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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

John Leavitt

WELCOME AND PREPARATION

Psalms 118:15–24

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

C “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

P I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

C The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

P I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

C The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING HYMN

Easter Introit

Our Savior Choir / Our Savior Brass

John Ferguson

*Listen. The One who bore God’s heart,
The One in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord.
Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us.
All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed.
Listen. Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Alleluia!*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P In the name of the Father—who creates and re-creates new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P and of ✠ Jesus—who redeems and resurrects new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P and of the Holy Spirit—who sanctifies and breathes new life in the kingdom of resurrection.

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P** Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!
- C** Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!
- P** Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;

Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God, by faith in Jesus alone, we boldly confess, sing, and shout, “Jesus is risen.” He is our prayer; He is our praise!
- C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- P** You have overcome the powers of death and darkness. Divine grace, forgiveness, and eternal life for all are made certain in Your resurrection. Jesus is our prayer; He is our praise!
- C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- P** Let our sin be drowned daily in genuine repentance. Grant that we in faith wait patiently for our own day of resurrection, when we will live with all the saints in Jesus’ overwhelming light and unending feast. Jesus is our prayer; He is our praise!
- C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23 – 27
[pew Bible page 429]

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand

upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Classical Easter
Our Savior Ringers

arr. Michael Helman

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:51 – 57
[pew Bible page 962]

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He Is Not Here, He Has Risen
Our Savior Choir

Allen Pote

*Early in the morning came women bringing spices and perfume,
to anoint the body of Jesus, lying in the tomb.
But the stone was rolled away, and the body was not there.
Then two men in daz'ling clothes spoke to them:
“Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, he is not here, for he has risen,.”
He is not here, for he has risen, he is not here, for he has risen from the dead.
He is not here! Jesus is alive!
Go and tell all the apostles, go and tell Peter and John.
Go and tell those who will listen, Jesus is risen, He is alive!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!
He is not here, he has risen. Alleluia!*

He Is Not Here, He Has Risen Allen Pote
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THE EASTER GOSPEL

Luke 24:1 – 12
[pew Bible page 884]

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

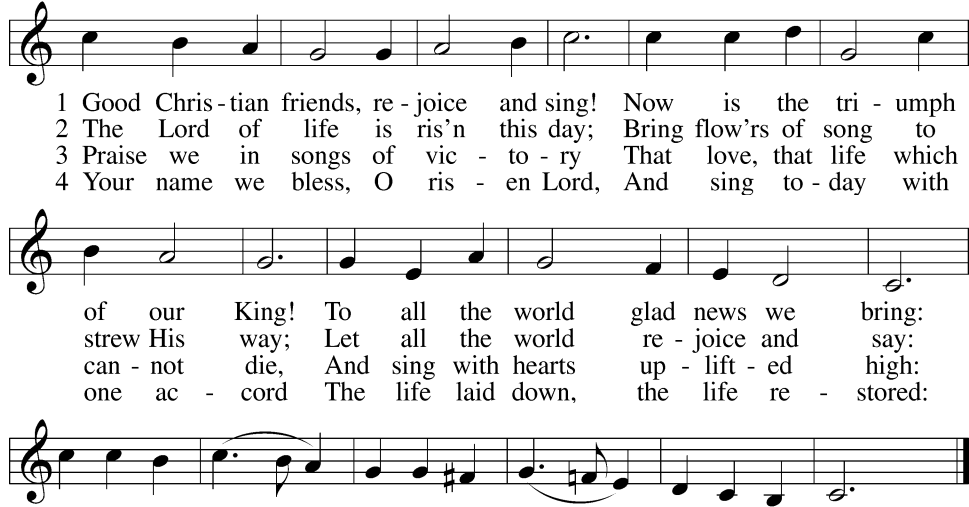
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
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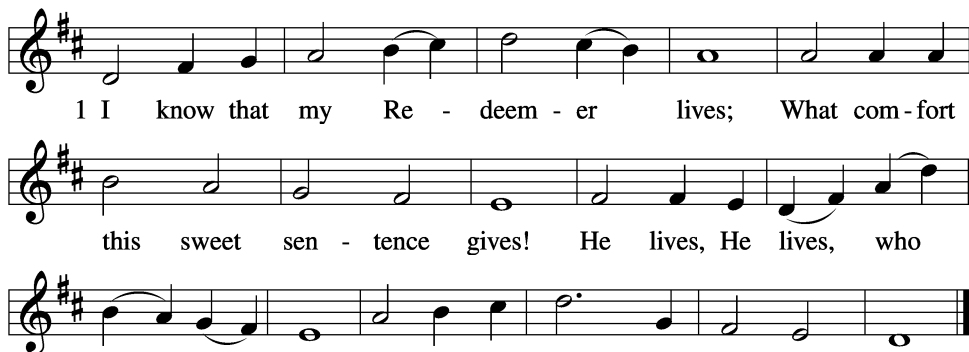
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MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; What com-fort
 this sweet sen-tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 once was dead; He lives, my ev-er-liv-ing head.

