

DANVILLE ALLIANCE CHURCH

A Christ-Centered "Acts 1:8" Family

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Our Vision...



...is to be an instrument used by God to reach every man, woman, and child in our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission...



We exist to glorify God by bringing people into a relationship with Jesus, teaching them to be fully devoted followers

of Jesus, and equipping them for their life mission through the church, across their community, and into the world.

If I exist to glorify God, am I living a lifestyle that speaks of Christ?

If I exist to bring people into a relationship with Jesus, am I encountering the grace of God and speaking about it to others?

If I exist to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus, am I experiencing intimacy with God?

If I exist to be equipped for my life mission through the church, across my community, and into the world, have I discovered my giftedness and my call?

Morning Worship April 27, 2025 Communion Sunday

HE IS RISEN

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In God's great mercy he has caused us to be born again into a living hope, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).

Preparing for Worship

Risen!

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die."
(Jesus, John 11:25)*

- * Welcome One Another!
- * Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
- * Hosanna, Hosanna
- * We Invite God's Presence
- * Reading: **Acclamation**

Acclamation

Matthew 21:1-11 / Mark 11:1-11

Luke 19:28-44 / John 12:12-19

Jesus comes, not as a conquering political hero, but as the Savior of all who place their trust in Him. Have you welcomed this King into your life?

- * **How Deep the Father's Love**

- * Reading: **Crucifixion**

Crucifixion

Matthew 20:17-19

Jesus Christ willingly laid down His life for us, suffering the abusive treatment of sinful man and enduring God's wrath for our sins.

The Power of the Cross

Janet Leigh

- * Reading: **Resurrection**

Resurrection

1 Peter 1:3-9

It is the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ that gives the Christian an enduring hope that can never be diminished by the trials of this life.

Response to God in Prayer

- * Amen (Because He Lives)
- * Christ Our Hope in Life
- * Prayer for the Coming Week
- * We Give with Thanks to God

An offering box is placed at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to give today. Thank you for your generosity!

- * Music Postlude
- * Standing, Please (Optional)

Nursery care is available during worship in our infant and toddler nurseries.

Thoughts on Today's Sermon Themes



Christ has come back to life.

We have been born into a new life that has a confidence which is alive because Jesus

1 Peter 1:3



A Solid Hope. We have been born of God and our Christian hope is a valid hope! Your expectation should rise and you should challenge God and begin to dream high dreams of faith and spiritual attainment and expect God to meet them.

Remember that all of your hopes are finite, but all of God's ability is infinite!



Now what is it that makes our Christian hope a living hope and gives it reality and substance for the future? The answer is clear and plain — the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is God's gracious guarantee of our blessed future.

I dare to say this to you, my friends — your Christian hope is just as good as Jesus Christ. Your anticipation for the future lives or dies with Jesus. If He is who He said He was, you can spread your wings and soar. If He is not, you will fall to the ground like a lump of lead.

Jesus Christ is our hope and God has raised Him from the dead and since Jesus overcame the grave, Christians dare to die.

Thank You, Father, that my hope is not a vain hope but rather hope in Jesus Christ. What a sure hope! Amen.

A. W. Tozer, The Almighty God

Reading of God's Word Acclamation

**Matthew 21:1-11 / Mark 11:1-11
Luke 19:28-44 / John 12:12-19**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

"Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her which no one has ever ridden. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs them and will send them back right away.'"

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They found a colt, just as he had told them, outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there — its owners — asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"



They answered as Jesus had told them to — "The Lord needs it" — and the people let them go. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.



A very large crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They spread

their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees they had cut in the fields and spread them on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.

So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."



As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you,

even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side."

"They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Acclamation

John 12:12-19



How do people usually react when they meet a celebrity? Why?



How did the crowd greet Jesus when He arrived in Jerusalem? (12:13)

What did the crowd that was with Jesus do when He raised Lazarus? (12:17)

Why did many of the people go out to meet Jesus? (12:18)

What did you hear about Jesus that led you to seek Him?

How should we spread the Word about Jesus?



How will you honor and worship Jesus with your life today?

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Reading of God's Word

Crucifixion

Matthew 20:17-19



¹⁷ While going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the 12 disciples aside privately and said to them on the way: ¹⁸ "Listen! We are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death.

¹⁹ Then they will hand Him

over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and He will be resurrected on the third day."

Crucifixion

Matthew 20:17-19



When do you feel safe enough to confide in a person?



Who was traveling with Jesus at this time? (20:17)

Where was Christ going when He spoke of His death for the third time? Why? (20:17-18)

What did Jesus say the chief priests and teachers of the law would ultimately do? (20:18)

Why is the death of Christ significant to us?

Why is Christ's death significant to you?



What can you do to say thank you to Christ for suffering for you?

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Reading of God's Word Resurrection

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, uncorrupted, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

⁵ You are being protected by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to struggle in various trials ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith — more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire — may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

⁸ You love Him, though you have not seen Him.

And though not seeing Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Resurrection

1 Peter 1:3-9



To what sources of comfort or encouragement do people often turn in times of sorrow or suffering?



What had God given Peter and his readers? (1:3)

When did God give you new birth?

Into what kind of inheritance did Peter say his readers had been born? (1:4)

By what are believers shielded? (1:5)

How have your trials prepared you for Christ's coming?

What did Peter tell his readers they may have to suffer? (1:6)

What trials are you or have you suffered recently?

Why had trials come to Peter's audience? (1:7)

What benefit is there in suffering? (1:7)

How have the trials you've been through strengthened and refined your faith?

How do you need to adjust your attitude about the trials in your life?

What had Peter's readers done even though they had not seen Jesus? (1:8)

What fills you with joy in life?

What did Peter say was the goal of their faith? (1:9)



What can you do this week to welcome the present trials in your life?

How will you rejoice in your salvation today?

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