



**Easter Celebration Service**  
**April 5, 2026**

Please silence your cell phone

**Prelude**

*Festive Prelude for Easter for Organ*  
Lorraine Forsdick  
Dr. Grace Park, Organist

**Easter Hymn**  
(please stand if able)

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
Charles Wesley  
#234 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

**Introit**

*He is Alive*  
Buryl Red  
LNPC Chancel Choir & Ensemble

*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!*

He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!

He is alive and he's opened the door,  
He gives me hope to live life evermore.  
He is alive and so I celebrate,  
This is the story that I must relate.

*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!*

He is alive and he's shown me the way,  
He gives me joy to begin everyday.  
He is alive and he's opened the door,  
He gives me hope to live life evermore.  
He is alive and so I celebrate,  
This is the story that I must relate.

He is alive and I love him,  
I am alive and he loves me.  
He is alive and I love him,  
I am alive and he loves me.

*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!*

He is alive and I love him,  
I am alive and he loves me.  
He is alive and I love him,  
I am alive and he loves me.

He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!

**Gathering Prayer**

He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!  
He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!

Hallelujah, halle, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, halle hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, halle, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, halle hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, halle, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, halle hallelujah!

**Hymns of Praise**  
(please stand if able)

*Glorious Day*  
Ingram, Smith, Stanfill, & Curran  
Sydney Malone, Worship Singer  
Lee Lee Truong - Sawicki, Keyboard & Hiram Rivera, Drums

He is alive and he's shown me the way,  
He gives me joy to begin everyday.

He is alive and I love him,  
I am alive and he loves me.  
He is alive and I love him,  
I am alive and he loves me.

*I was buried beneath my shame.  
Who could carry that kind of weight?  
It was my tomb 'til I met You.*

**Welcome**

Pastor Jim Szeyller

*I was breathing but not alive.  
All my failures I tried to hide.  
It was my tomb 'til I met You.*

*You called my name,  
And I ran out of that grave!  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!  
You called my name,  
And I ran out of that grave!  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

*Now Your mercy has saved my soul.  
Now Your freedom is all that I know.  
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.*

*You called my name,  
And I ran out of that grave!  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!  
You called my name,  
And I ran out of that grave!  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

*I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.  
I needed shelter. I was an orphan.  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.*

*When I was broken, You were my healing;  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.  
I have a future. My eyes are open,  
'Cause when You called my name,*

*I ran out of that grave!  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!  
You called my name,  
And I ran out of that grave!  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

*Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost  
But now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see*

*Singing Hallelujah  
There's no chains on me  
Thank You Jesus  
You have set me free  
  
You welcomed me in,  
Called me by name,  
Was dead in my sin,  
Now I'm dancing on that grave.  
Hallelujah,  
It really is amazing grace.*

*'Twas grace that taught  
My heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did  
That grace appear  
The hour I first believed.*

*Singing Hallelujah,  
There's no chains on me.  
Thank You Jesus,  
You have set me free.  
  
You welcomed me in,  
Called me by name,  
Was dead in my sin,  
Now I'm dancing on that grave.  
Hallelujah,  
It really is amazing grace.*

***It Really is Amazing Grace***  
Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith

*I'll testify  
Of what He did.  
He gave me life,  
I'm born again.  
My heart is free,  
My soul is saved.  
It really is amazing grace.*

*I'll testify  
Of what He did.  
He gave me life,  
I'm born again.  
My heart is free,  
My soul is saved.  
It really is amazing grace.*

*It really is, it really is,  
It really is amazing grace.  
It really is, it really is.*

*Sing Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah,  
There's no chains on me.  
Thank You Jesus,  
You have set me free.*

*You welcomed me in,  
Called me by name,  
Was dead in my sin,  
Now I'm dancing on that grave.  
Hallelujah,  
It really is amazing grace.*

*It really is,  
It really is amazing grace.  
It really is, it really is,  
It really is amazing grace.*

**Prayer of Confession**

Susie Hess

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Response of Thanksgiving**

(please stand if able)

***Because He Lives***

William Gaither

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

**Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ**

**Anthem**

***He Arose, Hallelujah!* with *Christ Arose***

Arr. by Daniel Semsen

Low in the grave He lay  
Jesus, my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day  
Jesus, my Lord!

