



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, April 5, 2026



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday 9:50 am
in-person and online

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*VISION: Explore Faith,
Embrace Community*
*MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring*

All Means All

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~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

Man of Sorrows

Brooke Ligertwood & Matt Crocker ©2013 Hillsong Publishing

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,
by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
has been on Jesus laid.
Silent as He stood accused,
beaten, mocked and scorned.
Bowing to the Father's will,
He took a crown of thorns

*Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah!
Praise and honor unto Thee!"*

Sent of heaven, God's own Son,
to purchase and redeem
and reconcile the very ones
who nailed Him to that tree. *{Refrain}*

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
{Repeat verse – Refrain}

See the stone is rolled away.
Behold, the empty tomb.
Hallelujah! God be praised!
He's risen from the grave. *{Refrain}*
TAG: *Praise and honor unto Thee!*

Beautiful Terrible Cross

*Todd Smith, Tony Wood, & Chad Cates
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Praise Team*

There is a beautiful, terrible cross
where, though You committed no sin,
Savior, You suffered the most wicked fate
on the cruelest creation of man.

Yet, on that beautiful, terrible cross
You did what only You could:
turning that dark inspired evil of hell
into our soul's greatest good.

*We see the love that You showed us,
we see the life that You lost.
We bow in wonder and praise You
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

There on that beautiful, terrible cross,
though darkness was strong on that hill,
You remained sov'reign, Lord,
still in control
as Your perfect plan was fulfilled.

*We see the love that You showed us,
we see the life that You lost.
We bow in wonder and praise You
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

*Oh, we gained the riches of heaven.
Jesus, You paid the horrible cost.
We stand forgiven and praise You
for the beautiful, terrible cross,
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

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In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever.
'Til my raptured soul shall find
peace beyond the river.
Beautiful cross, terrible cross.
Beautiful cross, terrible cross.

King of Kings

Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood, & Jason Ingram

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In the darkness, we were waiting
without hope, without light,
'til from heaven You came running;
there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word,
from a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation,
You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died.

{Repeat Chorus}

And the morning that You rose,
all of heaven held its breath,
'til that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
to Jehovah are restored.

And the church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name,
in his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ,
who has resurrected me.

*Oh, Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings.
Praise forever to the King of kings.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Lesson: *Luke 24:1-12*

The Resurrection of Jesus

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly

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two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words: Charles Wesley; Arranged by Hal H. Hopson ©1983

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and Heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! AMEN.**

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Christ Is Risen

Brian Wren, 1984 / Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise Your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"**

**God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!**

Lesson: *2 Corinthians 5:14-21* Kathleen Berault, reader

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

William M. James, 1979 / Henry T. Smart, 1867

Congregational Hymn

**Easter people, raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

**Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us
to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

**Every day to us is Easter,
With its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

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Prayers of the People

God of the bright and morning star,
God of the rising sun,
God of darkness banished,
we praise and worship you!
For empty tombs: We thank you!
For disciples running with good news: We thank you!
For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected:
We thank you!
We celebrate your victory over death,
over all the powers that would defeat us.

Help us to grasp resurrection;
to understand its power,
to see its force at work in our world,
overturning evil,
changing the hatred within us,
moving the world slowly, forcefully,
bending us towards love and truth.

On this day of great gladness
empower us to be your ambassadors,
proclaiming good news.
Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,
good news in the offices and workshops
good news in the fields and factories
Help us to be that good news,
walking softly on this good earth
caring gently for all people,
living hopefully into your kingdom.

Let us raise the names of all who are grieving, [Pause]
and for the sick and dying... [Pause]
for countries torn by war and bloodshed... [Pause]
for those who lack adequate food and clean water...
for the stranger who finds no welcome...

We are Easter People living in a Good Friday world,
though today see a glimpse of your kingdom come,
in the person of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns in us forever. Amen.

In Christ Alone

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2002 ThankYou Music
Chancel Choir*

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save
When on that cross as Jesus died
the sting of death was then defied.
For every sin on him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,**

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sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

We Pray for Our Pastor Kathleen Berault

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Redeemer Lives

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I know He rescued my soul,
His blood, He covered my sin,
I believe, I believe.
My shame, He's taken away,
my pain is healed in His name,
I believe, I believe.
I'll raise a banner:
My Lord has conquered the grave!
*My redeemer lives! My redeemer lives!
My redeemer lives! My redeemer lives!*
{Repeat to top – Chorus 2x}

You lift my burden, I rise with you.
I'm dancing on this mountain top
to see Your kingdom come. {Chorus 2x}

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are those who come
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Spoken

Music during Communion:

In the Garden

Words and Music by C. Austin Miles

Arranged by Lloyd Larson ©2009

Chancel Choir

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses.
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing.
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me is falling.
But He bids me go through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
And He walks with me, and He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own.*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The Hallelujah Chorus

Chancel Choir

Annual Worship Theme
February 18 - April 5, 2026

Forgiveness & Reconciliation



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 5, 2026

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

Conflict in middle east

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Arletta

Marie Ahern

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Matias Baker

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*Tim Bush

Dave

David Caffier

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Jeanny Delaspira

Tom Donnachie

Renee Downs

*Jane Drapper

*Jennifer Eden Family

Carilyle Erich

Deb Ferlitto and Mother

Coleson Alexander Fillmore

Marion Ford

Carol Anne Fowler

Sterling Green

Greenan

*Tom Groff

Toni Groff

Jerich Hasieber

Kathy Hertley

Martha Kallaher

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Jimmy/Linda Hess

Ray Hilt

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