

EASTER SUNDAY



CHRIST CHURCH SANTA FE
APRIL 5TH, 2026 | 8:45 & 10:45AM



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Do you ever sense creation's restlessness? Do you hear groaning in the cold night wind? Do you feel the forests' loneliness, the oceans' agitation? Do you hear longing in the cries of the whales? Do you see blood and pain in the eyes of wild animals, or the mixture of pleasure and pain in the eyes of your pets? Despite vestiges of beauty and joy, something on this earth is terribly wrong... The creation hopes for, even anticipates, resurrection.

~ Randy Alcorn

Christ was wrongly accused and executed by Satan's earthly pawns. But His resurrection vindicated Him in the law courts of heaven and enabled Him to take away the devil's right and power as heavenly prosecutor.

~ G.K. Beale

A Christian knows that death shall be the funeral of all his sins, his sorrows, his afflictions, his temptations, his vexations, his oppressions, his persecutions. He knows that death shall be the resurrection of all his hopes, his joys, his delights, his comforts, his contentments.

~ Thomas Brooks

PRELUDE

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" – John 11:25-26

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for Thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began
And ye who tread where He hath trod
Crown Him the Son of Man
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast
And takes and bears them for His own
That all in Him may rest

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed over the grave
And rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou has died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Through all eternity



✝ CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Easter sermon of John Chrysostom, ca. 400 AD)

Leader: CHRIST IS RISEN!

All: *HE IS RISEN INDEED!*

Leader: Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free.
He has destroyed it by enduring it.
He destroyed Hell when He descended into it.
He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh

All: *Isaiah foretold this when he said,
"You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."
Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.
It was in an uproar because it is mocked.
It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.
It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.
It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.*

Leader: Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.
O death, where is thy sting?
O Hell, where is thy victory?

All: *Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!*

Leader: Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
CHRIST IS RISEN!

All: *HE IS RISEN INDEED! To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!*

✝ INVOCATION

Leader: Loving God, how often we forget that it is because of You that we live. You made us from the very dust that You created. Then You did the most wondrous of all things, You made us in Your image and You breathed life into us.

All: *In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

†SONG OF ADORATION

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. . . " –Lunke 24:5-6

Christ the Lord is risen today Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high Alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply Alleluia

Vain the stone the watch the seal Alleluia
Christ hath burst the gates of hell Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise Alleluia
Christ hath 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 thy victory O 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

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven Alleluia
Praise to Thee by both be given Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now Alleluia
Hail the Resurrection Thou Alleluia



†SONG OF ADORATION

ALL THE EARTH WILL SING YOUR PRAISES

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?—1 Corinthians 15:55

CHORUS:

*You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise
You did, You're alive
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know You will, all the earth will sing Your praises
All the earth will sing Your praises*

You took, You take our sins away, O God
You give, You gave Your life away for us
You came down, You saved us through the cross
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love

(CHORUS)

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(CHORUS)

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CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION *(please kneel or bow your head as able)*

Leader: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. So, let us confess our sins to God, knowing that He is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:5-6, 9)

Pause for silent reflection and confession of our sins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: *Almighty God, Who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every repentant heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins and cleansing us from an evil conscience, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(please stand)*

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)

All: *Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! Amen!*



† SONG OF ASSURANCE

COME AS YOU ARE

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

– Romans 10:11

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

CHORUS:

*So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(CHORUS)

*Come as you are, Fall in His arms
Come as you are*

There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(CHORUS)



† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader The peace of Christ be with you.

All *And also with you.*

Leader Let us greet and strengthen one another with a sign of His peace.

Greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: *Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Your kingdom come. Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

OFFERING

Gifts may be placed in the offering plates, at the Welcome Desk, or electronically using this QR Code:



✚ OFFERTORY PRAISE SONG

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
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Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

GOSPEL JOURNEY DISMISSAL/ DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

Gospel Journey: for ages 4 years old to 6th grade
Consists of a Bible lesson, activities, snacks, and music
Children return in time for communion

Youth: ages 7th to 12th grade remain in service

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER BOTH SERVICES

Children through
age 12 please
gather by the
piano in the Plaza
after each service
to receive directions
from Miss Jennifer.



