



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena

We're glad you are here!

Nursery (ages 0 – 3)

Childcare is available for children 3 and under in the Education Building.

Nursing Mothers

A Nursing Mother's room with an audio feed of the service is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

Worship Center (ages 4 – 1st grade)

Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center during the sermon. The worship leader will indicate when children can leave the sanctuary.

Sunday School

Sunday School is available for all ages from 9:45 – 10:45 AM. Today, we are all gathering together in the Fellowship Hall for an Easter brunch.

Enfold Disability Ministry

Everyone is welcome to worship with us, including those with disabilities. Sensory supports are available in the Welcome Center for those who need them.

Questions?

Ask a member of our Hospitality Team! You can find them at all church entrances, by the sanctuary doors, and in the Welcome Center.

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

“Christus Victor (Amen)”

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders;
By the blood you have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters.
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation:

*(Chorus 1) Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle you have won.
Hallelujah! Amen.*

O Most High, dwelling among us; Son of man, sent for sinners.
By Your blood you have redeemed us; spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious:

*(Chorus 2) Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle you have won. Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son.
Hallelujah! Amen.*

O Most High, King of the nations; robed in praise, crowned with splendor.
On that day, who will not tremble? When you stand, Christ the Victor
Who was, and is and is forever. *(Chorus 2, then Bridge)*

(Bridge: Sing “Amen” 9 X’s, then return to Chorus 2)

(Ending) Sing the victory of the Lamb. Hallelujah! Amen

Words and music by Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa.

Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signaling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship, either by singing along with the praise team or by meditating on the lyrics as the praise team sings.

Announcements

Reverence

(God Pursues Us)

Reverence – our Holy God pursues us! We are never left to find God on our own.

Call to Worship • Adapted from Psalm 2:1–2; Psalm 145:1

(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!

(All) Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? 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-6; 1 Cor. 15:55-56; 2 Cor. 5:21.

PLEASE STAND

Through his Word, God calls his people to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

Prayer of Invocation

The Welcome of God

We welcome one another as a tangible expression of God's welcome to us.

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!

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!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise. Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. 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!

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone. Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand

*(Chorus) O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good. God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ?
(Chorus)

Unto the grave what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed;
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore. *(Chorus)*

Words by Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker.

Reconciliation

(God Restores Us)

*Reconciliation –
God restores us!
His righteousness
reveals our sin,
which is healed
by Christ's grace.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

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**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

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

Song of Response (11:00 AM Service)

“Is He Worthy”

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
The light from getting through? **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.**
Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy, is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? He is!*

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.*

*Is he worthy, is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy, is he worthy, is he worthy of this? He is!
Is he worthy, is he worthy? He is! He is!*

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive.

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.

*We receive
assurance that
Jesus Christ has
won the victory
over sin and
death.*

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.

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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 and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

Revelation – God speaks to us and challenges us through biblical truth.

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Revelation

(God Speaks to Us)

Sharing & Prayer

Choral Response

“Christ Arose”

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord! Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord! Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! Up from the grave He arose (He arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes (His foes). He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose! He arose! Christ arose!

(At this time, children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They will exit to the Welcome Center to meet their teachers. If you are a first- or second-time visitor, please walk with your child so you are able to register them. Children may be picked up in Sunday School classes after the early service and in the Worship Center Room after the late service.)

Scripture Reading • John 20:1–18; 26–29

²⁰1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” — and that he had said these things to her.

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The ragtag disciples watch their world fall apart after Jesus' arrest and execution. This group charged with telling the world about Jesus is hiding, locked away in fear.

Quite a start to a movement which goes on to change the world.

Introduction

- What would you experience if the most important person you ever hope to know died violently in a manner you cannot ever truly understand?

I) Christians Race to Jesus! (vs. 1 – 10)

- Jesus is encased in 75-100 pounds of aromatic spices and linen. God supernaturally regenerated Him then removed Him from the grave and its clothes!
- The pent-up emotion of those who love Jesus is seen as they begin to run about and share the news. Where or whom do you run to? Run away from?

