



Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING SONG

*Cornerstone*  
(vs. 1, vs. chorus)



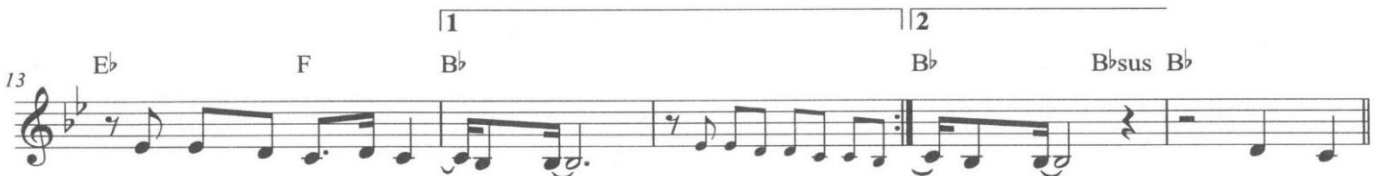
**VERSE 1**



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less,



than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness. I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. sus' Name. Christ a -

**CHORUS**



lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made strong in the Sav - iour's love. Through the storm, He is

23 F B $\flat$  B $\flat$   $\frac{5}{8}$

Lord. Lord of all.

2. When dark - ness seems to hide His face,  
3. When He shall come with trump - et sound,

28 E $\flat$  F Gm

I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. In ev - 'ry high and  
oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right - eous -

31 Gm/F E $\flat$  F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F

2nd time to Coda  $\text{Coda symbol}$

storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil. My an - chor holds with - in  
ness a - lone. Fault - less stand be - fore

**CHORUS**

35 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Gm F B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  Gm

the veil. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made strong in the Sav - iour's love.

**INTERLUDE**

40 F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Gm F B $\flat$  Gm

1

Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all. He is Lord.

46 E $\flat$  F B $\flat$ /D F B $\flat$

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Lord of all. Christ a - Lord. Lord of all. Christ a -

52 F B $\flat$  D.S. al Coda

3

Lord. Lord of all.

57  $\text{Coda symbol}$  B $\flat$  Coda

the throne.

\*\*\* Gather at the back of the sanctuary with palms.....

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

WELCOME

Reverend Andy Blair

*The Lord be with you*

**and also with you!**

*This is the day the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Welcome to worship of God Almighty at Covenant Presbyterian Church, College Station...*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00p.m.  
Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00p.m.  
Son Rise Service, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00a.m.  
Easter Service, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30a.m.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ( Psalm 31)

*Be merciful to me, O Lord,*

**Save me, in your unfailing love.**



CALL TO CONFESSION

Connie Brown, Liturgist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, have mercy on us as we begin Holy Week. On this day, we remember the fickle nature of fame, adoration and celebrity and we confess our sins. Forgive us, when we refuse to worship you alone. We make idols of people, places and objects, neglecting our faith in you. As Holy Week unfolds, we repent, turn to you and receive with joy the forgiveness you offer. We repent with hope, in Jesus' name. . Amen.**

*~ In this time of silence, you are invited to confess your personal sin to God ~*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*God's redemptive forgiveness sets us everlasting free,*

**We believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ, we can be forgiven!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

GG 581

**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.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Christ is coming so God's salvation may be full for all of God's people. Seeking to participate in preparing the way for Christ's presence, how will we live?*

**We will love God with all that we are: heart, soul, mind, and strength; and  
we will love our neighbors as ourselves.**

*The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**And also with you!**

*~ please share the Peace of our Savior with Christ's disciples around you ~*

*Children are invited to the chancel steps for our Time with Young Disciples.*

**Peace**  
BE WITH YOU

\*FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

*Our God Is An Awesome God*  
(x 2)

GG 616

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the chorus, with lyrics "Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove" and guitar chords C, G, D, and Em. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics "with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!" and guitar chords C, G, Am, Em, B7, and Em.

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. "Awesome" here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of "awe-inspiring" and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

TEXT: Rich Mullins, 1988, alt.  
MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988  
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AWESOME GOD  
Irregular

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Wes Wheeler

*Children's Amen Song (twice through)*  
**Amen, Amen, In Jesus' name we pray.**  
**Amen, Amen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

*~ Children are invited to return to their families ~  
Nursery care is available for younger children ages infant to 3. Children's  
Chapel available for children ages 4 – Third Grade*

ANTHEM

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
Covenant Sanctuary Choir  
Rebecca Walters, Director of Music  
Hyunsook Suk, accompanist

John F. Wilson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Luke 23:1-49*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Distance Learning*

Reverend Andy Blair

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

## MINUTE FOR MISSION and MINISTRY

One Great Hour of Sharing  
Fish Banks  
Reverend Andy Blair

## CALL TO GENEROSITY

You are encouraged to support this ministry and mission, and others through Covenant Presbyterian Church by generously giving of your financial resources, your time, and abilities.