† HOLY SCRIPTURE

JOHN 3:1-5, 13-17

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader	The Word of The Lord
<i>All</i>	<i>Thanks be to God</i>



† HYMN OF PRAISE 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. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Greg Schneeberger

MATTHEW 9

For God So Loved the World: The Resurrection of Religious Folk

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREPARATION: WE CONFESS OUR COMMON FAITH

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A 37 & 38

Leader: Christ is spiritually present at this meal - at work through our confession.

Christians, What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

All: *The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, rest in their graves until the resurrection.*

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

All: *At the resurrection, Christ will immediately raise up in glory all believers; He will openly acknowledge and acquit them in the day of judgment, graciously rewarding them according to their works of faith, and they will enter into the full enjoyment of God for all eternity.*

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

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 delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise? – Luke 24:6-7

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

CHORUS:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace*

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

(CHORUS)

His word shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

(CHORUS 2x)

In the light of His glory and grace



✝ CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

GOD SO LOVED

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more
Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

CHORUS 1/2:

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

BRIDGE 1:

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms
(See His open arms)

CHORUS—FULL:

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

BRIDGE 2:

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
His amazing love

CHORUS

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save . . .*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

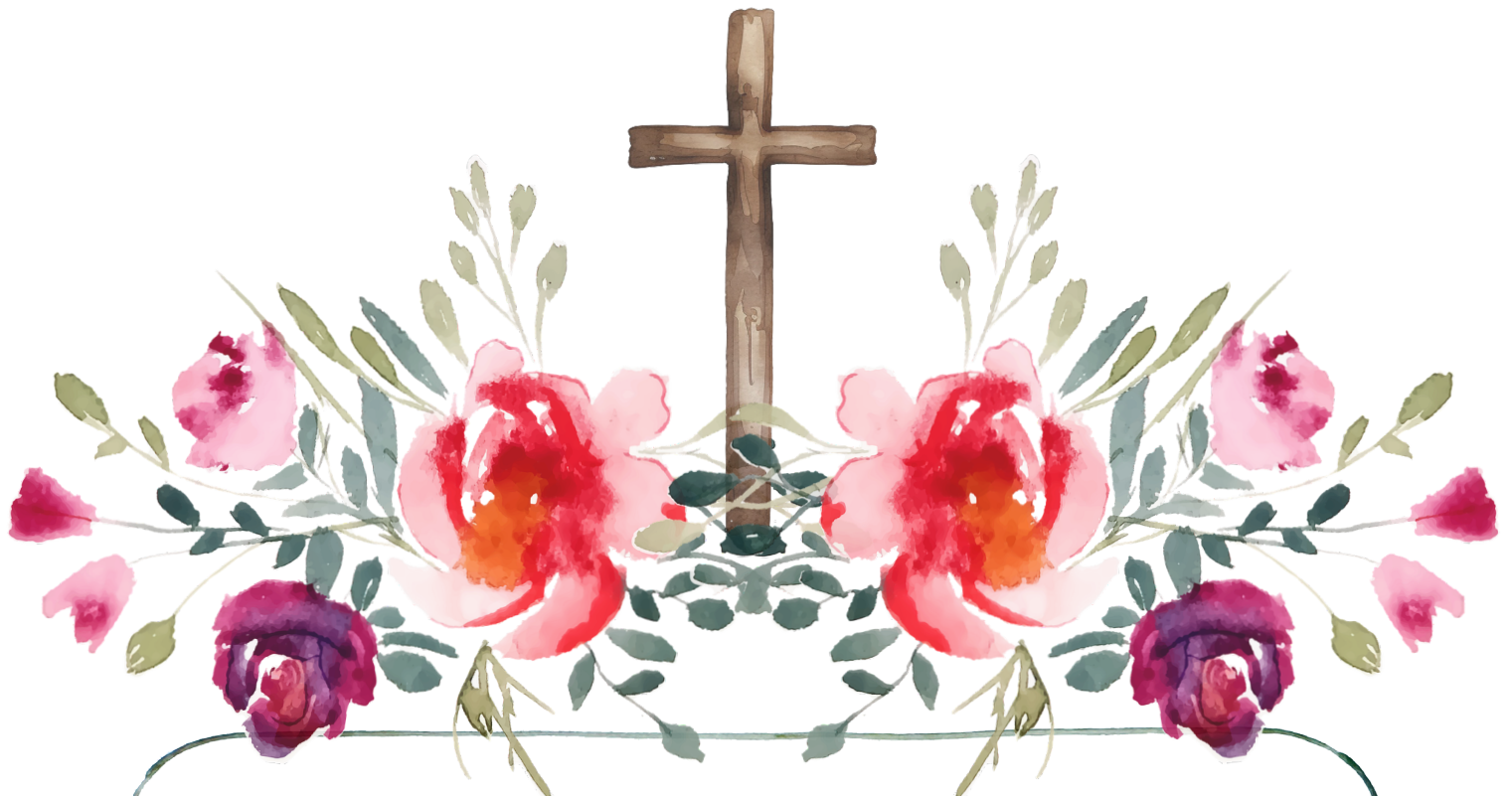
BRIDGE 1

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Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

✝ BENEDECTION

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Reread the text. What is the background to the Nicodemus story? How does John organize his gospel? What's the setting and context?
2. In what ways do you relate to Nicodemus in your own life? How have you struggled with doubt? Where have you relied on religion and rules to feel "right" with God?
3. Why does Nicodemus go to Jesus at night? What do you think he was looking for? What is so utterly shocking to an upstanding religious-person about Jesus' response?
