



**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

*Hymnal 182*

*All stand, as able.*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

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1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

# Song of Praise

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Verses

ia! \*1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. \_

2. Christ is the first fruits from death, \_

\*\*3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. \_ The

4. The right hand of God raised me up. \_ The

5. The stone which the build - ers re - ject-ed be -

1. Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con- quered death, \_

2. fill- ing the church with his glo - ry! Dark- ness van - ish - es

3. love of the Lord knows no end- ing. All in Is - ra - el

4. hand of the Lord \_\_\_ has tri- umphed. I shall nev - er die,

5. comes \_ the cor - ner- stone cho - sen. Praise the work of God

1. o - pened heav - en to all \_\_\_ be - liev - ers. \_\_\_

2. in the light \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ his pow - er. \_\_\_

3. say: "God's love \_\_\_ has \_\_\_ no end." \_\_\_

4. I shall live \_\_\_ tell - ing God's deeds. \_\_\_

5. for this mar - vel \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ our eyes! \_\_\_

to Refrain

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Presider The Lord be with you.  
 People **And also with you.**  
 Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

## The First Reading

*After the reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

*The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup> Then I called upon your holy Name: \*  
"O God, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>10</sup> How shall I repay God \*  
for all the good things done for me?

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of God.

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to God \*  
in the presence of all people.

<sup>13</sup> Precious in your sight, O God, \*  
is the death of your servants.

<sup>14</sup> O God, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon your holy Name.

<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows to you \*  
in the presence of all your people,

<sup>17</sup> In the courts of God's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

## The Second Reading

*After the reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

**Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see?  
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

God's a - gon-na trou-ble the

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

wa - ter.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

**D.C.**

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## The Holy Gospel

*The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.*

Clergy            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel is proclaimed:*

Clergy            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand, as able.*



*We believe / in one God,  
The Father, / the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven / and earth,  
Of all that is, / seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, / Jesus Christ,  
The only / Son of God,  
Eternally begotten of / the Father,  
God from God, / Light from Light,*

*True God / from true God,  
Begot / ten, not made,  
Of one Being with / the Father.  
Through him all / things were made.*

*For us and for / our salvation  
He came / down from heaven:  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Vir/gin Mary,  
And became / truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under / Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death / and was buried.  
On the third day he rose / again  
In accordance / with the scriptures.*

*He ascended / into heaven  
And is seated at the right hand / of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and / the dead,  
And his kingdom will / have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the gi/ver of life,  
Who proceeds / from the Father.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.  
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,  
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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## The Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor*    Risen God;

*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## The Peace

*Presider*        The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

# Offertory Hymn & Procession

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

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1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

*Celebrant:* As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.*

*Presider* Behold what you are.

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

*The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.*

*Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:*

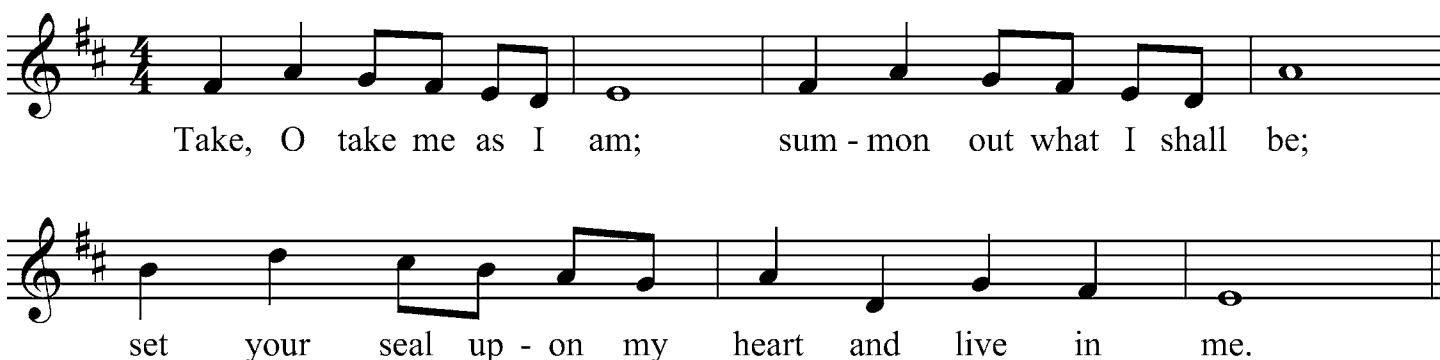
## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

## Communion Hymn

*Take, O take me as I am*

*My Heart Sings Out 46*



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;  
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## Going-Forth Hymn

*Leaning on the everlasting arms*

*Lift Every Voice & Sing II 196*

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,  
2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path  
3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

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1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;  
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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## Dismissal

*The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!'*

*The Ministers and People sing the Easter Troparion (next page) and dance out of the chapel and into a new, resurrected world.*

# Easter Troparion

Three times

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death,  
and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

Music: Serbian melody. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

All Alleluia!



## Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.



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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

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