



**St. Andrew
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Resurrection of the Lord ✠

April 20, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

INTROIT

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

St. Andrew Bell Choir
arr. by Dean McIntyre

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

We are glad you came to church this morning. Please sign the fellowship pad and pass it to your neighbor.

***THE LORD HAS RISEN** (*responsive*)

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

Choir: He has risen indeed!

The Lord has risen!

All: He has risen indeed!

The Lord has risen!

All: He has risen indeed!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Thanks be to God! He gives us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has risen!

He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Response**

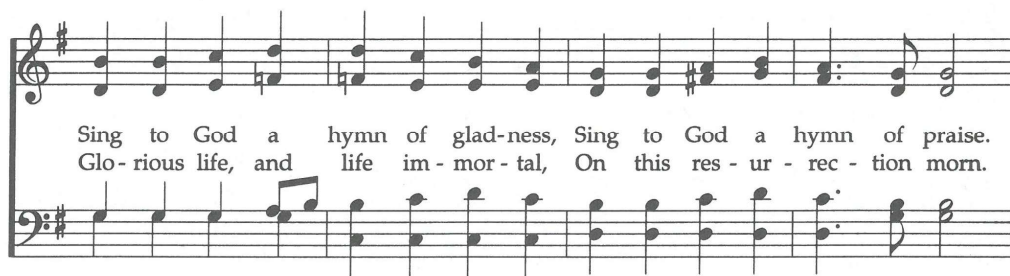
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn to Joy

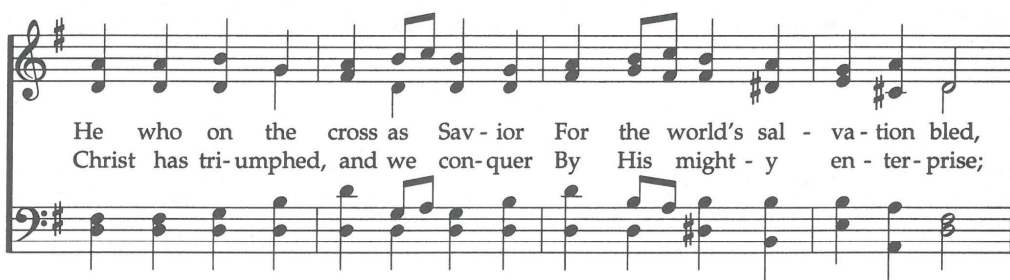
You are invited to come forward during the hymns placing flowers on the cross, bringing new life, just as Christ brings us new life!



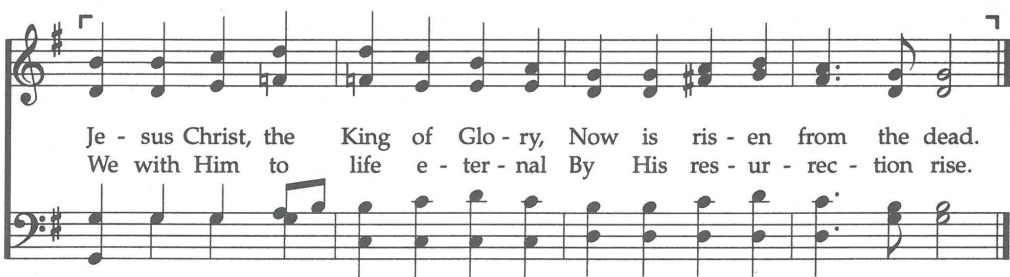
> 1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;
 > 2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, On this res - ur - rec - tion morn.



He who on the cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer By His might - y en - ter - prise;



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
 We with Him to life e - ter - nal By His res - ur - rec - tion rise.

TEXT: Christopher Wordsworth, altered
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapted by Edward Hodges

HYMN TO JOY
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*HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

GtG #232

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
 our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
 unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
 Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
 our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
 Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
 where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; we are prisoners of ourselves. [Silence] **Forgive what we have done and failed to do and inspire us to live into fully becoming your disciples. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Time for silent reflection. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsive*)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation! The old life is gone, and the new life has begun!
New life is ours, new hope in Jesus, new way forward because Jesus is alive!
Alleluia! In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

GLORIA PATRI (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Lift High the Cross

St. Andrew Bell Choir

arr. by Larry Sue

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Anne McAnelly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen" (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God and 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.

*HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

GtG # 238

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

OT page # 652

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

CHORAL RESPONSE

He Is Not Here

St. Andrew Choir

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

NT page #90

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has

risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON

He Is Not Here, but Has Risen

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsive*)

We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

Whose Spirit empowers us to remove barriers, tear down walls, heal divisions, and seek shalom without and within.

We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

Whose Spirit empowers us to see our sister's good as our own, to be our brother's advocate, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to contribute to the well-being of every part of Christ's body,

(ALL) SO THAT INDEED WE CAN BUILD UP, AND GROW UP, AND BE JOINED TOGETHER INTO A NEW LIFE: WHERE CHRIST'S SPIRIT DWELLS, WHERE CHRIST'S SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE, REMEMBER CHRIST'S LIFE AND TELL THE WORLD OF THE MIRACLE OF EASTER!

OFFERING

Offertory

Hark Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

St. Andrew Choir

Doxology (*unison*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ: hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us life! What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough. What we have we humbly offer to you. A thousand thanks are due to you dear Lord. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

GtG # 245

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, 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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LITURGIST: Shari Gallegos

GREETER: Pam Arnsberger

COFFEE HOSTS: The Nurture Committee

OFFERING COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger



Unity Candle. Today we pray for Foothill Community Presbyterian Church, and Pastors Rev. Lindsay Woods Wong and Rev. Andy Wong. And also for First Thai Presbyterian Church of San Jose.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 21st

Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm

Thursday, April 24th

Choir Rehearsal @ 2 pm

Sunday, April 27th

Guest Preacher: Jane Grady

The Sunday Lunch Group #1 will meet April 27th at 12 noon at the Back 9 Restaurant at Pasatiempo outdoor setting. Please let Keith know if you are coming, and if you'd like to carpool: kitehill@comcast.net or 831-429-1055.

NEW Book Study! Starting May 12th we will discuss Richard Rohr's newest book, *The Tears of Things*. From Penguin Random House website: *How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a crucial path forward today.* **Join us Mondays at 1 pm via Zoom.**