II) Christians Recognize Jesus! (vs. 11 – 18)

- Mary is haggard and exposed — her world's center, Jesus, who truly saw her as a person and addressed her needs, is dead! Try to put yourself in her shoes.
- Jesus says, 'Mary,' and hearing her name with His voice, she finally recognizes Jesus! Look into John 10:1-18 and see its promises come alive in Mary!

III) Christians Realize Jesus is God! (vs. 26 – 28)

- Thomas gives me hope — I have deep, cynical roots raging inside against any populist notions of a crowd. Jesus' taking away Thomas doubt is incredible!
- John and Peter ran to Jesus, Mary stumbled about, blind to Him. Thomas denied Him, demanding concrete facts before realization became surrender.

Conclusion

- Are you resting in Jesus as your Messiah? Or, if you're honest, do you use Him as a crutch, kept close enough to summon but far enough to not meddle with you?
- Who or where are you running to or running from?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-19 this week and lean into the hope of that empty tomb!

Response

(We Respond to God in Faith)

Response – in faith, we respond to God's grace through joyful giving and declaring what we believe.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Song of Response

“This Is Our God”

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame? They were like prisons that we couldn't escape, but he came and he died and he rose. Those walls are rubble now. Remember those giants we called death and grave? They were like mountains that stood in our way, but he came and he died and he rose. Those giants are dead now. This is our God, this is who he is. He loves us! This is our God, this is what he does. He saves us! He bore the cross, beat the grave. Let heaven and earth proclaim this is our God, King Jesus. Remember that fear that took our breath away? Faith so weak that we could barely pray? But he heard every word, every whisper. Now those altars in the wilderness tell the story of his faithfulness. Never once did he fail, and he never will. Who pulled me out of that pit? He did. Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus. Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh. Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus. Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh. Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but him. He bore the cross, beat the grave. Let heaven and earth proclaim this is our God, King Jesus.

Words and music by Brandon Lake, Pat Barrett, Phil Wickham, Steven Furtick.

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He did. Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus. Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh. Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus.*

*Rest – God
blesses us to rest
in his peace.*

PLEASE STAND

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

Rest

(God Blesses Us)

Song of Response • (See sheet music in pews)

“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!!

Words and music by G. F. Handel.

Benediction

Postlude

This Week

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 20:1–18, 26–29
9:45 AM Covenant Family Brunch
11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, April 6

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Conf. Room)

Tuesday, April 7

6:00 PM Disability Support Group

Wednesday, April 8

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Church Parlor)
6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Parker Home)
6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30 PM Small Groups

Thursday, April 9

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

Friday, April 10

1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Bates Home)

Sunday, April 12

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 8:39–37
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Small Groups
 Kids' Bridge Night
 Youth Group

Weekly Bible Reading

1 Samuel 1–2 • 1 Samuel 3, 8 • 1 Samuel 9–10 • 1 Samuel 13–14 • 1 Samuel 15–16

Missionary of the Week

Justin and Alanna Huston serve with Serge in Tennessee. Justin works in Leadership Development and developing curriculum for the Apprentice Program.

	Contributions for March 29	Year-To-Date Contributions
General Fund	\$37,800	\$426,101
Faith Promise	\$11,037	\$101,964

Church Life

Easter Flowers

If you purchased flowers, you may take them home after the end of the late service.

GHK Art Show – April 16

This year's Art Show will be from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Visit the church website to purchase tickets and to volunteer.

Fellowship Dinner – April 19

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for a time of food and fellowship.

Membership Weekend – April 24-25

Anyone interested in learning more about membership at AVPC can visit the church website for more information and to register.

Women's Hike – April 25

Ladies are invited to join us at 10:00 AM for a hike through Aldridge Gardens.

Kid's Summer Camps

Registration for Camp Solid Rock and WACK is filling up quickly! Register online or with a brochure in the Parlor or Welcome Center. The deadline is May 17 for Camp Solid Rock and June 14 for WACK.

Covenant Family Memory Verse

April's memory verse is John 11:25-26:

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?"

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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