

“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away” (Sunday, April 5, 2026)

Share:

Through God’s miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious new morning.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Read these words from a hymn:

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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!

Read this scripture from worship:

Isaiah 42:1-9, *The Message*

¹⁻⁴ “Take a good look at my servant. I’m backing him to the hilt. He’s the one I chose, and I couldn’t be more pleased with him. I’ve bathed him with my Spirit, my *life*. He’ll set everything right among the nations. He won’t call attention to what he does with loud speeches or gaudy parades. He won’t brush aside the bruised and the hurt and he won’t disregard the small and insignificant, but he’ll steadily and firmly set things right. He won’t tire out and quit. He won’t be stopped until he’s finished his work—to set things right on earth. Far-flung ocean islands wait expectantly for his teaching.”

⁵⁻⁹ GOD’s Message, the God who created the cosmos, stretched out the skies, laid out the earth and all that grows from it, who breathes life into earth’s people, makes them alive with his own life: “I am GOD. I have called you to live right and well. I have taken responsibility for you, kept you safe. I have set you among my people to bind them to me, and provided you as a lighthouse to the nations, to make a start at bringing people into the open, into light: opening blind eyes, releasing prisoners from dungeons, emptying the dark prisons. I am GOD. That’s my name. I don’t franchise my glory, don’t endorse the no-god idols. Take note: The earlier predictions of judgment have been fulfilled. I’m announcing the new salvation work. Before it bursts on the scene, I’m telling you all about it.”

Matthew 28:1-10, *The Message*

¹⁻⁴ After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb. Suddenly the earth reeled and rocked under their feet as God's angel came down from heaven, came right up to where they were standing. He rolled back the stone and then sat on it. Shafts of lightning blazed from him. His garments shimmered snow-white. The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they couldn't move.

⁵⁻⁶ The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed.

⁷ "Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message."

⁸⁻¹⁰ The women, deep in wonder and full of joy, lost no time in leaving the tomb. They ran to tell the disciples. Then Jesus met them, stopping them in their tracks. "Good morning!" he said. They fell to their knees, embraced his feet, and worshiped him. Jesus said, "You're holding on to me for dear life! Don't be frightened like that. Go tell my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, and that I'll meet them there."

Talk Together:

- ✂ What kind of surprising encounters have you had with people and in places?
- ✂ What kind of surprising encounters did Jesus have with people and in places?
- ✂ How did Jesus meet them where they were?
- ✂ What did you discover in Matthew's description of the resurrection?
- ✂ What stories did they tell after these encounters?
- ✂ How does Jesus meet you where you are?
- ✂ How will you "tell the story and live out the story" of resurrection joy and hope this week?

Pray together:

Risen Lord, we turn from the night's vigil toward the first rays of your new dawn warming all creation. We praise you that you are alive here with us and that no power can stop your love. Teach us what it means for Death to relinquish its hold on us, that with renewed hearts we might know resurrection hope in our bodies and cry, Alleluia! Amen.