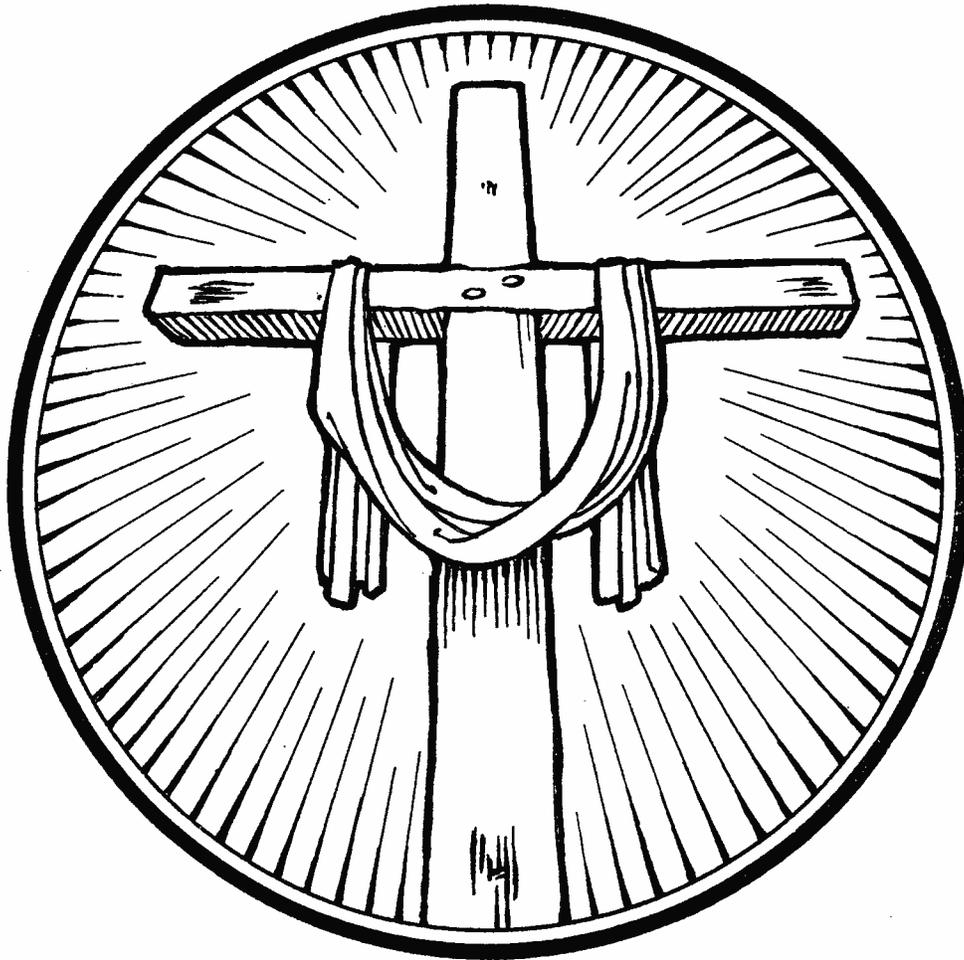


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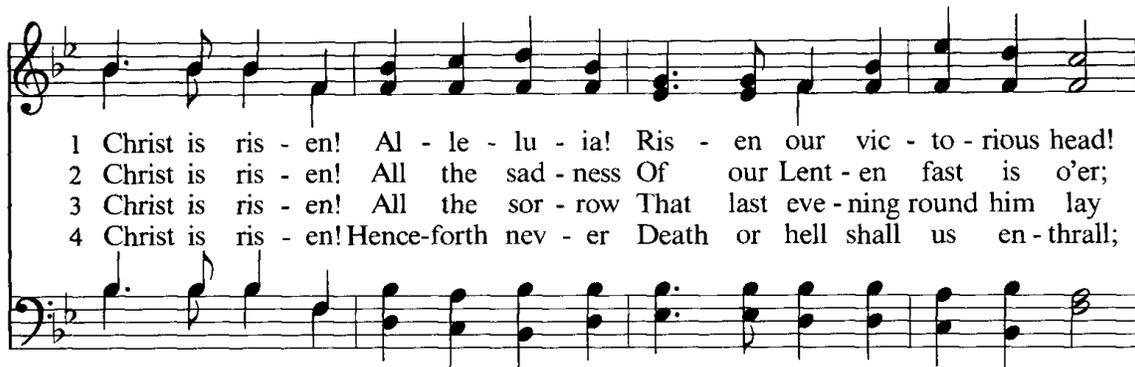
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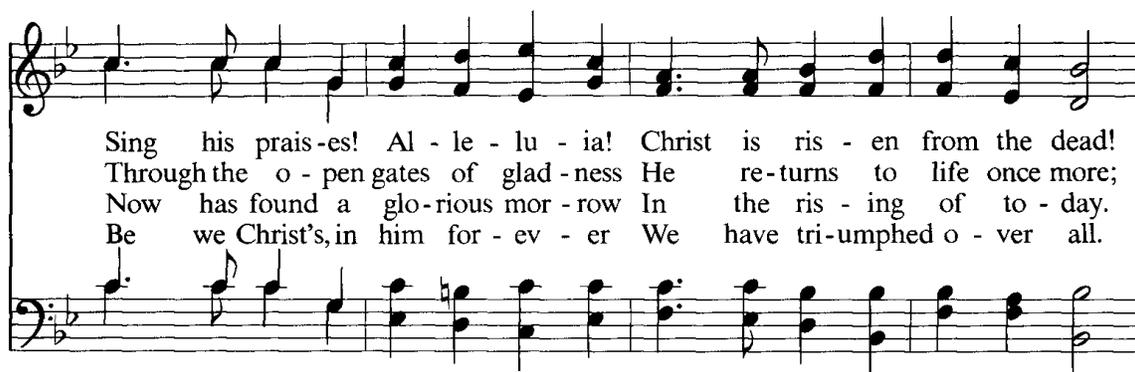
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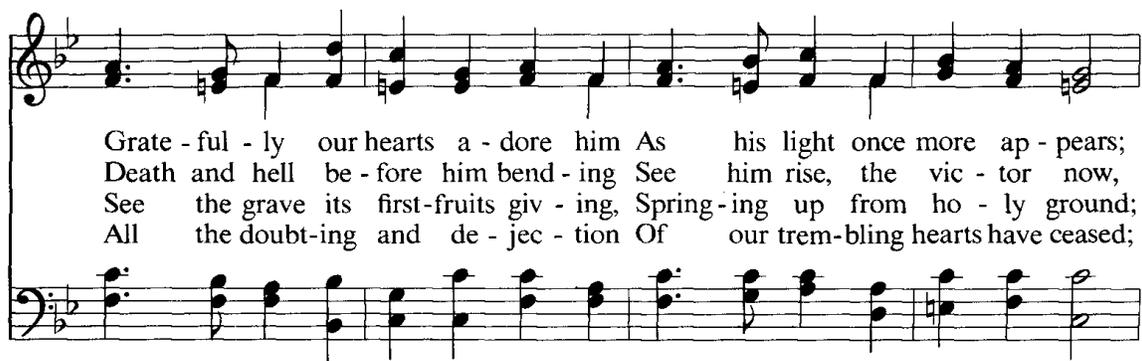
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



