

He is Risen!



Resurrection!

Easter Sunday 2026

Call to Worship - Where God Calls Us Into His Presence [congregation standing]

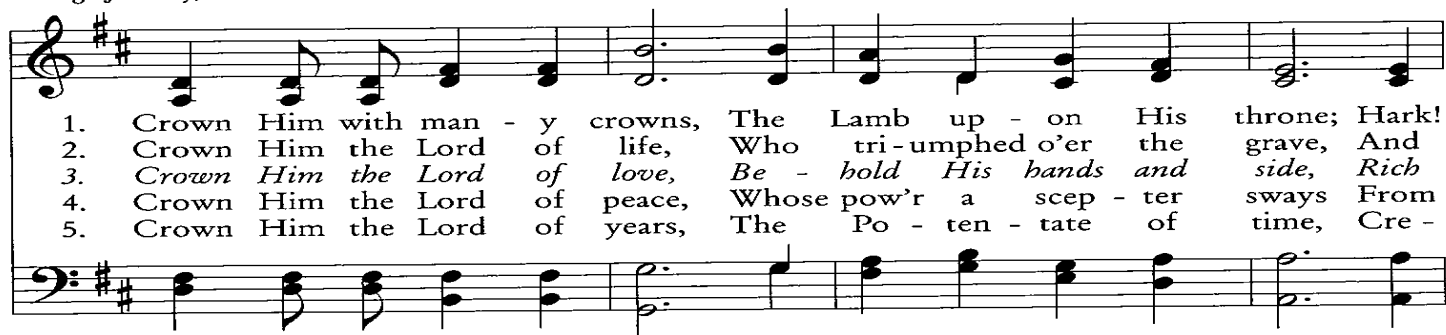
"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us." Romans 8:31-34

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Adoration:

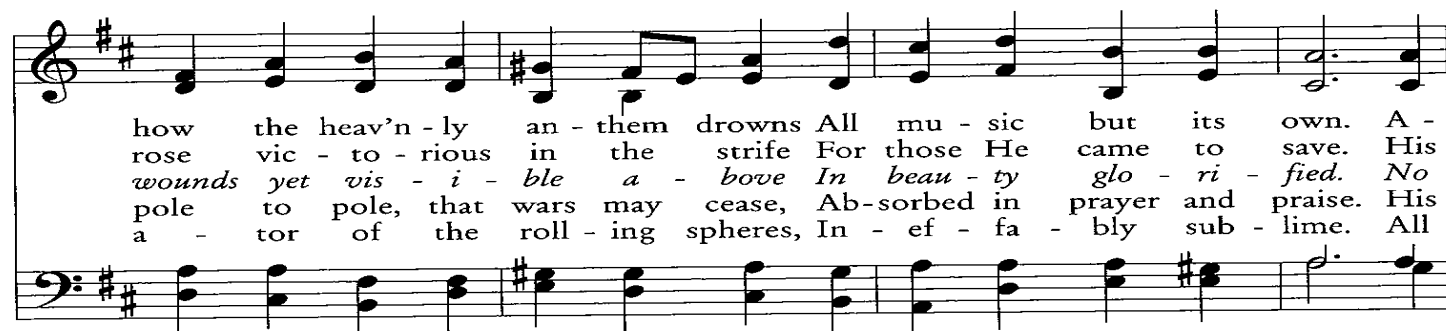
Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATATA (S.M.D.)
George J. Elvey, 1868

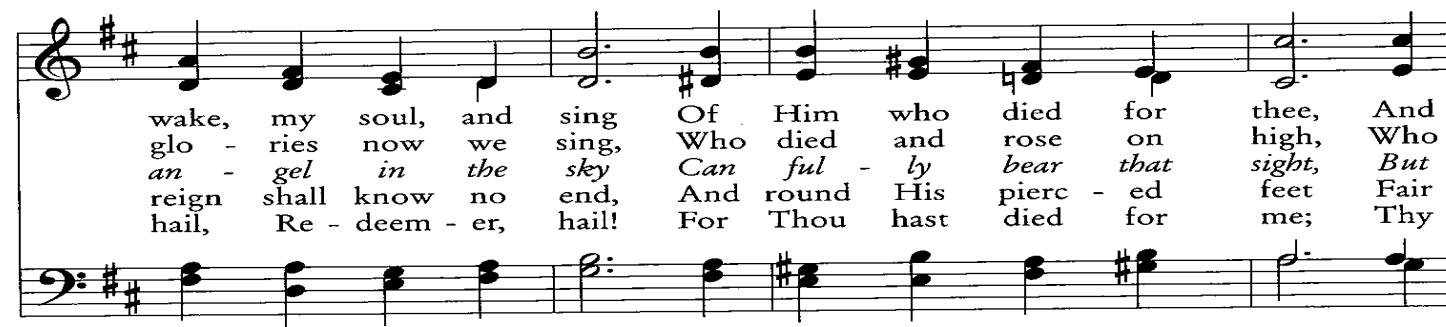
Matthew Bridges, 1851
st. 2, Godfrey Thring, 1874



