



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena Valley

We are glad you are here.

Please visit our website at www.avpc.org for more information about our beliefs, our staff and our ministries.

We want you to feel as comfortable as possible while attending worship with us, so here are a few details which might be helpful to you.

- Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families. But, in case you need it, we do offer childcare for children ages 3 and under during both morning services. Please ask an usher for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Midway through the worship services, children ages 4 to 6 years old will be dismissed and escorted to their own church time in Room L-1 of the Education Building. Parents can pick up their children after Sunday School or after the 11:00 AM service.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

If you are visiting with us, we would love an opportunity to get to know you better. Please scan the QR code below, or sign the pew registry pad. We give our first-time visitors a small gift, which you can get in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

Come, let us worship together!

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 17, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

“Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)”

The moon and stars they wept, the morning sun was dead. The Savior of the world was fallen, his body on the cross. His blood poured out for us, the weight of every curse upon him. One final breath he gave as heaven looked away. The Son of God was laid in darkness, a battle in the grave, the war on death was waged, the power of hell forever broken. The ground began to shake, the stone was rolled away. His perfect love could not be overcome. Now death, where is your sting? Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated. Now forever he is glorified. Forever he is lifted high and forever he is risen. He is alive. We sing hallelujah! The Lamb has overcome.

Words and music by Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, and Kari Jobe.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Leader) Alleluia! Christ is risen.

(Congregation) He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Then they remembered his words.

(All) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Adapted from Luke 24:5c-8; 1 Cor. 15:55-56; 2 Cor. 5:21.

We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.

Through God's Word, his people are called to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

*Our welcome
of one another
is a tangible
expression of
God's welcome
to us.*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise. Alleluia!
Christ has 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!
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise. Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

“Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him.
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice.*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease.
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice.*

Come young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing.
Shore to shore we hear them call.
The truth that cries through every age,
Our God is all in all.

*Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice.*

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5b-11

“What a Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in you, our Christ.

*(Chorus 1) What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

*(Chorus 2) What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

*(Bridge) Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
For you are raised to life again.
You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.*

*(Chorus 3) What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

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Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that often we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Worship Sourcebook N.2.2.4.

SILENT CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

*As a corporate
body, we confess
our sins to God and
call out to him for
forgiveness and
renewal through
the cleansing blood
of Jesus Christ.*

*We encourage you
to use this time for
silent reflection.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Sourcebook N.2.4.2 and N.2.4.3.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Words by Stuart Townend. Music by Keith Getty.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER (8:30 AM Service)

SHARING & PRAYER (11:00 AM Service)

*I am convinced
that neither
death nor life,
neither angels nor
demons, neither
the present nor
the future, nor
any powers,
neither height
nor depth, nor
anything else
in all creation,
will be able to
separate us from
the love of God
that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39

PLEASE BE SEATED

In biblical times, the Year of Jubilee, which came every 50 years, was a year when Israelites were released from their debts, slaves were set free, and original property which had been lost or traded was returned to the family. Additionally, during this sabbatical year, there was to be no sowing nor reaping nor pruning of vines, and everyone was expected to live on what the fields produced "of themselves," and no attempt was to be made at storing up the products of the land. It was a year of rejoicing, liberation, renewal, restoration, and trusting in God's abundant provision. With Jesus' resurrection, our Year of Jubilee has come!

Leviticus 25

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow"

Blow ye the trumpet, blow! The gladly solemn sound let all the nations know, to earth's remotest bound: the year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home. Jesus, our great high priest, hath full atonement made; ye weary spirits rest; ye mournful souls, be glad: the year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home. Extol the Lamb of God, the all-atoning Lamb; redemption in his blood throughout the world proclaim: the year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home. The gospel trumpet hear, the news of heavenly grace; and saved from earth appear before your Savior's face: the year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home. Blow ye the trumpet, blow!

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Lewis Edson. Arrangement by Carlton R. Young.

SCRIPTURE READING • John 11:38-44

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

SERMON • “Ain’t No Grave” Rev. Brad Allison

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday, bookends that highlight two features of Christianity. We trust and obey Jesus as our King (Palm Sunday) and we are filled with hope that all things will be made new (Easter). The raising of Lazarus from the dead happens just days before Holy Week, but it foreshadows the resurrection to come on Easter Sunday. This is the seventh and climactic miracle of Jesus recorded in John’s Gospel. We can almost feel Hell shaking as Jesus orders the stone to be taken away. The reign of terror from Satan, holding people in bondage to the fear of death, will soon be ended. Jesus comes to us today, as he came to his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus, ministering the incredibly good news of resurrection life. I note four features of this ministry.

