

Order for the Public Worship of God
April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Now the Green Blade Rises”
(based in the Easter hymn #247)

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: We gather to worship as God’s dearly beloved children.

People: By God’s grace that is who we are!

Leader: Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,

People: and let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: In faith and with joy, let us praise and worship God who first loved us!

*HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let the earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Loving and faithful God, you made the hearts of the discouraged disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus. We confess that like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. For-give us when we are easily discouraged, and given to despair. Forgive us that, although we claim to live by resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that death is the end. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit empower us to live obedient lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

SOLO

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter; His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the clouds from sight received Him when the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore.”*

*Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, You on earth our food and stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, plead for me.
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

—John of Damascus, 8th century

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

*HYMN #239

(stanzas 1,2,3)

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”
Stephanie Carson, Piano

GELOBT SEI GOTT

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen today!
Death’s mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

SERMON

“My Lord and My God!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light when,
to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.**

**From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain”

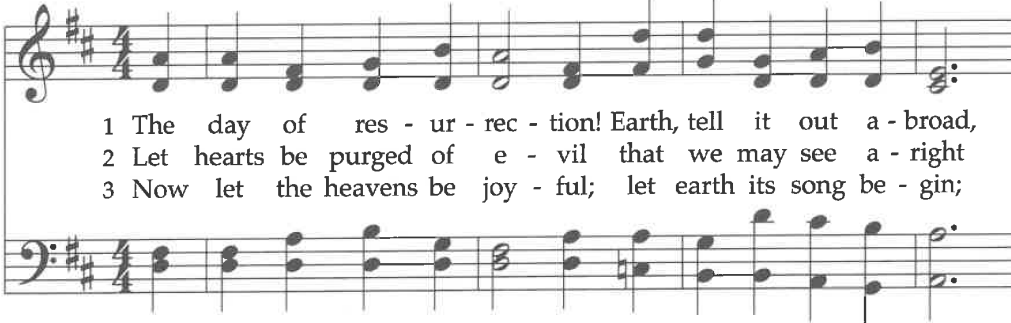
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Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

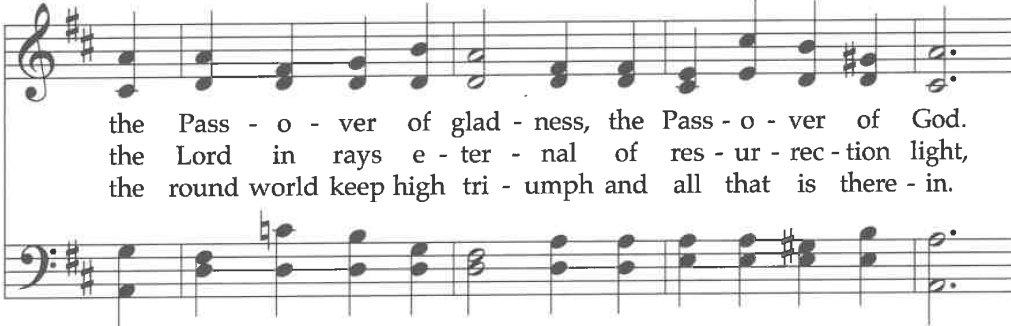
**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Quartet: Tracey Birch, Mike Elza, Dennis Rasmussen & Gail Rothrock

