



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 12, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

### ORGAN & BRASS PRELUDE

“Finale from Symphony No. 3, Organ”  
*Recorded live in concert on May 24, 2019 at ELPC*  
*The Brass Roots*  
*Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organist*  
*Dr. Stephen Gage, conductor*

Camille Saint-Saëns

### OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Hebrews 10)*

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: God of salvation, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat your love for humankind.

People: **The night is passed and with dawn comes new creation; Christ is risen to bring us new life!**

Leader: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

### PRAYER OF ADORATION *(in unison)*

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

### \* HYMN #232 *(vs. 1 and 2)*

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

### BLESSING OF THE SACRAMENTS

### GREETINGS FROM ELPC STAFF & SESSION



\*Indicates where to please rise in spirit.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 28:1-10

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**HYMN #238** (*vs. 1 and 2*)

“Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

I Corinthians 15:51

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed.

Psalms 118:23

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

1 Timothy 3:16

Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

He was revealed in flesh,  
vindicated in spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among Gentiles,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.

**SERMON**

“An Easter Mystery”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ANTHEM

George Frideric Handel  
from *Messiah*  
Revelation 5:12-14

“Worthy Is the Lamb”  
“Amen”

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Recorded live on Easter, April 1, 2018  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, conductor  
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo †, organist*

MINUTE FOR MISSION / OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, grace and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #248 (*vs. 1 and 3*)

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.  
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush


POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony V”

Charles-Marie Widor



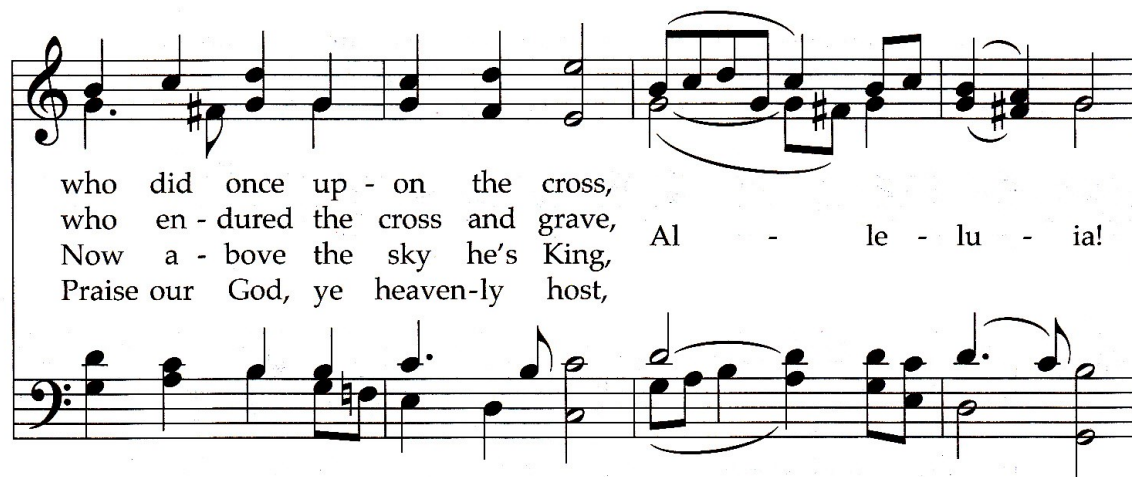
# JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY (vs. 1 and 2)



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



our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King,  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave,  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740

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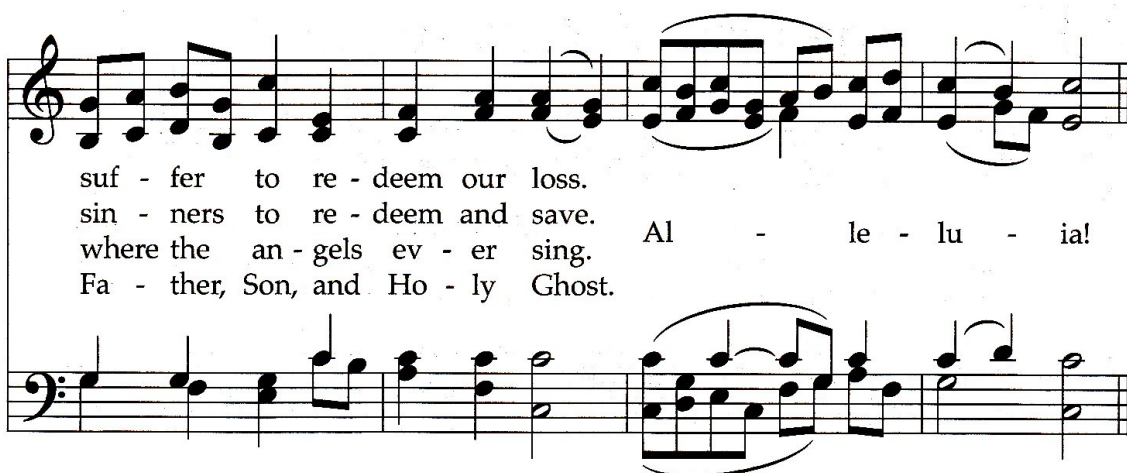
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EASTER HYMN

