quick and dead: all which He did as a public person, the head of His church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

—*The Westminster Larger Catechism*

Key Words: Humble, Trouble, Seek, Cry, Fear, Refuge, Righteous, Taste, Good

Keystone Verses: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!
(Psalm 34:3)