Financial ways to give:

1. Give online through our church website: [covenantpresbyterian.org/give](http://covenantpresbyterian.org/give)
2. Set up an auto draft through your bank
3. Place your physical offering in the white church on the back tables.

Get involved by emailing our church office: [office@covenantpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@covenantpresbyterian.org)

## \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him/God all creatures here below;  
Praise Him/God above ye heavenly host; Praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch - ing there,  
 2 O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, of sun - ny days of joy;  
 3 O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, of lake and woods and hill,  
 4 O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its glo - ry and dis - may,

and of the news that came to them from an - gels in the air.  
 O sing of fra - grant flow - ers' breath, and of the sin - less boy.  
 of him who walked up - on the sea and bade its waves be still.  
 of him who hung up - on the tree, and took our sins a - way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to - day.  
 For now the flowers of Naz - a - reth in ev - ery heart may grow.  
 For though, like waves on Gal - i - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll,  
 For he who died on Cal - va - ry is ris - en from the grave,

Of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth the an - gels sing al - way.  
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.  
 when faith has heard the Mas - ter's word, falls peace up - on the soul.  
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a - dored, is might - y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.



\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

The flowers are given by Anne and Ken Schroeder in celebration of their anniversary.

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*More Like You*

STF 2167

More like you, Je-sus, more like you.

Fill my heart with your de-sire to make me more like you.

More like you, Je-sus, more like you. *Fine*

Touch my lips with ho - ly fire and make me more like you.

POSTLUDE

A special thank you to Laurine Marlowe for sharing her gift of playing the organ this morning.

Join us next Sunday, April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday at 7:00a.m. for SONrise Service and 10:30a.m. for worship. Breakfast will follow the SONrise Service, and an Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30 worship service. Please bring a basket for your child to gather eggs. Our minister will be Reverend Andy Blair and Tina Hanna and Molly Blaisdell will be the liturgists.

Access the bulletin with your Smartphone on our website under "Worship Resources."

[www.covenantpresbyterian.org](http://www.covenantpresbyterian.org)

*As always, the complete bulletin, including song lyrics, is projected onto the screen.*



**VISITORS:** *We are so happy you joined us today! You are always welcome here! Please sign our Friendship Pad at the end of each row so we may acknowledge your visit with us.*



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Please be aware that this is a living calendar and is fluid. Check the website calendar for the latest updates which have been provided to the church office. The website calendar syncs with the Church Office Calendar every 30 minutes.

This Coming Week @ Covenant <i>(as of Thursday, 4.10.2025 at 5:00 p.m.)</i>						
Sun., 4.13.2025	Mon., 4.14.2025	Tues., 4.15.2025	Wed., 4.16.2025	Thurs., 4.17.2025	Fri., 4.18.2025*	Sat., 4.19.2025
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		TAX DAY				
9:15-10:10am 101A Uno Mas, Adult SS			9:30a, DS & CC Chapel			
10:30-11:45am Worship						
12-1pm 101B, Choir Rehearsal				2:00p, Prayer Group Conference Room		
1:30-3:30pm, SH GS 9023		5p, GS 9020 SH	4-6:30p, Disciple Bible Study			
	6-7p, Dynacisers	7-9p, Session Mtg		7p, Maundy Thursday Service	7p, Good Friday Service	
4-6pm, SH BSA 1102 (Girls)	7pm, BSA 102, SH					
	7:15-9:15 BV Community Band Rehearsals	7pm, SH, BSA 102		<b>Please call the church office w/questions 979-694-7700.</b>		
<i>*Church Office is Closed on Fridays</i>						

Prayer Group on Thursdays at 2:00p.m. All are welcome to join.

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Easter Egg hunt will follow the 10:30 Service and breakfast will be served after the Son Rise service.

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Church office is Closed.....

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – CE Meeting at 11:30a.m.

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Who Lunch at 11:30a.m. at Marfa's in College Station

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Meals and Missions at 6:00-8:00p.m. – Nursery Care is available.



*A community of faith that reaches out,  
proclaims the love of Jesus Christ,  
welcomes everyone, and cares for one another.*

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