

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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