4. What does it mean to be born again? How is that a resurrection? How did God foreshadow that in the Old Testament? What does it mean for our hope and life today?
5. In what way does God love the world? What does Jesus do? What part do we play? How is this such great news for religious folk?
6. How do we see this all play out in Nicodemus' story, especially in John 19:39? How might this help us praise God for his resurrection power in our own stories, and have good news to share with Santa Fe?



OFFERING REPORT THROUGH 3/29/26

Year to Date
\$233,515

Budget Goal
\$1.2 M

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

CCSF OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, APRIL 6TH. We will be open Tuesday through Thursday as usual from 9 am to 4 pm.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PLAZA BETWEEN SERVICES Snacks and treats for everyone!

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE FOR CCSF FAMILIES! On Sunday, April 5 we will be opening our **brand new nursing mother's room**. Conveniently located in the children's area right next to the infant nursery and toddler's playroom. This will provide a place for mothers with infant children to care for their babies in a discreet, tranquil space with all the amenities needed for infant care, including a live stream of the service. That way, that stepping out of the service won't mean missing service. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this happen, and especially to the Lord for providing this wonderful gift!

WOMEN'S "SIMPLY DIVINE" SPRING MIXER Thursday, May 7th, 5-7 pm. You won't want to miss this special evening of good food, mocktails, and meeting new friends. Tara Bylenga will discuss Divine Appointments ... with focus on Esther: "for such a time as this," followed by some personal stories. Child care is provided and moms, feel free to invite your older daughters to attend with you. Fun for all! No cost for anything. Please RSVP to Sylvia at sylviasims@christchurchsantafe.org or sign up in the Plaza.

COMMUNITY GROUPS Looking for a way to get to know folks in the CCSF community, grow in your faith, and connect with your neighbors in Santa Fe? Then you should join a community group! We have groups that meet all across the city (and a little beyond!) all throughout the week, so there is no shortage of opportunity to plug in. Pick up a brochure with the group contacts and check out the map locations of the groups in the CCSF Plaza.

Would you like to receive our **Monday e-newsletter**? Sign up by sending an email to ccsfgraphics@christchurchsantafe.org OR ccsfoffice@christchurchsantafe.org with subject line "sign me up", or contact the church office at 505-982-8817.

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- Learn more about Christianity
- Attend a Welcome/Membership Class
- Attend a Bible Study
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