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Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

### **call to worship** | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord Glory. A Psalm of David. <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. <sup>11</sup>May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## prayer of adoration

## song of praise

## Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death—Christ alone Christ alone What is our only confidence—that our souls to Him belong What holds our days within His hand—What comes apart from His command And what will keep us to the end—the love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah—Our hope springs eternal O sing hallelujah—now and ever we confess—Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul-God is good God is good Where is His grace and goodness known-in our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our days when fears arise—Who stands above the stormy trial Who sends the waves that bring us nigh-unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what shall we sing-Christ He lives Christ He lives And what reward will heaven bring-everlasting life with Him There we will rise to meet the Lord-then sin and death will be destroyed And we will feast in endless joy-when Christ is ours forevermore

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## **scripture reading** | Lynn Streett

Psalm 85

Revive Us Again. To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. <sup>1</sup>Lord, you were favorable to your land; vou restored the fortunes of lacob. <sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. <sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. <sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. <sup>12</sup>Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

**congregational prayer** | Elder Lee Beckham

**offertory prayer** | Deacon Justin Wells-Morgan

# Acts 2:29-41

<sup>29</sup>"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.""

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## **sermon** | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

## song of response

O Church. Arise

O church arise and put your armor on-hear the call of Christ our captain For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies An army bold whose battle cry is "Love"-Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war—to love the captive soul but to rage against the captor And with the sword that makes the wounded whole—we will fight with faith and valor When faced with trials on every side—we know the outcome is secure And Christ will have the prize for which he died-an inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet as the Son of God is stricken Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet for the Conqueror has risen And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him

benediction

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

**testimony** | Lucy Sicks

## presentation of tithes and offerings

## sermon scripture reading

### "Evidences of a Supernatural Work"

Sermon series: Anticipation: Witnesses of the Supernatural

So Spirit come put strength in ev'ry stride-give grace for ev'ry hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful As saints of old still line the way—retelling triumphs of His grace We hear their calls and hunger for the day when-with Christ-we stand in glory

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