EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS

April 19 | 4 pm

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

WELCOME to our Easter Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Music fulfills an integral role within our worship, eliciting from us our very best in prayer and praise to God. Through readings, carols and congregational hymns, this service recalls the prophecies and the events leading up to and following the resurrection of Jesus, and concludes by looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We hope that this service is a meaningful part of your observance of the 50 days of Easter.

'Tis...the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison;
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

- John of Damascus, Eighth Century

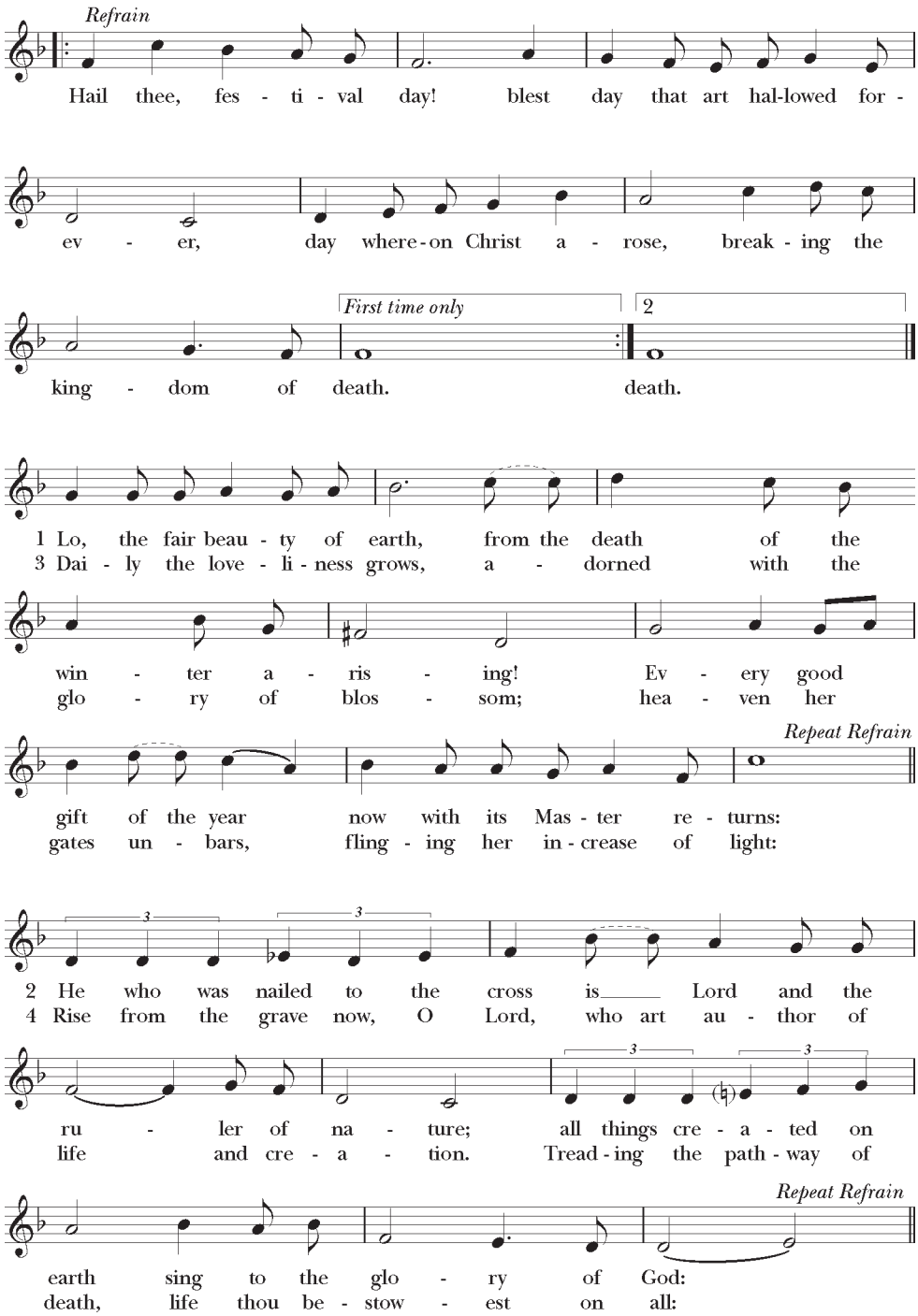
The Order of Service

Voluntary — Adagio espressivo, from *Sonata in A minor* — *William H. Harris (1883-1973)*

Welcome — The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn — Lo, the fair beauty of earth — *Salve festa dies*



The Bidding Prayer

Officiant Dear People of God: In this joyful season of Easter, let it be our responsibility and delight to unite ourselves with all the members of the Church throughout the world in singing the praises of Our Lord Jesus Christ; who by his glorious resurrection has opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purposes for us as we recall our ancestors' deliverance at the Red Sea, and the glorious Redemption brought to us by Christ's victory over sin and death through his Resurrection. Let us also remember his Ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit as we make this place glad with our carols, hymns, and anthems of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of God's whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which our Lord died, and especially for the Church in our country and in the Detroit Metro Community.

And because he gave us a commandment to love one another as he loves us, let us remember in prayer the poor and helpless, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged, and those seeking to know and love God.

Finally, let us remember before God the blessings bestowed upon us through the first witnesses of Christ's resurrection and through the countless numbers of those who have proclaimed a belief in that witness throughout the ages.

