



EASTER
Sunday
HE IS RISEN

Gilbert Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY!

PRELUDE

Easter Joy

Benjamin
Susan Martinez

VIDEO

The Dawn Of Hope

WELCOMING OF VISITORS AND PASTOR CHRISTIAN JOHNSON
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist—John Stover

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might;

People: The Lord has become our salvation.

Leader: Friends, we come longing for an encounter with the risen
Jesus.

**All: Open our eyes and hearts, Lord. Come, meet us here
today!**

***THE MORNING PRAYER**

Liturgist—John Stover

Risen Lord Jesus, we come this Easter morning with hearts full of wonder and longing. In grief and questions we have searched for you. But you are alive! You meet us where we are, turning tears into joy. We adore you, living Savior. We praise your resurrection victory—the light no darkness overcomes, the love stronger than death. Thank you for welcoming us all into your joyful family. Fill this place with your presence and hope. Send us out as witnesses of your power. Glory to you, our risen King, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crown

Hymn 268

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess our need for your saving grace.
We have lived in fear instead of hope, in doubt instead of trust,
and in selfishness instead of love. Forgive us, we pray.
Cleanse our hearts and raise us to new life through Jesus Christ
our risen Lord.**

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE**

Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Christian

All children are welcome in the front
Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

John Stover, Liturgist

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 NRSVUE
Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Crown Him Lord This Easter Day*

composed by Besig
Chancel Choir

SERMON

The Whisper That Ignites Eternal Dawn

Pastor Christian Johnson

Scripture: John 20:1-18 NRSVUE

Thanks be to God!

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Christian Johnson

OFFERTORY

Worthy Is the Lamb

Zschech/McDonald

*You are invited to use this offertory as a time to reflect
on your offering to God.*

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION /PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Christian Johnson

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

***HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

¹ "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, Ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

² 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!

³ Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

⁴ 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!

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Christian Johnson

HYMN

Halleluia Chorus

G. F. Hande

King of kings! and Lord of lords!
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

My Redeemer Lives!

Morgan/Bennett
Susan Martinez

***If you are able, please rise in body or spirit.**

Attendance last Sunday: 71

Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Bruce Jackson, Gaill Blackburn, Damian Martin, Roy Martin, Amy Johnston, Britney Blackburn, Alex Martin.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: John Stover

Music Director: Damian Martin

Guest Musician: Warrick Darling - Trumpet

Hymn Leaders: Chancel Choir

Pianist/Organist: Susan Martinez

Time with Children: Pastor Christian

Ushers: Lyn Goodbar, Marla Jackson, Mary Sumner

Announcements

AFTER WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not be holding Video Sunday School or Adult Sunday School classes today. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 12.

Wishing you a joyful Easter—**He is Risen!**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study for April 8, will not be held. We will resume on Wednesday, April 15.

JOIN US THIS APRIL & MAY!

“Sent on Mission: Living the Post-Easter Life”

Jesus is risen — and He sends us!

Starting April 12, join us for this 5-week series exploring how the resurrection calls us to live on mission every day — right here in the East Valley and to the ends of the earth.

You’ll hear inspiring stories and music from special guests:

- April 19 — Bruce Main, founder of UrbanPromise
- April 26 — UrbanPromise Fellows from Africa (music + testimonies)
- May 3 — Jorge and Carolina from UrbanPromise Latin America

Come experience uplifting worship, biblical teaching, and real-life examples of ordinary people living sent by the risen Christ. Whether you’re new or have been with us a while, you won’t want to miss it! We can’t wait to see you.

GPC General Information

FIRST TIME GUESTS - Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

OFFERINGS/DONATIONS – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html>. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

NURSERY CARE - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study, meets every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the overflow. All are welcome!

GPC CHOIR

Our choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:00pm! All are welcome to join!

This Week at GPC

Sunday, April 5, 2026

EASTER!

9:00 am – Online & In Person Worship Service
Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

10:30 am – Adult Sunday School

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Monday, April 6

7:00 pm - CE Meeting

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 am - Men's Breakfast

10:30 am - Stewardship Meeting

6:00 pm - Mission/Evangelism Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 pm - Finance Meeting

Thursday, April 9

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 12

Communion & Food Collection

9:00 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:00 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

10:30 am – Video Sunday School

10:30 am – Adult Sunday School

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Happy April Birthday to:

April 8: Anna Carpenter

Happy April Anniversary to:

April 5: Barb & Ken Atchison

April 6: Betty & John Gleason

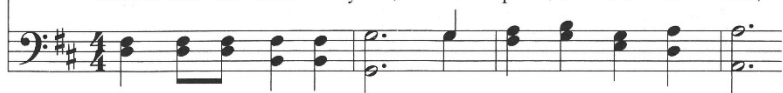
April 6: Judy & Tim Sullivan

HYMN INSERTS

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

582

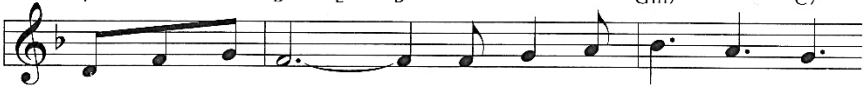
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise


Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551



OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

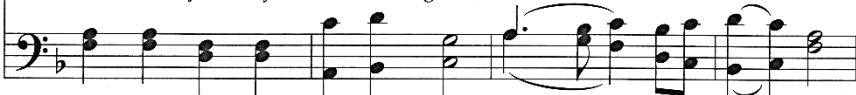


1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"



2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!




All cre - a - tion, join to say:
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to you by both be given,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save,
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,



Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.



Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

Scripture Readings – April 5, 2026

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 NRSVUE - John Stover

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
- 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the word of God!

Thanks be to God!

20 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. **2** 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.” **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, **9** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, **12** 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. **13** 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.” **14** When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** 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.” **16** Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, “Do not touch 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.’” **18** 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.

This is the word of God!

Thanks be to God!