But death had no power;  
It had now sway.  
The tomb could not hold him,  
For in three days,

He arose, Hallelujah!  
He arose, Amen!  
He arose, triumphant!  
Hallelujah, Christ arose!  
He arose!

Death cannot keep his prey.  
Jesus, my savior!  
He tore the bars away  
Jesus, my Lord!

He arose, Hallelujah!  
He arose, Amen!  
He arose, triumphant!  
Hallelujah, Christ arose!

Up from the grave, He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign, to reign!

He arose, Hallelujah!  
He arose, Amen!  
He arose, triumphant!  
Hallelujah, Christ

He arose, Hallelujah!  
He arose, Amen!  
He arose, triumphant!  
Hallelujah, Christ arose!  
(Up from the grave He arose!)  
He arose!  
(Up from the grave, He arose!)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**Message for Young Disciples**

Becky Szeyller and Emma Courtney

**First Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 118: 14 - 24**  
Maddox Fitzpatrick  
Pew Bible pp. 565 - 566

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Hymn of Preparation**  
(please stand if able)

***Thine Is the Glory***  
Edmond L. Budry  
#251 (vv. 1, 3)

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Luke 24: 1 - 10**  
Mason Courtney  
Pew Bible p. 90

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they

told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

**Sermon**

***Embracing Resurrection!***

**Time of Reflection**

**Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings  
& One Great Hour of Sharing**

Tavin McKinley

**Offertory**

***Rejoice Greatly*** from ***Messiah***  
G. F. Handel  
Hope Ge Tian, Solo

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice greatly.  
Rejoice great,  
O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee,  
Rejoice, rejoice

And shout, shout, shout, shout,  
Rejoice greatly.  
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem,  
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee,  
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee.

**Pastoral Prayer & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, 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 of Response**  
(please stand if able)

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**Charge & Benediction**

**Hallelujah Chorus**  
(please stand if able)

*Hallelujah! (10X)*

*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*The kingdom of this world  
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;*

**Lift High the Cross**  
Sydney Nicholson  
#229 (vv. 1, 5)

*And He shall reign forever and ever,  
For ever and ever, forever and ever,*

*King of kings, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
And Lord of lords, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,*

*King of kings, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
And Lord of lords, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,*

*King of kings, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
And Lord of lords, King of kings and Lord of Lords,*

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

*And He shall reign forever and ever,  
King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
King of kings! and Lord of lords!*

*And He shall reign forever and ever, forever and ever,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!*

*(In consideration of our livestream, please be seated until the Postlude is over before  
exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.)*

**Postlude**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**  
Arr. by Mark Rippe

**Thank You to the Following Musicians:**

Annelle Gregory, Violin  
David Stope, Trumpet  
George Osorio, Bassoon & Trombone  
Thomas Francis, Bass Trombone

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## Prayer Concerns

### LNPC Members

Steve Foster  
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer  
Ellen Hampsten  
Claire Hirakawa  
C.M. Hourigan  
Linda Klein  
Nancy LeBlanc  
Kathleen Lechner  
Allen Renning  
Dave Ross  
Tasha Schwarz  
Gary Wright

### Peace & Comfort

Family of Marvel Anderson  
Family of Suzanne Chapman  
Jaime & Lani Colley and Family  
(Jaime's Father)  
Fred and Janice Ehlers &  
Family (Fred's Mother & Friend)  
Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)  
Eileen Green (Brother)  
Nora and Mark Imfeld & Family  
(Nora's Father)  
Sharon and Greg Johnson &  
Family (Sharon's Brother, Bob)

Lange Family (Mindy)  
Kathleen Lechner (Daughter)  
Moore Family & John Flannery  
(Mike Moore)  
Family of Louanna Robeson  
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# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



## Sunday, April 5, 2026 Announcements

### *Children bathroom independent through 5th Grade\**

Worship is attended as a family until the Recognition of Children, when our young children are excused to go with their teachers to the Sunday School classroom located in the hallway off the Narthex.

