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## Alma Mater

Allen to thee, we lift our hearts and voices,  
Allen to thee, life's choicest gifts we pray,  
And ever as we leave thy dear walls and  
halls so steeped in glory,  
Guard well thy children; guard and guide us on our way.  
Guard well thy children; guard and guide us on our way.  
When other sons so true and daughters loyal,  
Shall to their alma maters shout praises free,  
We, too, shall ever stand at thy side, and sing aloud forever,  
Allen, fair mother, we pledge our love to thee.  
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THINK ● WORK ● PRAY

## Mission Statement

Allen University is an academic community that provides students an opportunity to obtain associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees in liberal arts and professional programs in traditional and distance education formats. The University has a strong, unalterable commitment to teaching in the delivery of its associate, baccalaureate, and graduate programs.

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## AU Core Values

Integrity - Accountability - Respect - Excellence - Faith



## ALLEN UNIVERSITY ANNUAL EASTER SERVICE



**Christ Has Risen!**

**We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Romans 6:9**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024  
11:00 AM**

**Bishop Richard F. Norris Performing Arts Center  
CHAPPELLE AUDITORIUM**

**Dr. Ernest McNealey  
PRESIDENT**

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**Allen University Annual Easter Service**  
**Thursday, March 28, 2024, 11:00 AM**

**Presiding: Rev. Daniel T. Hembree, Ph.D.**  
*Dean, Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary*

**The Prelude**                      **Allen University Concert Choir**

**The Welcome**                      **Rev. Daniel T. Hembree, Ph.D.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**                      *The Crucified My Savior (He Arose)*

**Allen University Concert Choir**  
**Dr. Angela Blalock, director**  
**Dr. Alan Rudell, Piano**

**\*\*The Invocation**                      **Rev. Dr. Orlando McCauley, Jr.**  
*Chair, Department of Religion, Allen University*

**The Litany**  
**Rev. Amenti Sujai, Ph.D. Liturgist**  
*Associate Professor of Church History, DGTS*

**One: In the stillness of this holy moment, we seek the peace that transcends understanding.**

**Many:** Together, we journey through the shadows, yearning for the light that guides our path to peace.

**One: With every step, may our hearts be filled with a spirit of renewal and restoration.**

**Many:** In our gathering, may the harmony of our voices rise as one, echoing a call for peace throughout this world.

**One: As the dawn of Easter breaks, may ever-lasting peace heal and revive us.**

**All: We embrace this sacred moment, expressing our gratitude for the Christ resurrected within us, granting us peace and the strength to be reborn. Amen.**

*By Rev. Amenti Sujai, Ph.D.*

**\*\*Old Testament Reading**

**Psalm 118:20-29**

**Darren Hutchinson, Ph.D.**  
*Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Religion*

**\*\*New Testament Reading**

**Mark 16:1-8**

**Rev. Alonzo Johnson, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor of Theology, DGTS*

**Introduction of the Speaker**

**Rev. Daniel T. Hembree, Ph.D.**  
*Dean, Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary*

**Musical Selection**                      **“I Waited for the Lord”**                      Felix Mendelssohn  
from Hymn of Praise

**Carmen Jordan, Soprano**  
**Dr. Angela Blalock, Soprano**  
**Dr. Alan Rudell, Piano**

**\*\*Easter Message**  
**Rev. Adam L. China**  
*Pastor, Flat Rock AME Church, Abbeville, SC, DGTS Class of 2021*

**Musical Selection**                      **“Oh Happy Day”**  
Edwin Hawkins

**Allen University Concert Choir**  
**Dr. Angela Blalock, director**

**Remarks**                      **Rev. Daniel T. Hembree, Ph.D.**

**\*\*Alma Mater**                      **Allen University Family**

**\*\*The Benediction**  
**Rev. E. Robert Thomas**  
*Allen University Chaplain*

**\*Please stand**

**\*\*No Movement**