

*St. Andrew Presbyterian / Community United Methodist
Churches of Longview, Texas
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024*

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*Do not be afraid;
I know that you are looking for Jesus
who has been crucified.
He is not here, for he has been raised,
as he said.
Matthew 28:5*

GATHERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us pray to God through our Risen Christ.

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises

Dr. Bill Holda

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

GTG 245

*APOSTLES' CREED - Ecumenical Version

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 607

CALL TO PRAYER

SILENCE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER - Ecumenical Version

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

GTG 250

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS:

Acts 10:34-43, I Cor. 15: 19-26

reader, Quita Russell

RESPONSE:

GTG 227

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

READING FROM PSALM 118:

reader, Jimmy Howell

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever. In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. The Lord is God and he has made his light shine upon us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

*RESPONSE:

GTG 227

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EASTER MESSAGE:

Resurrection

Rev. Ed Blackstone

HOLY COMMUNION:

Rev. David Judd

Invitation

Christ our Lord . . . let us confess our sins before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray, free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen

OFFER SIGNS OF PEACE:

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

GTG 246

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

GTG 541 verse 1

POSTLUDE

Improvisations on *The Stife is O'er*

Dr. Bill Holda

** All who are comfortable to do so, please stand*

Please register your attendance



Easter Lily in Honor of:

Anne & Ross Dyer	St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Erik & Joyce Sandvik	Our children and grandchildren
Erik & Joyce Sandvik	Elizabeth Cook
Katy & Lynn Manck	of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
Charlotte Ezelle	our children, and grandchildren
Jackie Farmer	Erich, Jillian, and Erinn Hankamer
Janet Martin	Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
Ann Smith	Shelby, Ciara, Aiden, Emily, and Brad
Steve & Kathy Crane	our children and grandchildren

Easter Lily in Memory of:

Katy & Lynn Manck	our parents, Lloyd & Billie Manck and Harry & Mary Massingill
Charlotte Ezelle, Melanie, Iler, & Wendy	our sweet friend, Brenda Wilkins
Charlotte Ezelle	F. A. & Ava Falconer, Pattie Ezelle, Mattie Ferguson
Jackie Farmer	Jack & Joy Walker
Janet Martin	William C Jr. & Judy Martin, and Robert & Virginia Geist
Ann Smith	Charles & Shannon Smith
Katie Seager	Peacock Family and Ruth and Leon Seager
Reverend David F. Judd	Elise Jester Meadows and William F. Judd
Steve & Kathy Crane	our parents
Larry & Susan Elms	David & Marian Wilson
Larry & Susan Elms	Aline Elms
Quita Russell	Barbra Jean Russell
Erik & Joyce Sandvik	Our fathers: Erik Sandvik, Sr. and Joe Scott Cathey
Erik & Joyce Sandvik	Robby Bass, Judy & Regen Stiles, Blanca Foster

Announcements

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 pm. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday to RSVP. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. The menu for the coming week is chicken sausage and gumbo, sides, salad, dessert, and drink.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering is Easter, March 31st, 2024.

Theology on Tap is Tuesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. Oil Horse Brewery.

Meals with Love will deliver meals on Tuesday, April 9. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our coordinator, Janet Martin, at 903-237-8295.

The Discernment Process- Invitation

Starting April 14, the Session invites you to join them after each Sunday worship service for a 45-minute discussion on the book Sailboat Church by Joan S. Gray. We will meet for five weeks to review the book, ending May 12. If you need a book, let the church office know. Pastor David will guide us as we seek to Rethink our Mission and Practice at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Sign-up will be in the Narthex. Call Pastor David with questions.

The **Session Meeting** is April 16th at 4 p.m.

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*As Saint Andrew we are called to worship, serve God,
reflect the love of Christ and grow in our discipleship.*

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

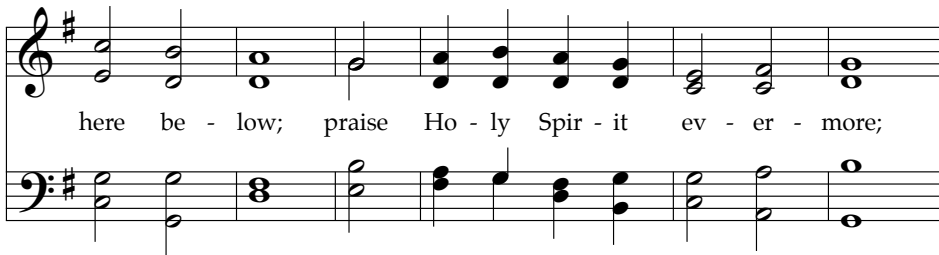
The image shows a musical score for a doxology. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by a sharp sign on the F line. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH
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SERVICE MUSIC



here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.



praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The lower staff provides the harmonic accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(F#)

(Bm)



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."

Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.