7.7.7.7 with alleluias




#### SPANISH

- 1 El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!  
 muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!  
 Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!  
 cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!  
 vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!  
 Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!  
 su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!  
 y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!  
 hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!  
 reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!  
 de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!  
 En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!  
 Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

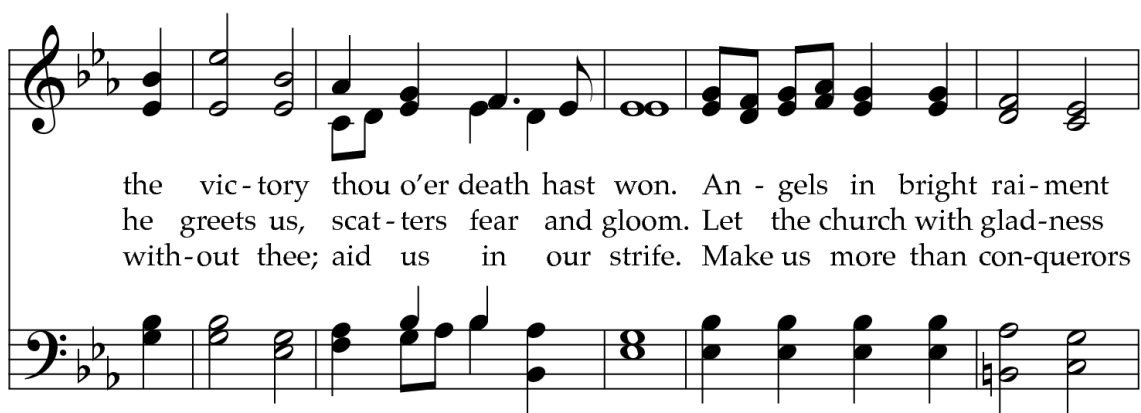
#### KOREAN

- 1 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야  
 만민찬송 하여라  
 천사들이 즐거워  
 기쁜찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야  
 선한싸움이겼네  
 사망권세 이기고  
 하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야  
 왕의왕이 되셨네  
 높은이름 세상에  
 널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야  
 우리부활 하겠네  
 부활생명 되시니  
 우리부활 하겠네

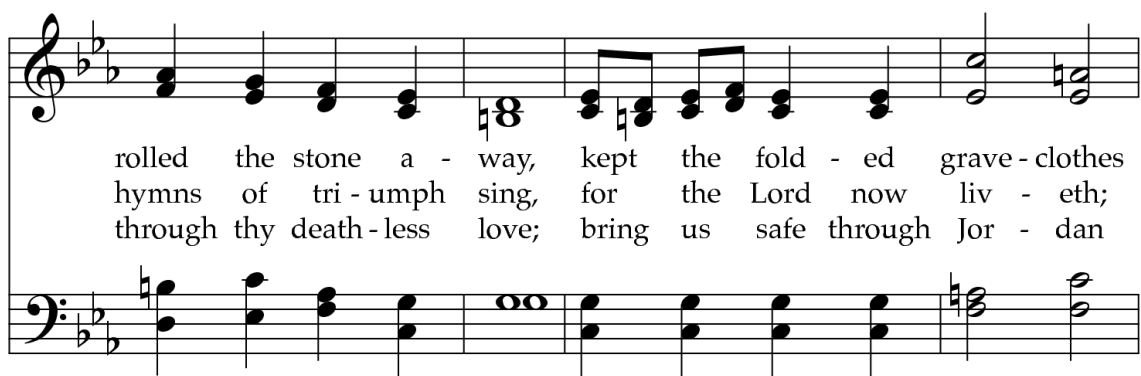
## THINE IS THE GLORY (*vs. 1 and 2*)



