



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Jesus, meine Zuversicht (Jesus, my Redeemer, lives) BWV 728

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from 1 John 1)

From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in.

We heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands.

The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen!

And now we testify to it and declare eternal that which God has revealed to us.

This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you:

God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in God.

Let us turn from the darkness,

and worship the God of light.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, to living out of our fear. We are afraid to trust in you, so we turn away. We are afraid we will be rejected by others, so we withhold our love. We are afraid we will not measure up to others, so we tear others down with hurtful words. We are afraid we will fail, so we tenaciously hold on to what we know and refuse to risk stepping out in faith. Forgive us the fearful ways in which we live, O God, and embolden us to follow the way of Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray. Amen. (Time of silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 578)

ORE PORIAJU VEREKO

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(Adapted from Ephesians 5)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 240, (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shandi Davis

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 133

Old Testament, page 543

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

One with Christ

Adam La Spata

Chancel choir with Dan Kyzer, guitar

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

New Testament, page 108

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unlock the Door

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release a person from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. Each person still has to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as a person matures in love and faithfulness in his or her life with Christ, she or he lives in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Allemande from Cello Suite I, BWV 1007

J.S. Bach

Dan Kyzer, guitar

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 609, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Sanctus #552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Even as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

When communion is served in the pews: You are invited to pick up a piece of bread and a cup of red grape juice or white wine. As you pass the bread, you are invited to say, "the bread of heaven" or "the body of Christ broken for you." As you pass the juice/wine, you are invited to say, "the blood of Christ shed for you" or "the cup of salvation." As you receive the bread and the cup, responses include "Thanks be to God" or "Amen." As you sit, you may think of those who have come to the Lord's Table with you, those who have come before you, those who will come after you; or you may reflect on God's gifts for you.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 240

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn (This Day in Triumph God the Son) BWV 630

J. S. Bach

*Bold Text indicates congregational participation. *Those who are able are asked to stand.*

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

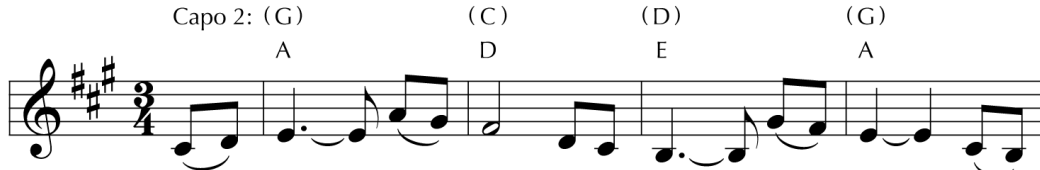
From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

O Lord, Have Mercy

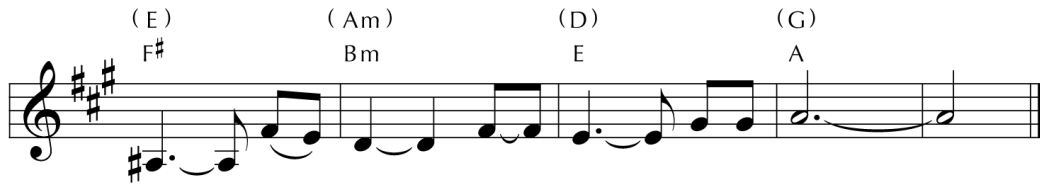
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*Kyrie eleison**Oré poriajú verekó*

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Greek 1 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri -

Guarani 1 O - ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Ñan - de - ya - ra. O -
2 O - ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Je - su Cris - to. O -



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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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,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

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

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

Fine
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B
1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

Psalm 133

A Song of Ascents.

¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, April 10

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Hash browns, Fruit, Biscuits, Dessert

Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett

\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers,
Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Recreation Grades K-1st
Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School
Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Classes for Adults

Chopin and Chopin's Piano Music

Daeun Kim

April 10, Fellowship Hall

Daeun will also share her journey to today and she will also share her music with us.

Bridge for Beginners
led by Joyce White
Room 207

The Wave
Terah Hatter and Wade Hatter
Room 205

Women's Book Study
The Five People You Meet in Heaven
by Mitch Albom
Amy Cole and Amy Fair, Library

Chancel Choir Practice
Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

The rosebud in the chancel announces the birth of Sara Turner Winkehofer, born April 3 to Laura Turner and Cy Winkenhofer, proud brother Cyril, and proud grandparents Sara and Bill Turner. Congratulations!