1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; Hark!
2. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And
3. *Crown Him the Lord of love, Be - hold His hands and side, Rich*
4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter sways From
5. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time, Cre -



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. His
wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise. His
a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. All



wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
reign shall know no end, And round His pierc - ed feet Fair
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy



hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
flow'rs of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Salutation and Response:

[based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Revelation 1:5]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

The LORD be with you!

And also with you!

Grace and peace to you, from Him who is and was

and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,

the Firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings on the earth Alleluia, Amen!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The Call for Confession from God's Word: Revelation 1:17,18

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." Revelation 1:17,18

God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession: [congregation standing]

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:24

Martin Luther, 1524, cento
arr. by Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN 8. 7. 8. 7. 7. 8. 7. 4.
Based on "Christ ist erstanden," c. 1100



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, For our of - fens - es giv - en;
2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death con - tend - ed;
3. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, Whom God so free - ly gave us;
4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val Where - to the Lord in - vites us;
5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day On Christ, the Bread of heav - en;



But now at God's right hand he stands And brings us life from heav - en;
The vic - to - ry re - mained with life, The reign of death was end - ed;
He died on the ac - curs - ed tree - So strong his love! - to save us.
Christ is him - self the Joy of all, The Sun that warms and lights us.
The Word of grace hath purged a - way The old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,
See, his blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, death pass - es o'er,
By his grace he doth im - part E - ter - nal sun - shine to the heart;
Christ a - lone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink in - deed;



Loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!
His sting is lost for ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
And Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
The night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!
Faith lives up - on no oth - er. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - MEN.



St. 5, line 1, alt.

Silent Confession: *“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” 1 Timothy 1:15*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

O merciful Father, who in compassion for your sinful children, did send Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to know, feel and lament our share in the evil which made it needful for Him to suffer and to die for our salvation. We confess to our shame that we have not walked as people who confess the Name of Christ. Even we, who bear the name of Christ, deserve nothing but your just wrath and damnation. Help us by self-denial, prayer and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper repentance and a holier life. And give us a true longing to be free from the guilt and power of sin, through the deliverance wrought by Jesus Christ our only Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness: Romans 6:5-11

“For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise, you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord”

And now I, ministering in His name, proclaim to us the forgiveness of sins, and declare, according to the Scriptures that if we have truly trusted in our Risen Savior, that our sins will not only be forgiven on earth, but also in heaven throughout eternity. We have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in Christ and in Him** we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the Blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!**

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.
May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should, at all times and in all places, give praise to you O LORD. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" Revelation 5:12

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN (7 7. 7 7 with Alleluias)
Lyn Davidica, London, 1708

Surrexit Christus Hodie
Charles Wesley, 1739

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ hath led,
5. Hymns of praise then let us sing,

Sons of men and an - gels say,
Christ hath burst the gates of hell,
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,
Once He died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Who en - dured the cross and grave,

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply,
Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise,
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Sin - ners to re - deem and save,

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

2 pages

The Resurrection: *From Matthew 28:1-15 & John 20:19-31*

[Matthew 28:1] Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.'

And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."

So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

[John 20:19] Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name

God's People Sing a Hymn of Preparation: 2 Pages

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

LASST UNS ERFREUEN (8 8. 4 4. 8 8. 4 4. and Alleluias)

Paul Zeller Strodach, 1945

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. Now let the vault of heav'n re - sound In praise of
 2. E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, Where - fore our
 3. O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set heart and
 4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the

Harmony

Love that doth a - bound, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -
 heart with rap - ture sings, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Je - sus
 will on things a - bove That we con - quer through Thy
 heav'n - ly bless - ed sing, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia;" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear, Re -
 liv - eth!" Now doth He come and give us life, Now
 tri - umph, Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That
 lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To

Harmony

peat their song of glo - ry here, "Christ hath
 doth His pres - ence still all strife Through His
 by our life we ev - er say, "Christ hath
 Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, Thine the

tri - umphed, Christ hath tri - umphed!" Al - le -
 tri - umph; Je - sus reign - eth! Al - le -
 tri - umphed, and He liv - eth!" Al - le -
 glo - ry nev - er end - ing! Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon
*"Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him
 and we will come to him and make our home with him"" John 14:23*

