

Wee Worship ■ Easter Day 2026

A service for preschool children and their families



GATHERING SONG *sung by all*

This is the day!_____ This is the day!_____

This is the day_____ that the Lord has made!

Let us re - joice!_____ Let us re - joice!_____

Let us re - joice_____ and be glad in it!

OPENING PRAYER *Adapted from The Shema*

Presider	Let us love God with our hearts	People	and our neighbors as ourselves.
Presider	Let us love God with our minds	People	and our neighbors as ourselves.
Presider	Let us love God with our strength	People	and our neighbors as ourselves.

SONG *sung by all*

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?) down in my heart to stay!
I've got the love of Jesus . . .

And I'm so happy, so very happy! I have the love of Jesus in my heart!
And I'm so happy, so very happy! I have the love of Jesus in my heart!

I've got the peace that passes understanding . . .

THE LESSON OF THE DAY, FOLLOWED BY A STORY

Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too. All sing alleluia (see box), after which the lesson is read and a story relating to the lesson is told.

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We believe in God the creator; we believe in Christ the Son;
we believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is Three in One.

ALLELUIA

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE PRAYERS

We pray for the church, the world, and those people who need our prayers. After each bidding, the People sing



THE PEACE

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

SONG *sung by all*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Presider and People in dialogue:

Presider **God be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Presider **Lift up your hearts.**

People **We lift them unto God.**

Presider **Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.**

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

We give thanks to you all-holy God, for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. So we offer our praise to you, as we sing:

The People sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

Glory and praise to you, holy and living God. You sent your beloved child Jesus to enter our world as a baby. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He ate with the sad and the lost, healed the sick, and brought good news to the poor.

On the night before he died for us on the cross, he ate dinner with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. As you eat it, remember me."

After dinner Jesus took a cup of wine, again gave thanks to God, and gave the wine to his friends to drink, saying: "Drink this, all of you, for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for the whole world for the forgiveness of sins. As you drink it, remember me."

And so we sing our story of faith:

All sing **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues

God of love, we offer you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, filled with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

All sing **Amen.**

Presider Let us now pray in the words Jesus taught us:

All sing

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is kept and the bread is broken.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar station.
After receiving the bread and the wine, people may return to their seats. Songs are sung during communion.*

COMMUNION SONG *sung by all*

Thank you, God, for this fine day. Thank you, God, for this fine day.

Thank you, God, for this fine day right where we are.

REFRAIN: Alleluia, praise God! Alleluia, praise God! Alleluia, praise God. Alleluia!

Thank you, God, for songs to sing . . .

Thank you, God, for loving us . . .

COMMUNION SONG *sung by all*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find.

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION SONG: THANK YOU, GOD *sung by all*

Thank you, God. Thank you, God.

I just want to thank you, God.

The Presider blesses the People.

SENDING SONG: GO NOW IN PEACE *sung by all*



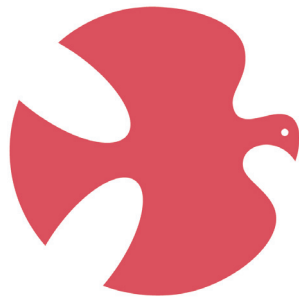
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of
God sur - round you Eve - ry - where, eve - ry - where you may go.

The Presider dismisses the people.

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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