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nunzio and Virginia La Spata, by their son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Michelle La Spata.

Theology on Tap

Monday, April 8

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, April 8, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is "The 10 Commandments and Their Relevance for Today." We will continue our discussion of the 10 Commandments, focusing on commandments five through ten. We hope you will join us for fellowship and conversation!

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, April 9

Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew are meeting at 9:30am on Tuesday, April 9, in the Narthex. All women of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and Bible study.

Prime Time

Friday, April 12

Please join us for the next Prime Time meeting on Friday, April 12, at noon in room 207. Bring a bag lunch and learn about protecting yourself from crime. We have rescheduled a Crime Prevention Specialist from the Denton Police Department to address current online scams and other items of safety interest. The Officer will share helpful resources and answer your questions. As a reminder, Prime Time is an opportunity for fellowship and learning for older adults in an informal setting. For more information please contact Brad Dunn (acapulcosunset@gmail.com).

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, April 27

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm to 8:00pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 9:00pm, with pick-up from the media room in the main church building. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Denton Christian Preschool

St. Andrew is starting to collect needed items for the students at Denton Christian Preschool. The items will be collected in March-April. The items needed include glue sticks, paper, kleenex, paper towels, watercolors, children's toothpaste, toilet paper construction paper, liquid hand soap, AA batteries, 9V batteries, and crayons. The items may be placed in the bin marked by the fellowship hall. For any questions, contact Rachel Odei at 940-735-6483.

Communion Volunteers Needed for Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, May 4

Are you an ordained Ruling Elder or Deacon of the Presbyterian Church? Do you love to serve communion? The Session is inviting ordained Elders or Deacons to serve communion at the May 4th Presbytery meeting. If you would like to serve, please sign up using the link in the Shield!

The Children's Place is Hiring a Preschool Director

The Children's Place at St. Andrew is searching for our next Preschool Director! If you are passionate about early childhood education and have the skills necessary to lead a successful preschool program, we encourage you to apply by clicking the link in the Shield. Questions and resumes can be sent to: sarahanneadams@me.com

Items Needed for Our Daily Bread

The diaconate is collecting items for Our Daily Bread. Items may be donated in the box in the Narthex. Current needs are: bottle water, canned vegetables, canned soup, canned Chef Boyardee, canned stew, mac and cheese cups, Rice-a-Roni cups, sugar, Gatorade, travel size shampoo, travel size conditioner, travel size toothpaste, travel size deodorant, cough drops, chapstick, tissues, men's pants (size 36W), men's shirts sizes (2XL and up).

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$641.00 to the Give-a-Meal program in March! Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. A monetary donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal-a-Month on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

Prayer Requests

Rosalie Remley
Jim Kitchens
Mel Fite
Rodney McClain
Merritt Morin
Steve Davis
Norma Rockenbach

Kendall Hallford
Jane Loveall
Catherine Mitchell
Jan Lewis
Hudson Barnhill
Phillip Young
Sunny Hueholt

Thom Holbrook, friend of Linda Heilig
James, Denton Red Shirt Ambassador
Jessie Werts, grandmother of Kori Miller
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis
Sharon Schuyler, friend of the Fair family
Sharice Modester, Treehouse parent
Jery Eaton, friend of Chuck Smith
Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce
Carolyn Brown, sister-in-law of Janette Hindman
Bonnie Owens, mother of Michelle La Spata
Jane Jacobek, aunt of Michelle La Spata
Karin Diaz, friend of Harriet Laney
Ben Pierce and Family, brother of Bekah Barnett
Lynn and Charlie Davis, friends of Chuck Smith
Margie Ball,
mother of Marissa Glasschroeder and Michael Ball
Megan Terry Crawford,
friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims
John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett
Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad
The family of Martha Culp

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you wish to join St. Andrew today, please contact one of the ministers.

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Children's Sermon.

Mystery of Easter

David Skelton and Ronda Skelton

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 3/31/24

Income (pledges + other income)	\$253,268
Expenses	\$238,771
Difference	\$14,497

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