

The Hymnal 1982 - #122 Alleluia, song of gladness

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for ev - er - more  
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther, all thy chil - dren sing with thee;  
al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing, let us for a while give o'er,  
at the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid-ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles now are we.  
as our Sa - vior in his fast-ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.  
there to thee for ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

*The doubling of the melody may be omitted.*

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- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,  
    voice of joy that cannot die;  
    alleluia is the anthem  
        ever raised by choirs on high;  
    in the house of God abiding  
        thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia thou resoundest,  
    true Jerusalem and free;  
    alleluia, joyful mother,  
        all thy children sing with thee;  
    but by Babylon's sad waters  
        mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia though we cherish  
    and would chant for evermore  
    alleluia in our singing,  
        let us for a while give o'er,  
    as our Savior in his fasting  
        pleasures of the world forbore.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,  
    grant us, blessed Trinity,  
    at the last to keep thine Easter

with thy faithful saints on high;  
there to thee for ever singing  
alleluia joyfully.

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