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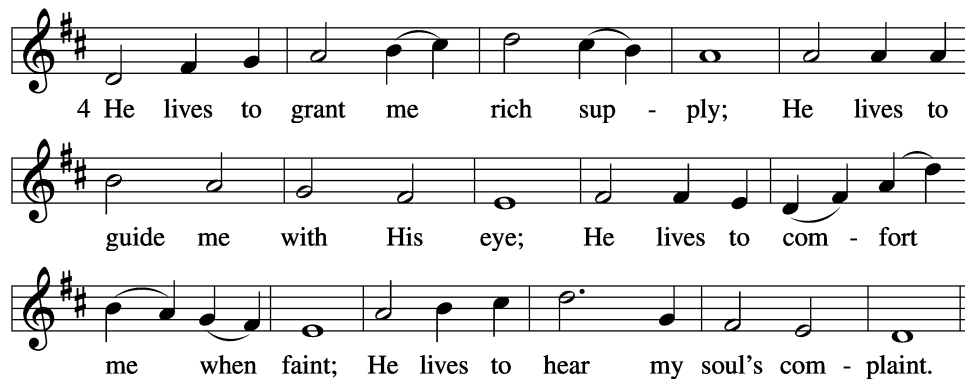
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EASTER PRAYER LITANY AND LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray.

On this great celebration of the third day, when Jesus was raised from death to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

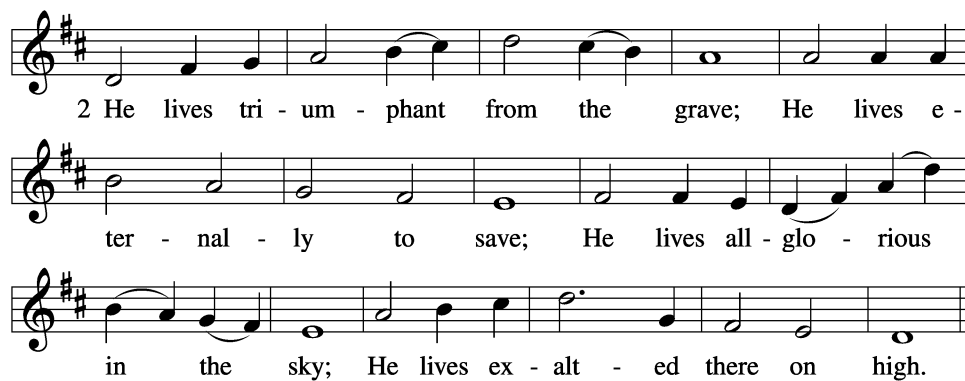
C We know that if we ask anything in Your name and according to Your will, You will not only hear our prayer but You promise to answer it.



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P Our risen Savior, before we ask anything of You, we lay before Your feet all our worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving.

C You not only sacrificed Your life for our sins on the cross, but You defeated death itself on the third day. For this, we bow before You, offering our thanks, praise, and service to You.

