THE SONG EVERLASTING

A SACRED CANTATA

Preparation

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O children of God! Rejoice and exult with all your heart! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior to keep you safe; who will rejoice over you and be glad of it; who will show you love once more, and exult you with songs of joy!

Prelude

The Wondrous Story

Chancel Choir

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me; How He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary. I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray; Threw His loving arms around me; drew me back into His way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me. Weak was I from many a fall. Joy was gone and fears possessed me, but He freed me from them all. Days of darkness still come o'er me; sorrow's paths I often tread, But the Savior still goes with me by His Hand I'm safely led.

I will sing of my Redeemer and His boundless love to me. He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me; Sing it with the saints in glory; sing for all eternity!

Part One

Ministry of Jesus

Songs of the Wayfarer soloists, Hope Peterson and John Kernodle I'm just a poor wayfarin' stranger a trav'lin' through this world of woe. The road is filled with toil and danger, and in my heart I walk alone. I long to find a loving Shepherd; Someone to take me by the hand; Someone to lead me from this darkness and bring me to the Promised Land.

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone, a long way from home.

Come Unto Me

O come to me, abide with me and I will give you rest. O run to me, reside with me and be forever blessed. Come lay your burdens at my feet. Your strength I will renew. O come to me, confide in me. My peace I give to you.

Come walk with me, come talk with me and you will find new life. Come learn from me, come serve with me and fill the earth with light. Leave far behind your path of sin and fun to my embrace. My loving arms will keep you safe. I'll shelter you with grace.

Journey of Hope and Promise

I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory, hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah! Shout on pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory hallelujah! The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!

We're marching on to Zion, marching to Jerusalem. We're marching on to Zion. We're followers of the Lamb. We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, marching to Jerusalem. Make to God a joyful sound, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, shout on, followers of Emmanuel. Sing on, shout on, ye followers of the Lamb.

> Our Deliverer has come. Let us sing. Let us sing. This our song shall ever be. Grace has truly set us free. Now we're bound for Jubilee. Let us sing. Let us sing.

March on, march on in firm array. March on with hearts ablaze. By faith we walk the narrow way, our banner high with praise. I am bound Promised Land. I am bound for the Promised Land. O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the Promised Land.

Hymn of Offering

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus



Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Response

Praise God Who Binds Our Broken Lives

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!

Offertory Prayer

Part Two

Humility of Jesus

OLD HUNDREDTH

Procession of Praise

All glory, laud and honor, to You, Redeemer King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One!

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd. The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Song of Humility

Jesus bowed in the garden, in dark Gethsemane. Jesus knelt in the garden, in deep humility. Jesus wept in the garden, His heart in agony. Jesus prayed in the garden beneath the olive tree.

I will bow and be simple. I will bow and be free. I will bow and be humble, bow like the willow tree.

Sacred Head, Wondrous Love

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown; How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

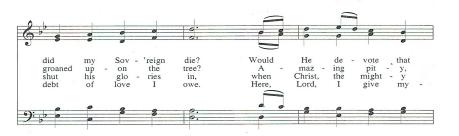
What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain. Lord mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place.' Look on me with Thy favor, and grant to me Thy grace.

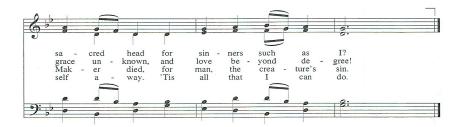
What language can I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend, For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be. Lord let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I AM," While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Hymn of Meditation

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Part Three Victory of Jesus

Christ Is Risen

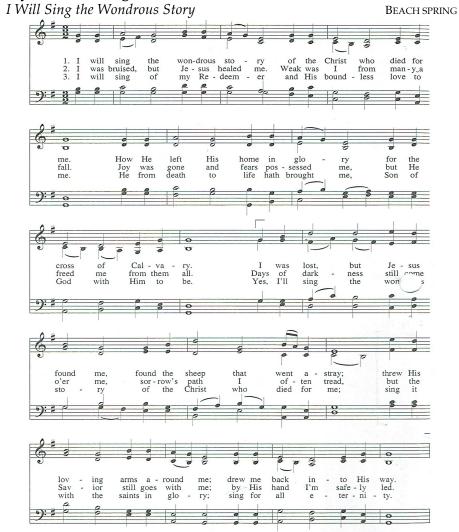
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! See the stone is rolled away. Christ is living! Christ is living! This is Love's triumphant day. Let us raise our alleluias. Let us praise the glorious Son. Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Tell the world what God has done.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Gone is death's dark mystery. Christ is living! Christ is living! Love has won the victory.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! See the garden greets her Lord. Christ is living! Christ is living! Joy has come and hope restored. Ev'ry flower bursting open, ev'ry robin as she sings Tells the story, shares the glory of the victr'y of our King!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Let the song unending start. Christ is living! Christ is living, resurrecting ev'ry heart.

* Hymn of Sending



Announcements

Benediction

Postlude Kelly Hammond

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to worship at Wake Forest Baptist Church. We are a welcoming and affirming congregation, welcoming all people, no matter your race, economic status, gender expression, or sexual orientation into full membership and leadership. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card with your name and contact information and tell us how you're doing.

Today we worship in song, as we listen to the Easter Cantata, "The Song Everlasting." We give special thanks to The Wake Forest Baptist Church Chancel Choir, our music director Kelly Hammond, and Harold and Josie Tedford for narrating.

We are receiving our **Beans! Beans! Offering** today. The beans go to the New Communion Mobile Pantry for distribution in some of Winston-Salem's poorest neighborhoods.

Join us Sunday, April 15 for worship with the Alliance of Baptists. Rev. Kenneth Meyers will be preaching and telling us more about the Alliance. He'll offer a joint Sunday school class in Wingate 202 at 9:45.

Our new office phone number is 336-860-0777.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 8 Second Sunday of Easter

- 11:00 Worship in Wait Chapel
- 12:00 Reception in the Narthex
- 12:30 Congregational Care Council, Balcony Room

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Pastor Phone: 336-414-3640

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- 11:00 Worship in Wait Chapel with Alliance of Baptists

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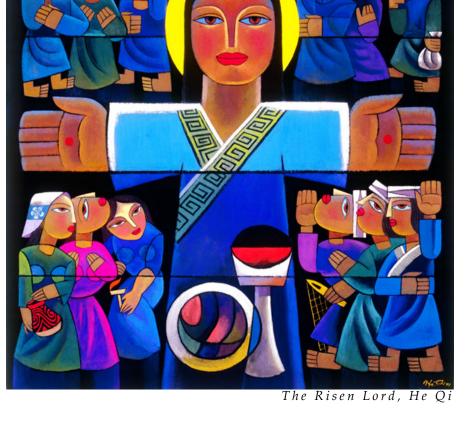
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^{*}Please stand, whether in body or spirit.