

Easter

SUNRISE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

FOREST LAWN – CYPRESS



Choral Prelude Southern California Latter-day Saint Choir
Jan Bills and Dr. Benjamin Salisbury, Music Directors
Coleen Thatcher, Accompanist

Welcome Angie Ray, Vice President
Forest Lawn – Cypress

Call to Worship* Rev. Dr. Barbara Gilliam
Pastor and Founder, Compassionate Wisdom Works

Congregational Hymn* All
“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”
Words: William Irons
Music: Ludwig von Beethoven; arr. by Edward Hodges (lyrics below)

Choral Anthem Southern California Latter-day Saint Choir
“Joy In The Morning” by Natalie Sleeth

Morning Prayer Rev. Dr. Gilliam

Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Gilliam
I Peter 1:3-4

Choral Anthem Southern California Latter-day Saint Choir
“Lamb of God” by Gabriel Faure, Lyrics by Russell Kane and Allan Petker
“Were You There?” Spiritual Arr. by Gaylene Anderson

Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Gilliam
I Thessalonians 4:13

Sermon. Rev. Dr. Gilliam
Hope Assured: Trusting the Truth

Congregational Hymn* All
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” by Charles Wesley (lyrics below)

Closing Remarks Angie Ray

Benediction* Rev. Dr. Gilliam

Choral Benediction Southern California Latter-day Saint Choir
“Hallelujah Chorus” by G.F. Handel



SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

Text: William J. Irons, 1812-1883

Music: Ludwig von Beethoven; arr. by Edward Hodges

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God’s likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th’eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices; Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.



CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

by Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: “Alleluia!”
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our Glorious King, Alleluia!
Where O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where’s thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

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!



REVEREND DR. BARBARA GILLIAM has been ordained with the Assemblies of God for 35 years. She is the founder of Compassionate Wisdom Works, a non-profit organization resourcing and equipping Churches on addiction and mental health. She has been married to Rick Gilliam for 40 years. Barbara served as a lead pastor in an urban, multicultural church in Long Beach, CA, for 18 years.

Barbara has taught at various Christian universities as an adjunct professor, served as a hospice chaplain, and teaches church leadership to young men and women. She counsels women struggling with trauma, depression and addiction. She currently serves as an associate pastor at His Place Church in Westminster, California.

Barbara is a graduate of Evangel University with a BA in biblical studies, and has a Master from Gordon-Conwell Theology Seminary in in religious education, a Master in Marriage and Family Counseling from Trinity College of Graduate studies, and a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary.

Barbara is the author of a book entitled, **“Stop Being Someone You’re Not: embracing your God-given identity.”**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LATTER-DAY SAINT CHOIR is an 80-voice choral ensemble organized under the auspices of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Since its formation in 1953, the Choir has performed concerts of classical, sacred, folk, patriotic, and popular choral music throughout the Southern California area.