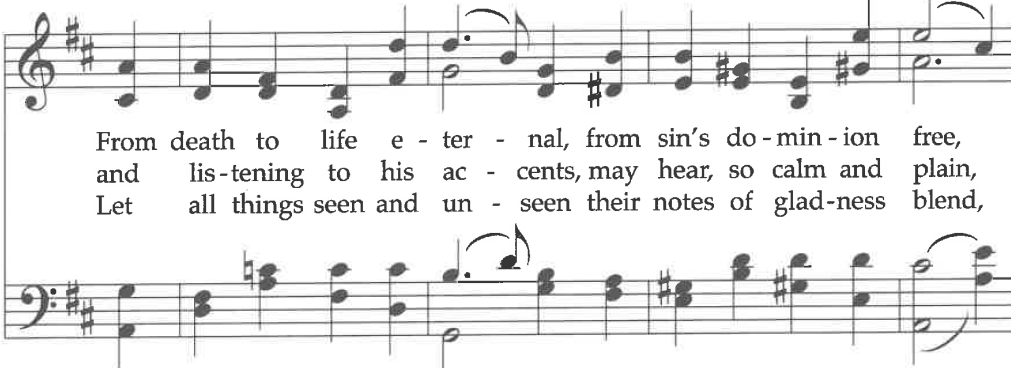
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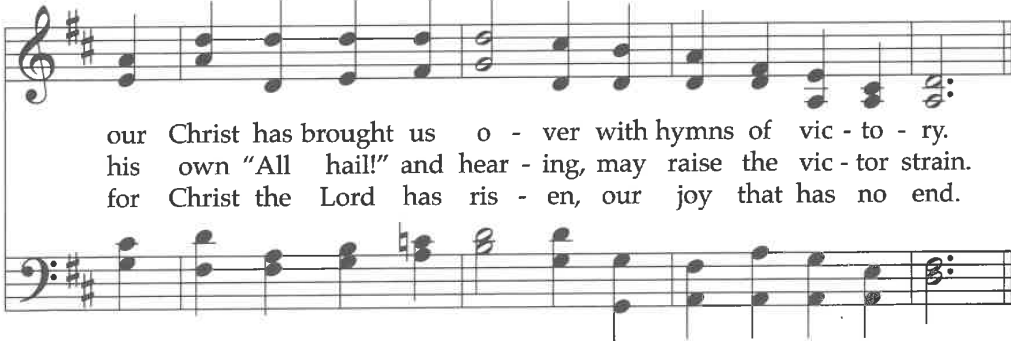
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



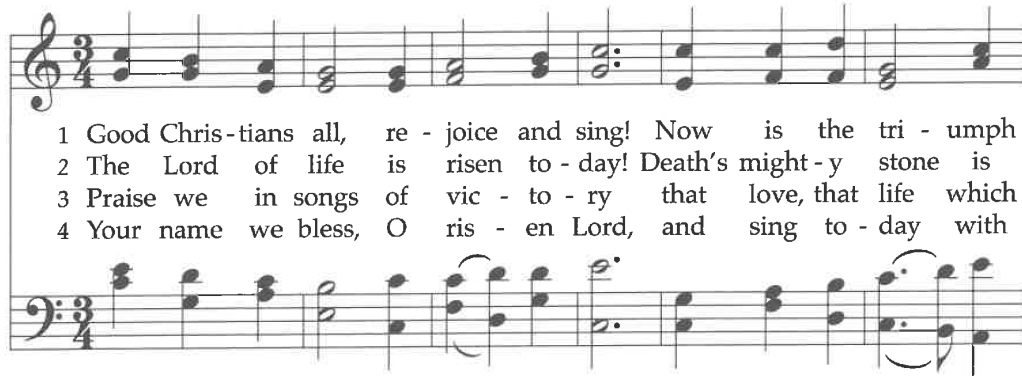
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 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



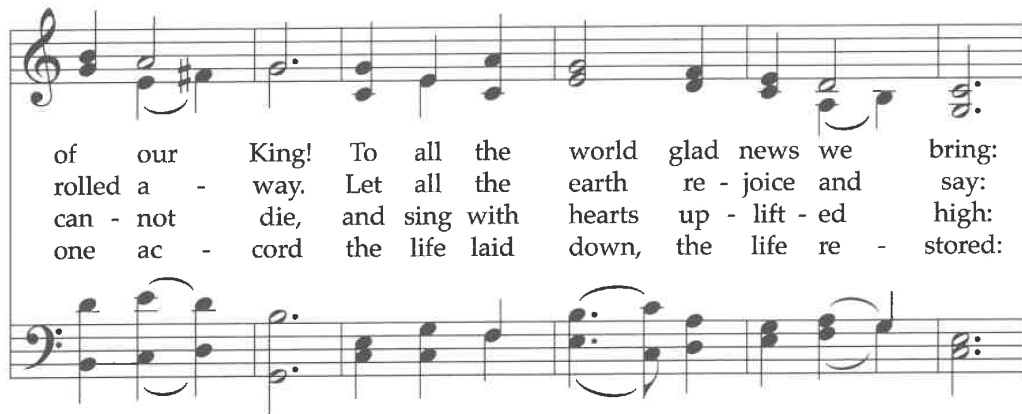
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
 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:
 rolled a - way. Let all the earth 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!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Melchior Vulpus, 1609; harm. *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

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GELOBT SEI GOTT
 8.8.8 with alleluias

254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.