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

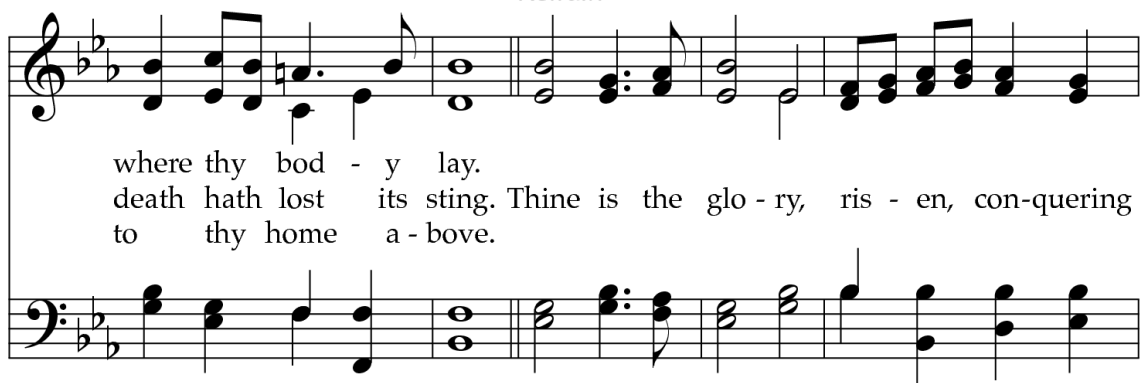


the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.





#### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
 Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
*Organist/Music Director*  
 Gail Novak Mosites, *cantor/soloist*  
*Pre-Recorded*  
 Musicians: ELPC Chancel Choir  
 Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo †, *organist*  
 The Brass Roots  
 Dr. Stephen Gage, *conductor*  
 A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on:

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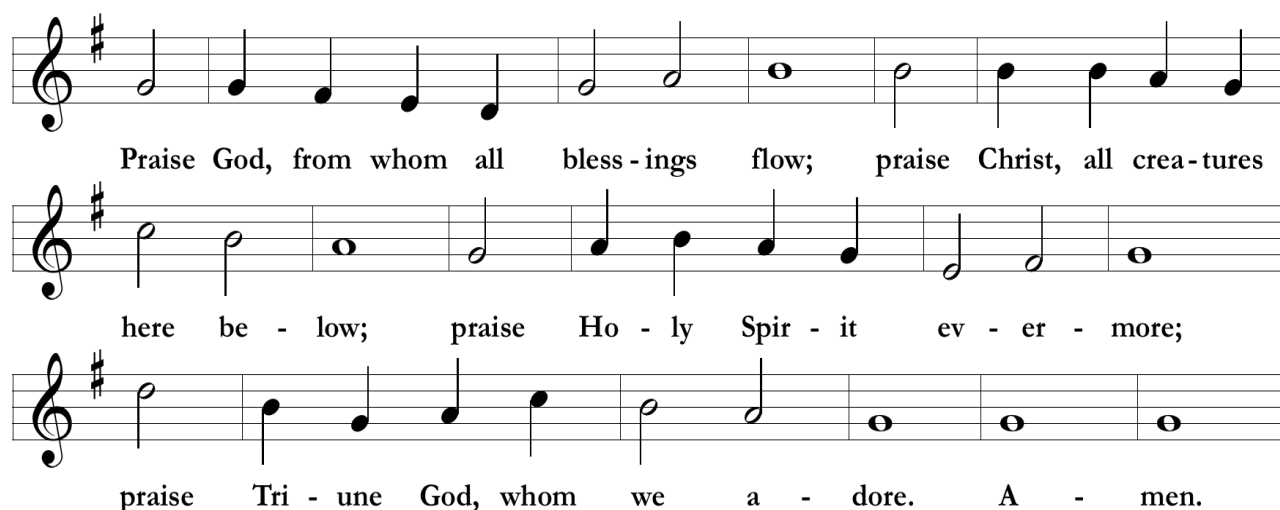
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## DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION



## THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Each year at the Easter Vigil the Paschal Candle is lit. The design of the candle is rich in symbolism.