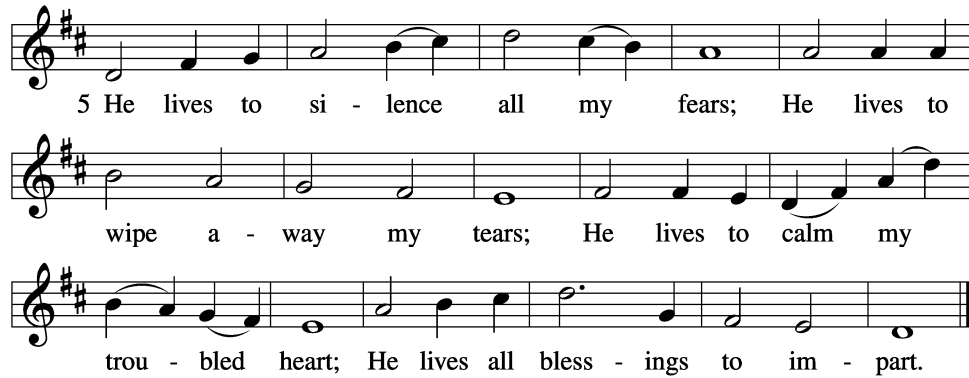


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P We pause to remember the events of the third day:

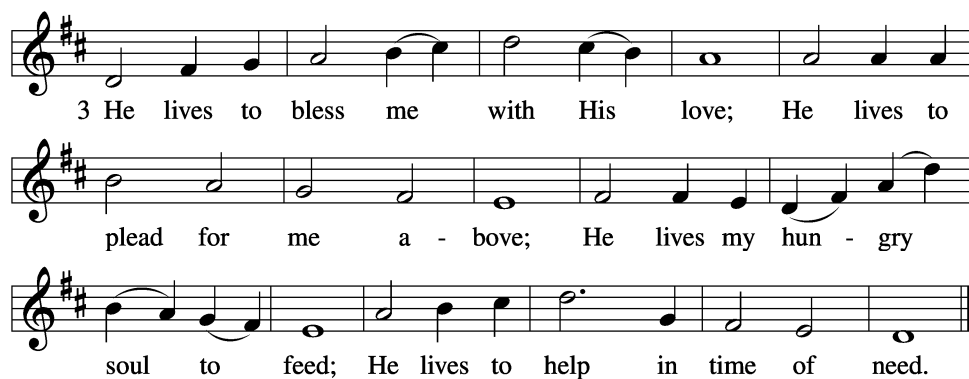
C The women at the tomb, Peter and John, the Emmaus road, the Upper Room.

- P** In each case, You brought joy to those circumstances.
- C** Wherever we find ourselves today, Lord, remind us of what You did in the resurrection and fill our hearts with Your joy. Lord, hear our prayer.



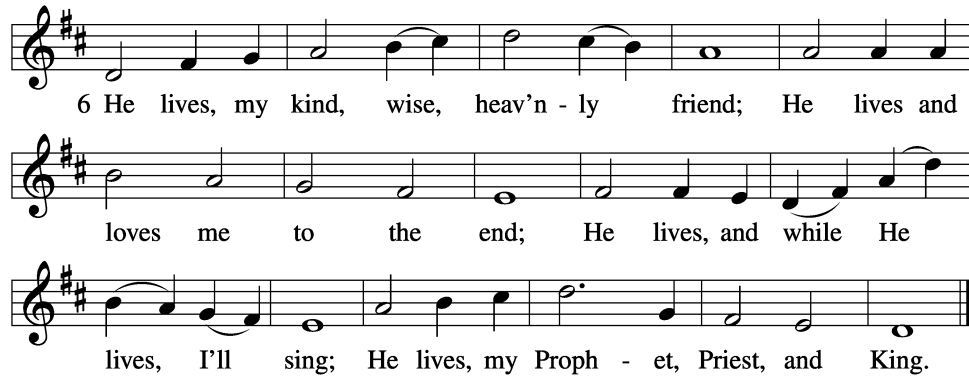
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- P** We remember before Your throne those whose joys are being stolen by the circumstances of life. We remember those sick and in need of Your care.
- C** We lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ before Your throne, trusting in our great heavenly physician to use doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles, according to Your will, to bring healing and health to them. Lord, hear our prayer.