“Paul’s Visit to Athens”

By Pastor Deonte Walters

Based on Acts 17:16-34

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, Who from His al - tar
 3. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - sored from the
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the
 5. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter - res - trial
 6. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may

fall; Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a -
 call, Who from His al - tar call; Ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's
fall, Ye ran - sored from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His
gall, The worm - wood and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at His
 ball, On this ter - res - trial ball, To Him all maj - es - ty as -
 fall! We at His feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing

dem, And crown Him,
 rod, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
grace,
feet,
 cribe, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 song, crown

crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!

Music: James Ellor (1819-1899)

Text: st. 1-4, Edward Perronet, 1780; st. 5 & 6, John Rippon, 1787

DIADEM

8 6. 8 6. w/ repeats

Response to God's Word Through the Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says Jehovah of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says Jehovah of hosts; "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," Says Jehovah of hosts."

Malachi 3:10-12

The Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the Singing of Psalm 24:3-6 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

1: Who may stand in God's Holy place?	2: He shall have blessing from the Lord.
Who may ascend before His face?	Righteousness is his sure reward.
He has a pure heart and clean hands.	Jacob you are who seek God's place.
He worships God, keeps His commands.	True sons are you who seek God's face.

**3: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Lorenzo Kraber

**Our Father,
Which 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 the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN**

[Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

[sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth, And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, I be-lieve a ho-ly catholic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ey-er-last-ing. A-men." The score includes measure numbers 8, 16, 25, 35, 43, 52, 60, and 70. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,

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And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the

16
Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius

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Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to

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hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to

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heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From

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thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

60
I be-lieve a ho-ly catholic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the

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re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ey-er-last-ing. A-men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Low, in the Grave He Lay

Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE 11. 10. with refrain
Robert Lowry

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav-iour, Wait-ing the com-ing day—
2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav-iour; Vain - ly they seal the dead—
3. Death can-not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav-iour; He tore the bars a - way—

REFRAIN *Faster*

Je - sus, my Lord.
Je - sus, my Lord. Up from the grave he a - rose, With a
Je - sus, my Lord. He a - rose!

might - y tri-umph o'er his foes. He a - rose a vic-tor from the
He a - rose!

dark do-main, And he lives for ev - er with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! Hal-le - lu-jah! Christ a - rose! A-MEN.
He a - rose! He a - rose!

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.” 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: God Blesses and Sends Forth His People

The Final Responsive Reading: The Victory of the Resurrection! 2 pages

Genesis 3:14-15 So, Jehovah God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 22:6-8 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."

Job 19:23-27 Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Matthew 1:20-23 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Luke 24:25-27 Then Jesus said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

I Corinthians 15:1-8 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Revelation 1:17-18 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen".

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Author unknown, 1695

Palestrina
Giovanni P. Palestrina, 1591, ad.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done Now is the
Death's might - iest pow'rs have done their worst, And Je - sus
On the third morn He rose a - gain, Glo - rious in
He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; The bars from
Lord, by the stripes which wound ed Thee, From death's dread

Vic - tor's tri - umph won; Now be the song of
hath His foes dis - persed: Let shouts of praise and
maj - es - ty to reign; Oh, let us swell the
heav'ns high por - tals fell. Let songs of praise His
sting Thy ser - vants free That we may live and

praise be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
joy - ful strain! Al - le - lu - ia!
tri - umph tell: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing to Thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

God Empowers Us – The Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”

The Response to God’s Commission: – Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word;

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo-ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - ra - el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A - men.

The Heidelberg Catechism – Lord’s Day 14

35. What is the meaning of “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?”

That the eternal Son of God, who is [1] and continues true and eternal God,[2] took upon Himself the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,[3] by the operation of the Holy Spirit;[4] so that He might also be the true seed of David,[5] like unto His brethren in all things,[6] except for sin.[7]

[1] Jn. 1:1; Rom. 1:3–4. [2] Rom. 9:5.

[3] Gal. 4:4; Jn. 1:14. [4] Matt. 1:18–20; Lk. 1:35. [5] Ps. 132:11. [6] Phil. 2:7. [7] Heb. 4:15; *1 Jn. 5:20.

36. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

That He is our Mediator,[1] and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, wherein I was conceived.[2]

[1] Heb. 2:16–17. [2] Ps. 32:1; *1 Jn. 1:9.