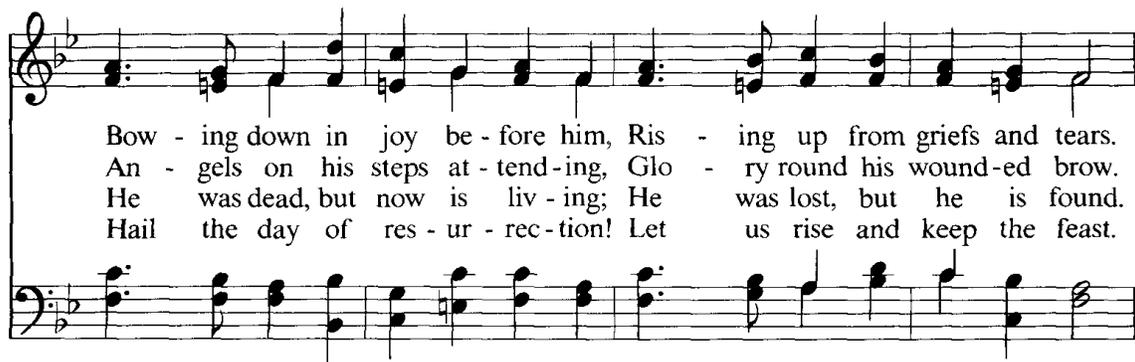
1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness Of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row That last eve - ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er Death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 Through the o - pen gates of glad - ness He re - turns to life once more;
 Now has found a glo - rious mor - row In the ris - ing of to - day.
 Be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er We have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him As his light once more ap - pears;
 Death and hell be - fore him bend - ing See him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, Spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion Of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



Bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, Ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 An - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, Glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 He was dead, but now is liv - ing; He was lost, but he is found.
 Hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

DIALOG

A Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

He was, He is, and He is to come.

He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

He created all things. By His will they came to be.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

Worthy to take the scrolls and break its seals.

By His blood He purchased for God

people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

Christ made of them a kingdom

and priests to serve our God.

And they shall reign on earth forever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one, Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and
was made man.
For our sake he was crucified Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.
On the third day He rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken by the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins,
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

A A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 16

¹Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.

²I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*”
I have no good a- | part from you.”

³As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names | on my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
you | hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

¹¹You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

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EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now

see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1—18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending

to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" — and that he had said these things to her.

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

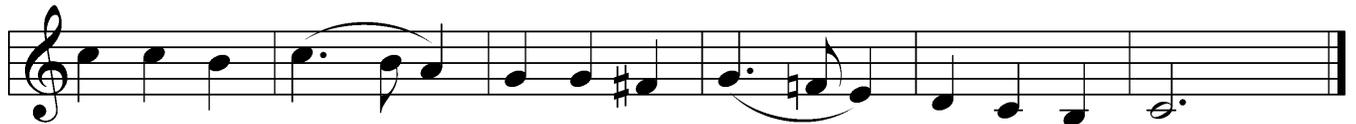
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



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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THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,
you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race.
We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings
which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity
your saving Word, and the sacred ordinances of your house.
Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine
and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power,
and help all who hear
rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger,
that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people,
may fight the good fight of faith and in the end
receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace.
Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants
and all who are in authority.
Cause your glory to dwell among us,
and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail.
We commend to your care all our schools,
that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished
and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water,
from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine.
Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us.
Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy,
the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds,
our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise.

Special supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth,
help us to prepare for the world to come,
doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day,
before that night comes when no one can work.
And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power
and receive us into your everlasting kingdom,
where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
you live and reign, God forever.

C Amen

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 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 us peace.

C Amen

457 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 endured, 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!

