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Easter 2019

8 AM & 10:30AM

**A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S VICTORY!
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace.

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8 AM) **ORGAN PRELUDE**

The Strife is O'er

arr. Hopson

(10:30 AM) **PRELUDE**

Death Was Arrested by North Point Inside Out

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: The darkness is banished!

P: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!

L: Christ is risen from the dead!

P: Christ is alive forevermore!

L: Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah!

ALL: AMEN.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: On this first day of the week, Emptier of Tombs, we must admit that we have not lived faithfully the last few days. It is not that we have done great evil; we simply have failed to do good. It is not so much that we have caused hurt, but we have not brought healing. It is not that we have trouble believing in the event of Easter, we have difficulty speaking about this day to our friends and neighbors. Call us by name, Redeemer of all Creation, so we might hear your words of mercy. You have not given us over to despair, but handed us hope. You have not ignored our emptiness, but filled us with the Bread of Heaven. You do not hand us over to death, but raise us to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 245 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 3)

The Day of Resurrection

ALL SING: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

CHOIR ANTHEM & HYMN (words on screens)

Lift Your Voice and Sing
by Mary McDonald

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18

EASTER MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 308 (UM hymnal, see insert)

Thine Be the Glory

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39)

L: What, then, shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

P: No, in all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHOIR & PRAISE BAND ANTHEM *Exalted Over All* by Ingram, Rosier, & Cates
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RESURRECTION PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hosanna! Praise is Rising

by Baloché

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 522 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

I Love to Tell the Story

ALL SING: I love to tell the story of unseen things above. Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song will be the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

P: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

L: Thankful is the song we sing!

P: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

L: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

P: For this day awakens in us long awaited new life.

L: This table is for all who wish to know the Risen Christ.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is Risen indeed!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: We should give thanks!

P: Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!

L: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love; you are creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in you... We praise you for Jesus Christ, risen to life, eternal as your love. With the women at the tomb, we raise the strain of gladness, proclaiming with your people from every time and place:

P: Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death! The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

L: As we gather at this table we remember a story told mere days ago

P: and yet also so long ago.

L: We remember that Jesus gathered with his closest friends in an upper room to share the feast of liberation.

P: And while sharing the ancient story of freedom, he called them to remember the promised freedom of God's kingdom.

L: We remember that at the table he took the bread, gave thanks for it, blessed it, broke it and passed it among them saying:

P: This is my body, broken by and for the world. Whenever you eat it remember me.

L: Then later he took the cup of wine, blessed it and passed it among them saying:

P: This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it remember me, and look toward the fulfillment of God's kingdom.

L: And so we break the bread and pour the cup and we remember with hope.

P: On this Easter Day we share in the Banquet of Freedom to celebrate Life Victorious!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE JUICE
SHARING THE ELEMENTS (all cups contain grape juice)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. Grant, O God, that we who have gathered together on this Day of Resurrection, will move on as people of hope, people of life, people of the Kingdom. May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul and energize us as we go out to share the good news. Christ is Risen! Death is Defeated! Life Wins! Alleluia and Amen!

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 233 (black hymnal)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Triumphant Finale

by Bliss

If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Barb Stebbins' & Lana Fritz's birthdays by Lana Fritz.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Tom & Carol Bair's 24th anniversary by Tom Bair.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Pastor Dani & Pastor Jeff for all their hard work over the Lenten season from the Bevivino family.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

As you leave, please remember to pick up your Easter flowers placed in honor and in memory of loved ones, which are located throughout the sanctuary and in the narthex.

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3683/worship-connection-easter-sunday-2019>

²<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2016/03/liturgy-wcommunion-for-march-27-2016.html>

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MT. ZION UCC WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK.....

Thank you to our Worship Choir, Praise Band, Dancers, & Brass Ensemble for combining their talents and blessing us with their gifts today.

