



Easter Cantata 2014

Theme: The Old Rugged Cross

**Saturday, April 12, 2014
4:00 p.m. Sanctuary**



*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

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Written and Directed By
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The Easter Cantata is created from the scriptures
Matthew 27:2-33 and Luke 22:2 -66.

The Cantata covers the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The primary purpose of this performance is to dramatize that Jesus died on the cross for us, and we are sanctified through the death of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Congregational Song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!



The Old Rugged Cross

*I cherish the old rugged cross,
for what it truly means to me,
for while I was still a sinner,
my saviour died to set me free.*

*The cross represents my freedom,
to follow the ancient of days,
it guarantees my salvation,
as I learn to walk in His ways.*

*It means that I am a believer,
and I fall prostrate at his feet,
when I kneel to humble myself,
His presence is ever so sweet.*

*The cross stands for humanity,
stepping stone to heaven above,
I throw my burdens at his feet,
and revel in agape' love.*

*For our Father so loved the world,
he relinquished his only Son,
that no child of his should perish,
when once our lives on earth is done~*

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Program

Procession of Cast-----” At The Cross”-- Mrs. Llewon Felder,
Pianist

Invocation --- Min. Chaloea Hale & Mrs. Susie Kelley

Scripture---- Min. Chaloea Hale

Prayer--- Mrs. Susie Kelley

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Guests---

Ms. Frenda Norwood, Chairperson,
Andrews Chapel Church Council

Commentary—

The True Meaning of Easter--Mrs. Ann Broughton

Performance of the Easter Cantata

Easter Songs

1. How Great Thou Art---- Dexter Broughton
2. What A Friend We have In Jesus—Mrs. Susie Kelley
3. Were You There -- Jeanette Crowder
4. The Old Rugged Cross—Rev. Dr. Wimbley Hale
5. Calvary – Llewon Felder
6. At The Foot of the Cross ---Kelsey Hannibal
7. Because He Lives—Louis Johnson
8. Christ The Lord is Risen Today He Lives-- Congregational Song

Offering—Ushers

Thank-You Note & Cast of Characters—

Mrs. Carol Henderson

Closing Remarks --- Rev. Dr. Wimbley Hale, Jr.

Presentation of the Cast of Characters

Jesus-----Jehl'n Bentley
Mary The Mother of Jesus--- Min. Annetti Anderson
Mary Magdalene & Narrator II— Cornelia Smith
Narrator I--- Chris Snell
Narrator III--- Ruthie Moore
Narrator IV--- Jeanette Crowder
Interviewer--- Cheryl Bentley
Commentator—Ann Broughton
Servant Girl--- Marshae Hughley
Disciple---Peter---Emmett Henderson
Disciple---Andrew--- Louis Johnson
Disciple---Matthew---Don Alexander
Disciple---Simon-----Cleveland Ingram
High Priest--and Disciple Alphaeus--Fred Smith
Pilate----- Jack McLaughlin
Roman Soldier I ----- Ken Willis
Roman Soldier II----- Mark Bentley
Disciple--- James----- Kelsey Hannibal
Disciple--- John----- Larry Parker
Disciple--- Philip----- Danny Wilson
Disciple--- Bartholomew---Craig Hale
Disciple---Thomas---Solomon Anderson
Disciple---Thaddeus---Curtis Green
Disciple---Judas Iscariot---Larry Armstead

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**1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

**2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.**

**3. On that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.**

Guest Churches:

**Bethlehem United Methodist Church
Dixon Grove Baptist Church
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
Red Oaks United Methodist Church
Shiloh Baptist Church
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The Old Rugged Cross

*He gave his life for you and I
On the old rugged cross is where he died
Nailed his hands and feet and pierced his side
For our sins the lamb of God was crucified
He died in excruciating pain and agony
He died right there on a hill at Calvary
On the third day he arose from the grave
Now our souls thru him can be saved
Lord please forgive me for what I have done
I pray to the Father and his son
I read my bible and I always pray
I want to live better than yesterday
Lord thank you for just being a friend
May the love we share never have to end
Jesus I know someday your coming back for me
To live with you in heaven for eternity
Jesus of my world you are that special part
I will love you from the bottom of my heart*

- David Stephens

Acknowledgements

Official Greeter---- Ms. Frenda Norwood
Commentator---- Mrs. Ann Broughton
Pianist--- Ms. Llewon Felder
Percussionist--- Ms. Jamila Hubert
Soloist---“The Old Rugged Cross” Rev. Dr. Wimbley Hale, Jr.
Soloist--- “ How Great Thou Art” Mr. Dexter Broughton
Soloist--- Ms. Llewon Felder “Calvary”
Soloist--- Mrs. Jeanette Crowder “Were You There”
Soloist--- Mr. Kelsey Hannibal “At The Foot of the Cross”
Soloist--- Mr. Louis Johnson “Because He Lives”
Soloist--- Mrs. Susie Kelley “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
Congregational Song---“Christ The Lord is Risen Today”
Alterations of Disciples Costumes---Mrs. Esther Alexander
Director of Costumes and Props—Mrs. Carol Henderson
Co-Editors --- Cornelia Smith and Emmett Henderson
Stage Directors — Angerla and Ira Turnipseed
Assistant- Stage Director --- Minister Ferris Williams
Technician for Audio Systems --- Craig Hale
Photography--- Mr. Curtis Green
Hostesses — Mrs. Zelma Haynie and Mrs. Edna Hickson
Artwork ---- Mr. Isiah Moore
Construction of the Crosses and Tomb --- Mr. Leroy Hickson
Refreshments --- Mrs. Linda Sims and Mr. Don Alexander

Purpose of The Christian Drama Ministry

To support the worship services through dramatic interpretations and praise of the name of Jesus Christ and to create a spirit-filled atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to communicate the truths of God’s word. To help people identify visually with the theme of the service and proclaim God’s greatness. The Christian Drama Ministry provides an effective means of communication to all believers, regardless of their gender, age or ethnicity.

Members of the Christian Drama Ministry:

Cornelia Smith	Esther Alexander
Min. Jackie Parker	Carol Henderson, Chairperson
Ruthie Moore	Susie Kelley
Kenneth Linning	Cleveland Ingram



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Writer & Director**

