



**Christ Church South**  
The Season of Easter

*If, then, you have been raised with Christ,  
seek the things that are above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.*

*– Colossians 3:1*



Opening Song

*Beautiful Creator*

We worship you 'cause we believe  
You are God of Everything  
the moon, the stars, the galaxies,  
all of nature's mysteries

You made them for our pleasure  
What a loving God we serve

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You made the earth, the skies, and seas  
The Autumn leaves, the birds that sing,  
The rain that falls from heaven  
The sun that rises in the morning

We pour out our hearts and sing  
to the God who gives us all good things  
You deserve our praise  
You deserve our praise

You command the wind that blows,  
Thunder, lightning, rain, and snow  
Your hand makes the rivers flow  
We worship you, because we know

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# Song of Procession

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

I am weak, but Thou art strong,  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong,  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, dear Lord close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

No foundation ought be laid  
Save for one who can't be swayed  
Burn my stubble, wood and hay  
Precious stones will I lay, Lord with Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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*At this time, our children  
are invited to follow the cross  
down to children's chapel.*



Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy  
Name; through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# *The Easter Song*

Hear the bells ringing, They're singing  
that you can be born again - Hear the bells ringing  
They're singing Christ is risen from the dead

The angel up on the tombstone said, He has risen,  
just as He said, Quickly now, go tell his disciples  
that Jesus Christ is no longer dead

Joy to the world, He has risen, hallelujah, He's risen,  
hallelujah, He's risen, hallelujah, hallelujah

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

## Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know  
is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly  
to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way,  
the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly  
follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.

*Amen.*



# The Lessons

## Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed,  
“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice,  
“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set  
for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your lovingkindness save me.



# Sequence Hymn:

*Your word, o Lord isn't hard to hear  
It's hard to take to heart  
Your call is open, it's clean and clear  
For those who play their part*

*If you should send your angel  
to pass along your word  
or should it be a quiet little bird  
Let it be, let it be in my heart  
as it is in your will*



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## John 14:1-14

Jesus said "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth,  
and the life; no one comes to the Father,  
but by me. If you had known me, you would have  
known my Father also; henceforth you know him  
and have seen him."

Philip said to him,  
"Lord, show us the Father,  
and we shall be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



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Today's Sermon  
*The Rev. Tim Kennedy*



## The Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from

the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to  
judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son. With the Father  
and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic,  
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



# The Prayers of the People

(Form III)

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church  
may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers  
of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Donald, Greg, and Don, and all who  
govern and hold authority  
in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will  
in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

We pray for Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora,  
Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Lee, Cody, Lorrylei,  
Thomasine and for peace in Ukraine  
and the Middle East.

Have compassion on those  
who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed,  
especially Dick Willms, eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints  
who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs  
and for the needs of others.

*Silence*

*At this time the congregation is invited to lift  
their petitions and thanksgiving to God.*

Concluding Prayer.



## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*



# Welcome

Visitors!