*\*If you are in need of nursery space during the service, you are invited to use the Quiet Room, equipped with livestream, located across from the Sunday School Room.*



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## Noteworthy News

- ◆ **Thank You Luncheon:** Next Sunday, April 12th, immediately following the 10 am service. Join us in Gard Hall to thank the Vanguard Concert Choir for blessing us in worship. Enjoy fellowship, good food, and a time of gratitude as we honor their gift of music and ministry with our LNPC family.
- ◆ **WALK PRAY LOVE:** A Women's Ministry Fellowship. We gather from 9:30 - 11:30 am for guided Scripture journaling before setting out on a walk in a new, beautiful setting. We meet next on Saturday, April 18th, at the Wood Canyon Discovery Center. We hope you can join us! On May 2nd, meet at the tables on Selva Street, Strands access. On May 16th, meet at Heritage Prak in Dana Point.
- ◆ **LNPC YTH:** Open Mic Worship Night! Friday, April 17th, 7pm, in The Garage. A night just for youth to come together and take the lead in a relaxed space where faith comes to life through music, prayer and personal expression. Sign up online for this great opportunity to share your talents and encourage one another as a community in Christ.
- ◆ **Men's Ministry:** Save the date and purchase your ticket today! Angel's Game on Friday, May 1st. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Register on the patio after church or online.

## Prayer Concerns

### Family & Friends (Church Contact)

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Ginny Bowman (Heath)                             | Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)   |
| John Carruth (Ehlers)                            | Rene (Woody)                |
| Annie Coleman (Coleman)                          | George Rihovsky             |
| Chi Cau (Lee Lee)                                | Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)    |
| Robyn Fong (Ehlers)                              | Bob Strickler (Ditto)       |
| Phil Hermsmeyer (Muck)                           | Dave Tuma (Troester)        |
| Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)                        | Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven) |
| Sophia Truong and Elaine Phan & Family (Lee Lee) |                             |

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

| <u>April</u> | <u>5</u>                   | <u>SUNDAY</u>          | <u>April</u> | <u>9</u>            | <u>THURSDAY</u>        |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 6:00 am      | Sunrise Service            | Patio                  | 1:00 pm      | FAM Food Dist.      | Parking Lot            |
| 10:00 am     | Easter Celebration Service | Sanctuary / Livestream | 4:00 pm      | Holy Yoga Chair     | Gard C                 |
| 4:00 pm      | The Journey                | Gard A                 | 5:45 pm      | Worship & Music     | Conference Room        |
|              |                            |                        | 6:30 pm      | Choir Rehearsal     | Sanctuary              |
| <u>April</u> | <u>6</u>                   | <u>MONDAY</u>          | <u>April</u> | <u>10</u>           | <u>FRIDAY</u>          |
| 7:00 am      | AA Men's                   | Gard B                 | 7:00 am      | AA Men's            | Gard B                 |
| 10:30 am     | AA Women's                 | Gard B                 | 9:30 am      | AA Women's          | Gard C                 |
| 1:30 pm      | Staff                      | Conference Room        |              |                     |                        |
| 8:00 pm      | AA Mixed                   | Gard B                 | <u>April</u> | <u>11</u>           | <u>SATURDAY</u>        |
|              |                            |                        | 9:00 am      | Buildings & Grounds | Conference Room        |
|              |                            |                        | 9:00 am      | Bag Ladies          | Kitchen                |
| <u>April</u> | <u>7</u>                   | <u>TUESDAY</u>         | <u>April</u> | <u>12</u>           | <u>SUNDAY</u>          |
| 9:30 am      | Al-Anon Mixed              | Gard B                 | 10:00 am     | Sunday Worship      | Sanctuary / Livestream |
| 10:30 am     | Pastor's Bible Study       | Conference Room        |              |                     |                        |
| 6:00 pm      | Women's Bible Study        | The Library            | 11:00 am     | Thank You Lunch     | Gard Hall              |
| <u>April</u> | <u>8</u>                   | <u>WEDNESDAY</u>       | 11:30 am     | Congregational Life | Conference Room        |
| 6:00 pm      | AA Mixed                   | Gard B                 | 3:00 pm      | Middle School       | The Garage             |
| 6:00 pm      | PNC                        | Conference Room        | 4:00 pm      | High School         | The Garage             |
|              |                            |                        | 4:00 pm      | The Journey         | Gard A                 |

*(\*New addition - Names will appear for 3 months unless otherwise specified by those who submit the prayer request.)*

**To submit a prayer request or notify us that one can be removed:  
office@lnpc.org or 949.249.1218**