Worship Choir

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Deborah Butcher	Brenda Beyer Helen Burns	David Firestone Mike Gibbs	Tom Bair Braden Bicher
Barb Everhart Doris Loucks Barb Neff	Nancy Kinard	Michael Maletz	Tom Green Les Loucks Ron Perry

Brass Ensemble

Mike Ferree Matt Grimes Missy Kiefer
Ryan Myers Jordyn Myers

Dancers

Vanessa Bicher Jen Cooper Lana Fritz
Emerson Grimes Tami Grimes Dani Kardisco

Praise Band

Cora Beyer Evan Cooper Sydney Cooper
Mason DeMers Denny Daugherty Olivia Daugherty

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Sandy King, Tama Allison, Mary Jane Snyder, & Tim Snyder

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Sandy King, Carrah Wagaman, Steph, Carter, & Cora Beyer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

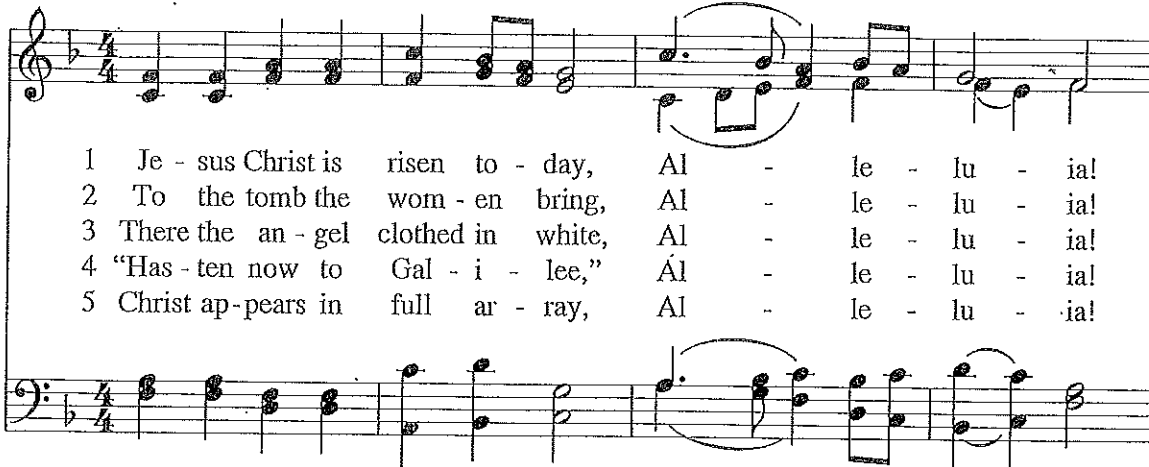
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

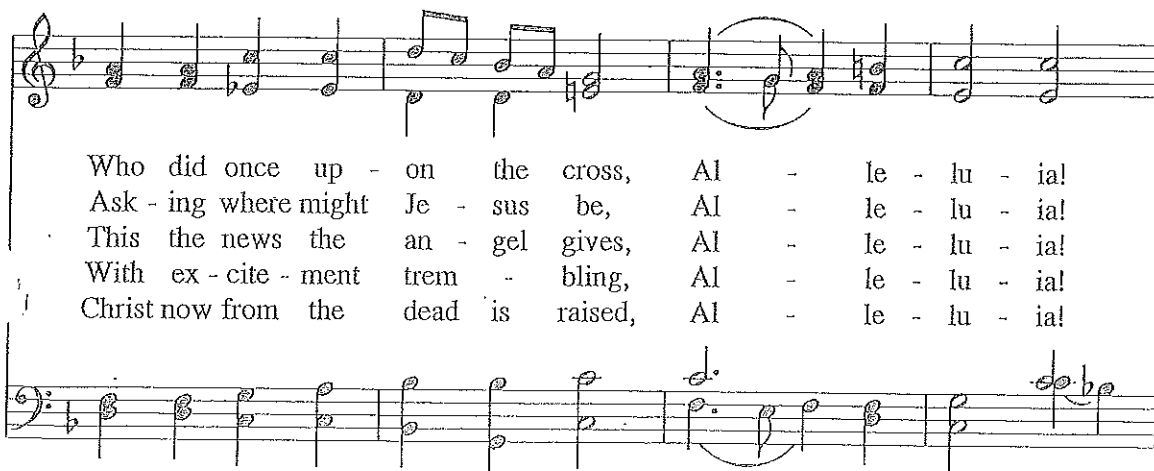
St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708
 St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

In 1749, an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin hymn dropped all but the first stanza of the original. Most

Tune: LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Robert Williams. 1817

Unison

Suf-fer to re-deem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Sav-ior come to set us free, Al-le-lu-ia!
 That the Sov-ereign glo-rious lives, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Ho-ly Trin-i-ty be praised, Al-le-lu-ia!