The center of the candle is a gold cross with red Alpha and Omega the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The letters signify that Jesus Christ is the First and the Last the Beginning and the End.

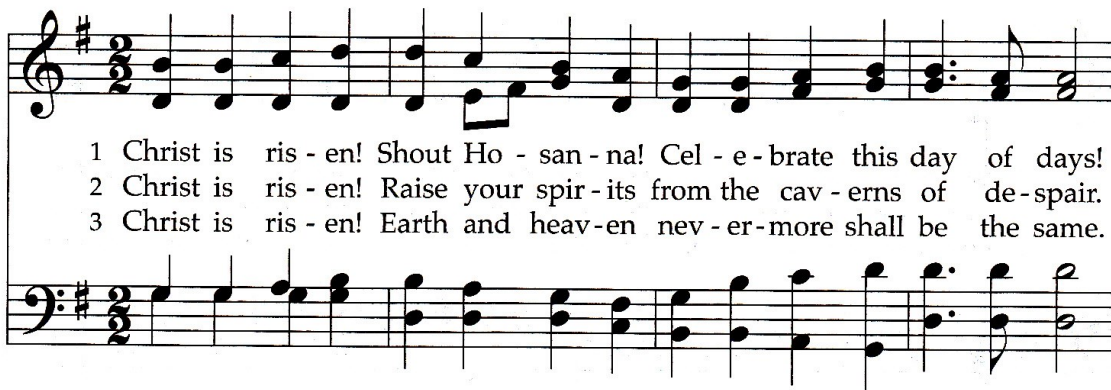
*(Revelation 22:13)*

The green laurel branches beneath the cross represent the victory of the resurrection.

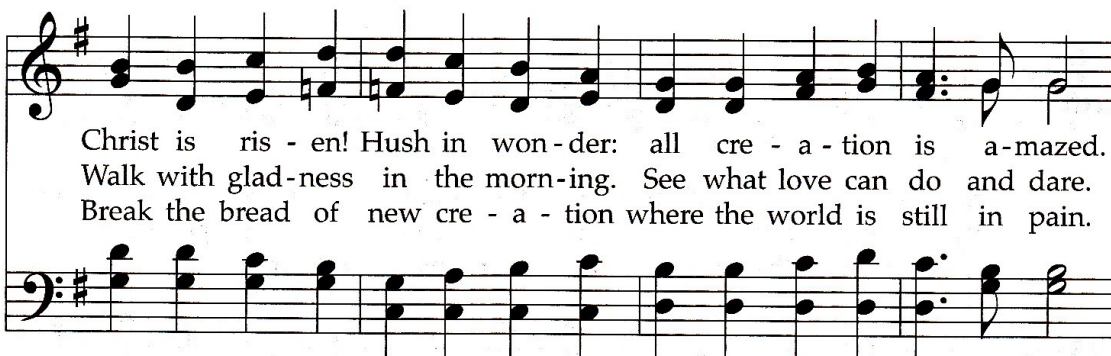
The current year represents that God is in the present amidst the congregation.




# CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA! (vs. 1 and 3)



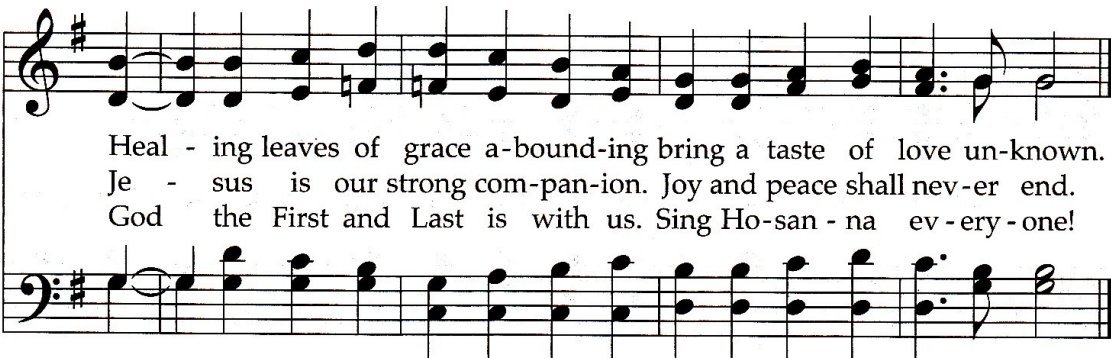
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."