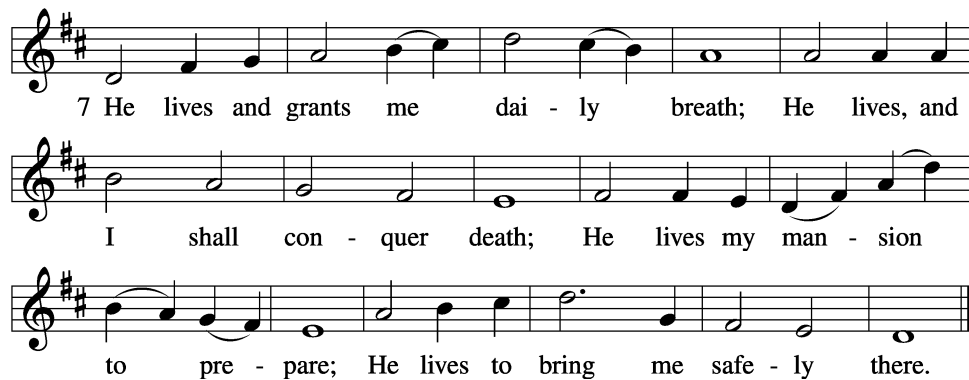
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- P** For those who struggle every day, Lord Jesus, show compassion on them;
- C** Look with compassion on those struggling paycheck to paycheck; for the homeless, the ones living in poverty; and so many we have not named but are known to You, almighty God. Care for them as only You can. Lord, hear our prayer.



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- P** We pray for those who are imprisoned, and we remember those imprisoned for nothing more than their faith in Jesus.
- C** As You showed grace to the thief on the cross, show Your grace to those imprisoned who do not know You. We ask protection for the ones persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear our prayer.



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- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests.
- C** We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.



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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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 trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

C “O death, where is your victory?
 O death, where is your sting?”

P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

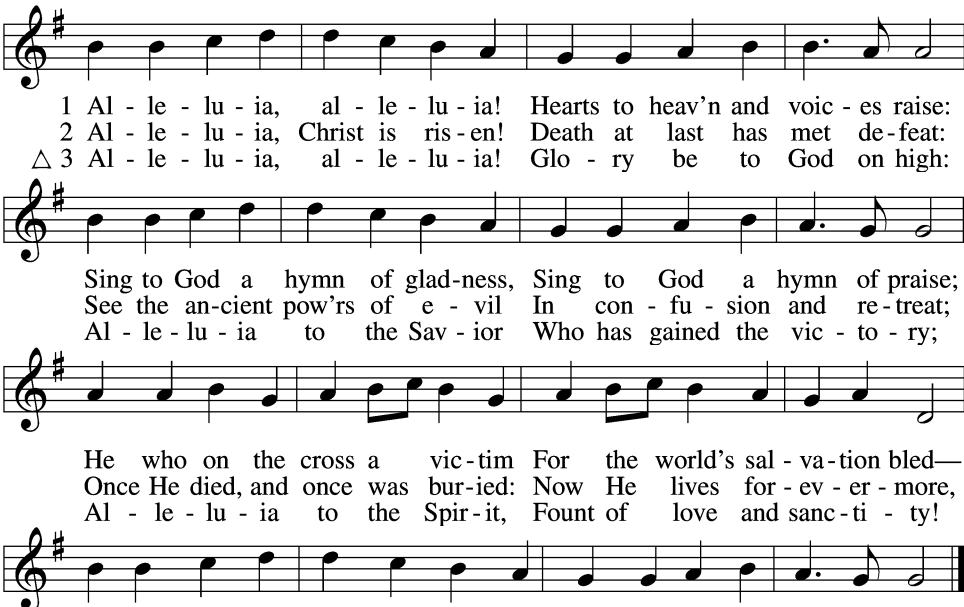
C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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DISMISSAL

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- P** We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in His peace. Alleluia, alleluia!
- C** Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

J. Wayne Kerr

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