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century.

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

Luke 24:36-37

1 Joy dawned a-gain on Eas-ter Day, the sun shone
 2 O Je-sus, Sav-ior, Gen-tle One, come take our
 3 O Sov-ereign One, with us a-bide in this our

out with bright ar-ray; For when the A-pos-tles
 hearts to be your own, That we may give you
 joy-ful Eas-ter-tide; From ev-ery weap-on

hid in fear, the Ris-en Christ to them ap-peared.
 all our days the will-ing trib-ute of our praise.
 death can wield, your own re-deemed for-ev-er shield.

This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from 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 Christ who reigns e - ter - nal' in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

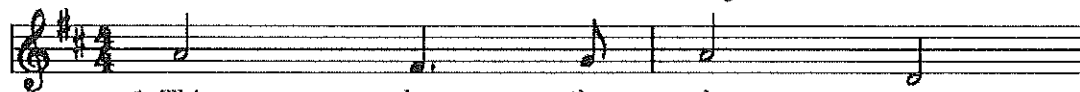
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

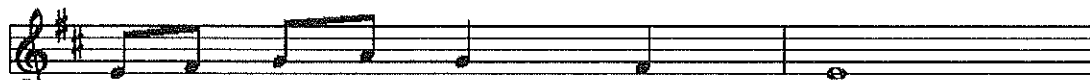
A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.
John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

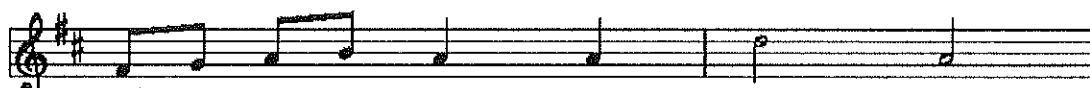
Thine Be the Glory



1. Thine be the glo - ry,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee,
 3. No more we doubt thee,



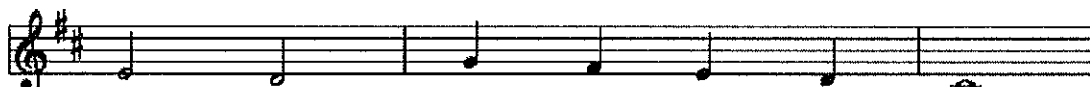
ris - en, con - quering Son;
 ris - en from the tomb;
 glo - rious Prince of life!



end - less is the vic - tory
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee;
 Life is naught with - out thee;



thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright
 scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with
 aid us in our strife. Make us more than



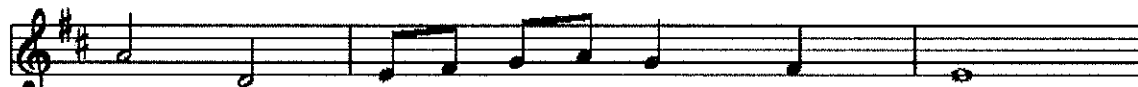
rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 con - querors, through thy death - less love;



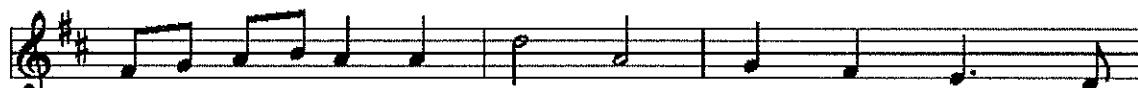
kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 for our Lord now liv - eth;
 bring us safe through Jor - dan



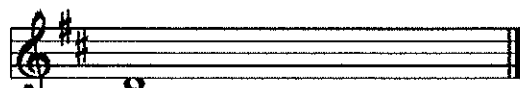
where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the
 death hath lost its sting.
 to thy home a - bove.



glo - ry, ris - en con - quering Son;



end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast



won.