I. Patience

II. Truth (to Martha)

III. Emotional Connection (to Mary)

IV. An Invitation to Faith

*As an act of
worship, we give
back to God a
portion of our
many blessings.*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Ain’t No Grave”

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave. Shame is a robber and he’s come to take my name. Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground. Love is the power where my freedom song is found. There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down. When I hear that trumpet sound I’m gonna rise up out of the ground. There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down. Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue. Fear is a tyrant; he’s always telling me to run. Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound. Love is my weapon; I’m gonna take my giants down. There was a battle, a war between death and life. There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified. He went on down to hell, he took back every key. He rose up as a lion; now he’s setting all the captives free. There ain’t no grave could hold his body down. When he heard the trumpet sound he rose up out of the ground. There ain’t no grave could hold his body down.

Based on an Appalachian gospel song. Words and music by Claude Ely, Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser, and Molly Skaggs.

SONG OF RESPONSE • (See sheet music)

PLEASE STAND

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords forever and ever! Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

*Our worship
concludes with
God sending us
into the world
with his blessing.*

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (April 18 - 24)

2 Samuel 1-2 2 Samuel 5; Psalm 23 2 Samuel 6-7 Psalm 18; 2 Sam 9 2 Samuel 11-12

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Mike and Suzannah Sense. The long wait for Visas is over and Mike and Suzannah are once again headed to Prague to lead the Serge Apprenticeship Program. This involves training and discipling apprentices, helping them process and traverse their cross-cultural experience as well as helping them plug into the existing Serge ministries in Prague - church plants, RUF, and refugee ministry.

- **COVID PROTOCOL:** Both early and late services are mask-optional in the Sanctuary; seating in the Parlor is social distanced and mask-required for the early service.
- **MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND:** Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event, Friday, April 22. Attendance at this or another weekend offered throughout the year is required for church membership. Visit the *Announcements* tab of the church website, email Christine (christine@avpc.org) or call the church office to register and request childcare. Deadline to register is today.
- **ADULT SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP:** In partnership with Cahaba Park Church (PCA), the AVPC Missions Team is planning a construction trip to assist with a church in Costa De Pajaros, Costa Rica July 16-23. Space is limited. Please contact Jim Darden at 205-527-0503 for more information.
- **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON:** The Spring Women's Luncheon will be on Sunday, April 24, and will be similar to the luncheon we had in January. Your small group of 6-8 women can choose to eat inside, outside, at a restaurant, at a park, or in someone's home. We hope you decide to join in to establish or renew some connections with your sisters in Christ at AVPC. Today is the deadline to RSVP to Heather@avpc.org.
- **PRAYER SERVICE:** Mark your calendar for our next prayer service scheduled for May 15, at 5:00 PM, in Altadena Park. More details will be coming soon.
- **PRAYER OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** As a church, we have several opportunities to support and pray over the PCA's GA meeting in Birmingham June 21 – 24 at BJCC: (1) "REMOTE" Pray-ers will receive regular emails to pray for attendees and other concerns; (2) "ON-SITE" Pray-ers will pray in small group during week of GA; and (3) "EVENT" Pray-ers attend Pre-Assembly large group prayer time June 21st. If you are interested in more information, please contact Chris Peters directly at cpeters@crosscreekchurch.net or Steve Barley, chair of the AVPC Prayer Ministry Team.
- **COMING SOON:** Be on the lookout! On April 25, registrations for Camp Solid Rock volunteer and campers will be available. Be sure to save the dates of June 6 - 10 for this EPIC week of Camp Solid Rock worship and fun!

Calendar

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 17)

HE IS RISEN INDEED

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
 7:20 AM Easter Breakfast
 8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad preaching

MONDAY (APRIL 18)

6:30 AM Men's Study

TUESDAY (APRIL 19)

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 20)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (APRIL 24*)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Genesis 1
 12:30 PM Ladies Spring Luncheon
 4:30 PM Community Groups
 5:00 PM Community Groups
 Men's Community Group
 Preteens, Superkids, Bible Club
 Youth Group

- **YOUTH SUNDAY - MAY 1:** Be sure to attend on May 1, when the youth of Altadena will lead the worship service. This is the ninth year we have celebrated our amazing youth and honored our graduating seniors. The senior boys "Free Flight" will be from 12:30 - 2:00 PM in Altadena Park and the "Senior Girls Tea" will be hosted by Ali Campbell. More details will be coming later.
- **YAKAMA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER:** You are invited to participate in a church-wide talent show to raise funds for the upcoming youth mission trip to Sacred Road Ministries and the Yakama people. Come join the fun on Saturday, May 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Participating acts should register with Clint Cvacho by May 1. Questions? Contact clint@avpc.org.

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

	04/10/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$36,302	\$369,633	\$358,852	\$10,781
Faith Promise	\$4,468	\$99,160	\$91,355	\$7,805

AVPC VISION

A community of Christ's coming kingdom, bringing hope to a broken world.

AVPC MISSION

Loving God and loving others as we are transformed by his love.

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