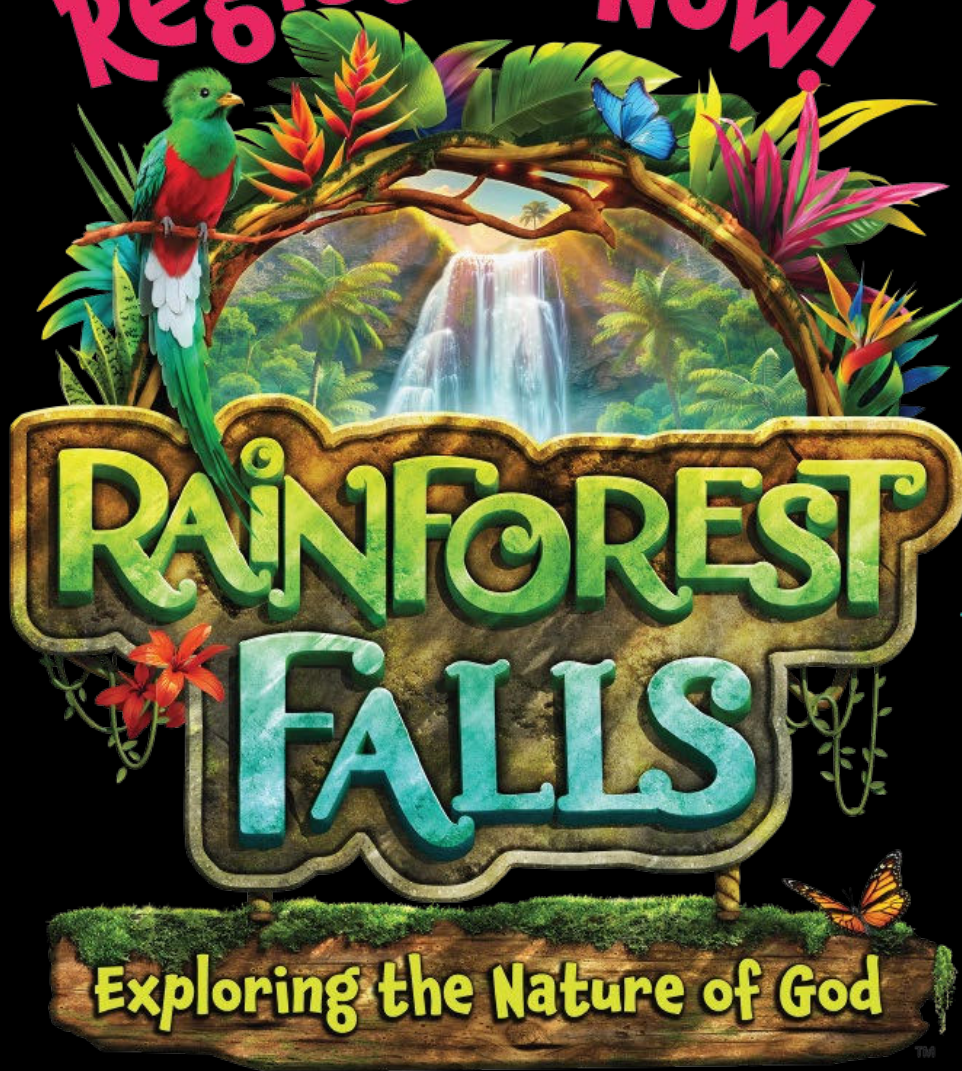
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Register Now!



Exploring the Nature of God

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
June 22-26, 2026

Volunteers  
**NEEDED**

Who: "rising" K - 5th graders  
Location: All Saint Episcopal School

Time: 9 - noon



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# The Bob Rowlett Memorial Open Golf Tournament

[www.christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament)



**RESCHEDULED for  
Monday, May 11th**

**Friday, May 1, 2026 | 9:00am**

*Pine Springs Golf Club*

**5630 CR 334 | Tyler, TX 75708**



*The  
Order  
of the  
Daughters  
of the King*



*Last meeting of the season*

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm CCS**

**POTLUCK SOCIAL**

# Find more announcements on the screens in the reception areas.



Offertory &  
Song of Preparation

*Instrument of Peace*

Lord make me an instrument of peace  
instrument of peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love  
Where there is darkness let me sow light  
For in the giving we shall receive  
and in the dying, we're given life

Lord make me an instrument of peace  
instrument of peace

Lord make me an instrument of peace  
instrument of peace

Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope  
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith  
Where there is injury, your pardon give  
Your consolation to those in pain

Lord make me an instrument of peace  
instrument of peace

Lord make me an instrument of peace  
instrument of peace

Amen, amen

*Instrument of Peace*, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Jessica Fox,  
Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, 2020 Integrity Worship Music 20214482



## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper preface is sung or said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with  
Angels and Archangels and with all the company  
of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to  
proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death.*

*We proclaim his resurrection.*

*We await his coming in glory.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread  
and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*Amen*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are  
bold to say,

*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, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

# The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Alleluia.*

# Fraction Anthem

O, Lamb of God that takest away  
the sins of the world have mercy upon us.

O, Lamb of God that takest away  
the sins of the world have mercy upon us.

O, Lamb of God that takest away  
the sins of the world  
grant us thy peace

## Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.



# Communion Song

*Joyful Joyful we Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

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*Joyful Joyful we Adore Thee*, Lyrics: Henry Van Dyke, 1907, Tune: Beethoven,  
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# Communion Song

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The Rock on which I build,  
my Shield and Hiding-place;  
My never-failing Treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
O Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

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in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*, Lyrics: John Newton, 1779,  
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*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.*

*Amen.*



# The Final Blessing



Recessional

*Come See What the Lord has Done*

Come, see what the Lord has done  
His works and mighty deeds  
He took us through the sea  
We're walking with dry feet.

Come, hear what the Lord has done  
All those with a heart to listen  
His praise is on my tongue  
My sin has been forgiven.

Sing the glory of his name  
His promise will not change  
He sent his only Son  
Come, see what the Lord has done.

Come, gather at his throne  
Confess on bended knee  
Come, say with all the nations,  
That. “Jesus Christ is King!

Sing the glory of his name  
His promise will not change  
He sent his only Son  
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*Come See What the Lord Has Done, Lyrics - Chuck Colson Music - Andy Zipf  
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## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*