I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

Of Je - sus' ra - diant glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.
 than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when I sing in glo - ry, I know the new, new song

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do. *contin-*
 be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true. *ued next*
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word. *page...*
 will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; and when I am in glo - ry

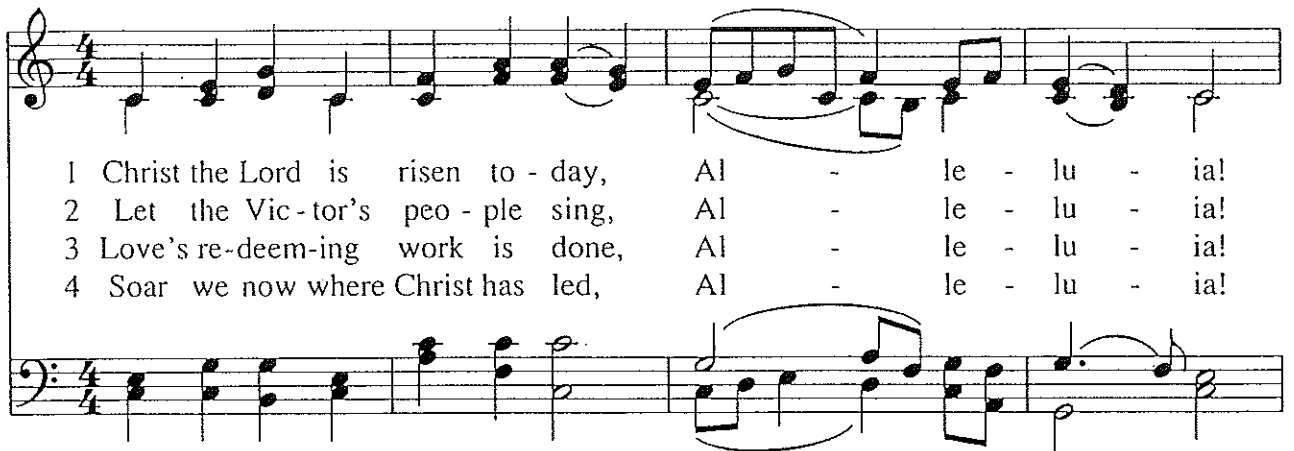
I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus' end - less love.

Born in Clapham, England, Katherine Hankey belonged to the Clapham Sect of Evangelicals and established a Bible class for girls in London's West End. This hymn is drawn from her extended poem on the life of Jesus, which also contains "Tell me the old, old story."

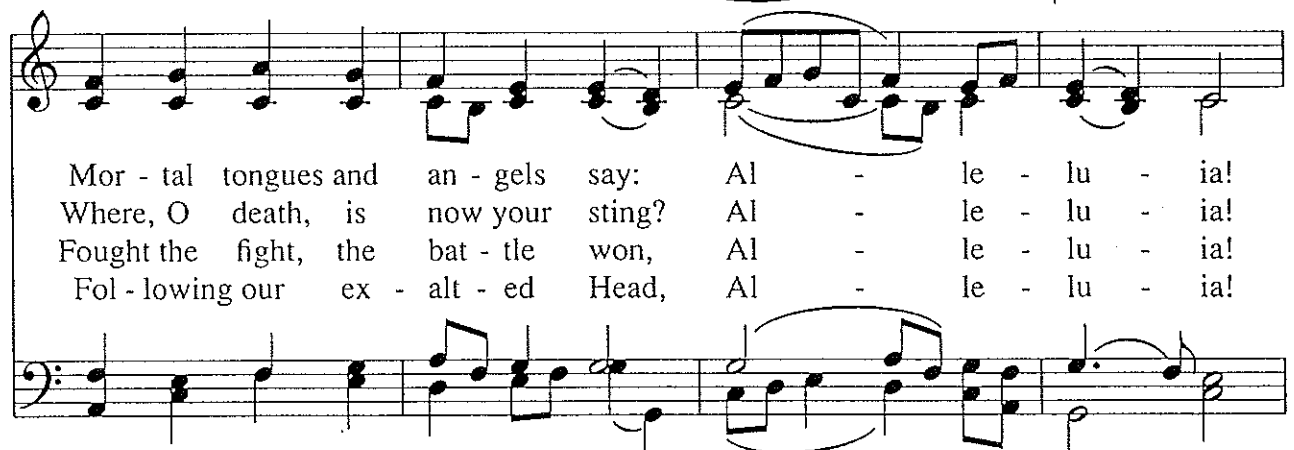
Tune: HANKEY 7.6.7.6.D, with refrain
William G. Fischer, 1869

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

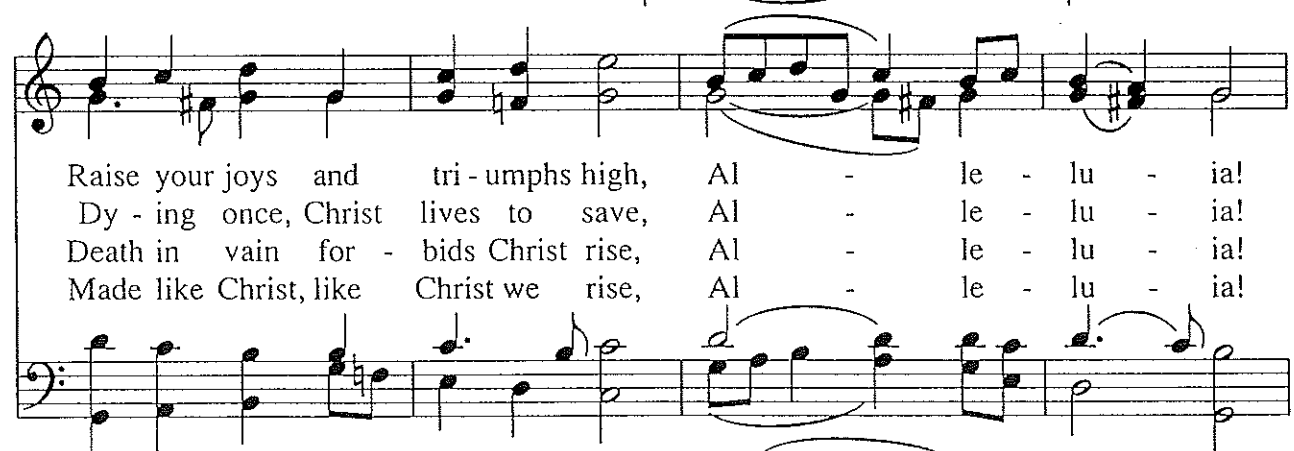
Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



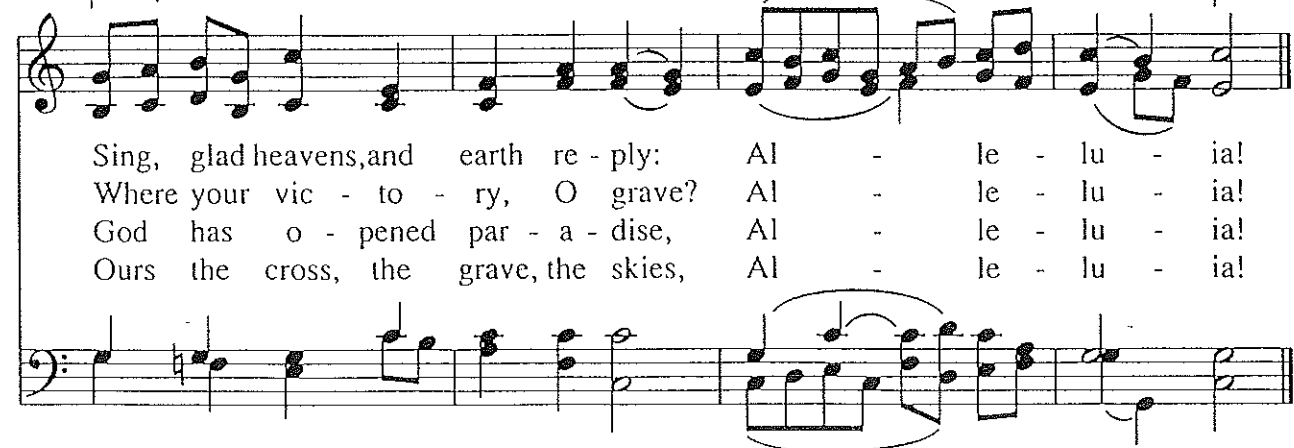
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708