And now, to collect these petitions into one prayer, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

People **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

May the Almighty God bless us with his Grace; Christ give us the joy of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of citizens above, may the resurrected Christ bring us all.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Invitatory Rise up, my love, my fair one *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:10-12

First Lesson Exodus 14:10-13; 21-23; 26-29; 15:1 read by: A Girl Chorister

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Carol Moses sing unto Christ, Thy King *Charles Wood (1866-1926) arr. David Patrick*

Moses sing unto Christ, Thy King, who hath won the victory,
And hath laid low haughty Pharaoh underneath the deep Red Sea.
Yea, merry may we be, as bird upon the berry of the may or cherry tree,
While as we stand with harp in hand on the shore of the Red Sea.

God perforce overthrew the horse, rider, car and axle tree.
They sank as lead, and their men lie dead as stone: so mote it be!
Refrain

His right hand and His wonderwand did divide at His decree,
The surging wave, and thereby did save us and ours from slavery.
Refrain

Thou didst blow, and entomb our foe in the bottom of the Sea:
And, if dryshod we went o'er, O God, be ascribed the praise to Thee!
Refrain

G.R. Woodward (1849-1934)

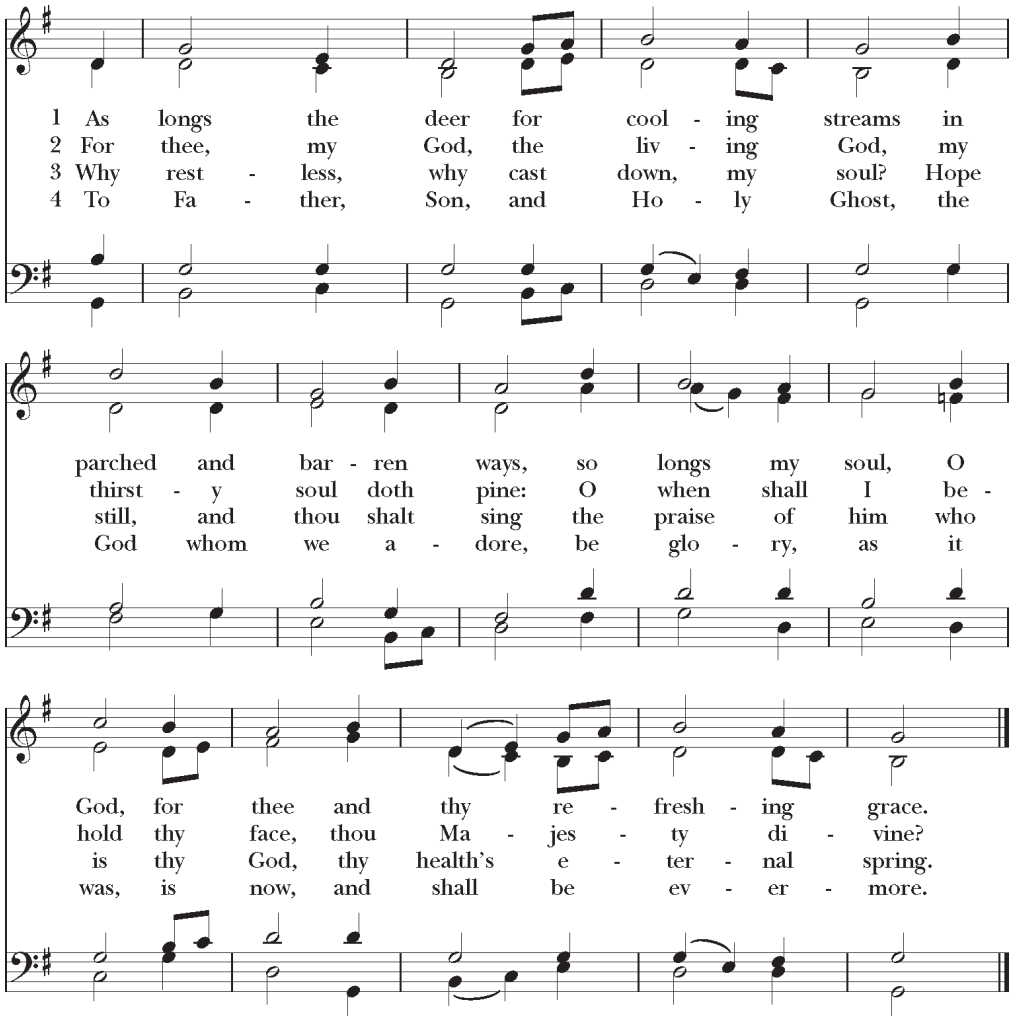
Second Lesson Ezekiel 36:24-28 read by: A Young Man

A new heart and a new spirit.

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn As longs the deer for cooling streams *Martyrdom*



The people are seated.

Third Lesson Mark 16:1-8 read by: A Professional Singer

The resurrection of Jesus.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Carol When Mary thro' the garden went *Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

When Mary thro' the garden went,
There was no sound of any bird,
And yet, because the night was spent,
The little grasses lightly stirred,
The flowers awoke, The lilies heard.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
Her eyes were dim.
The grass beneath her footsteps bent,
The solemn lilies, white and slim,
These also stood and wept for Him.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
The dew lay still on flower and grass,
The waving palms above her sent
Their fragrance out as she did pass.
No Light upon their branches was.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
Within the garden ground,
She sought One for Whom her heart was rent,
One Who for her sake was bound,
One Who sought and she was found.

Mary Coleridge

Fourth Lesson John 20:11-18 read by: The Head Acolyte

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord;" and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Carol Most glorious Lord of life *Gary Davison (b. 1961)*

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win.
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou didest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live for ever in felicity:
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

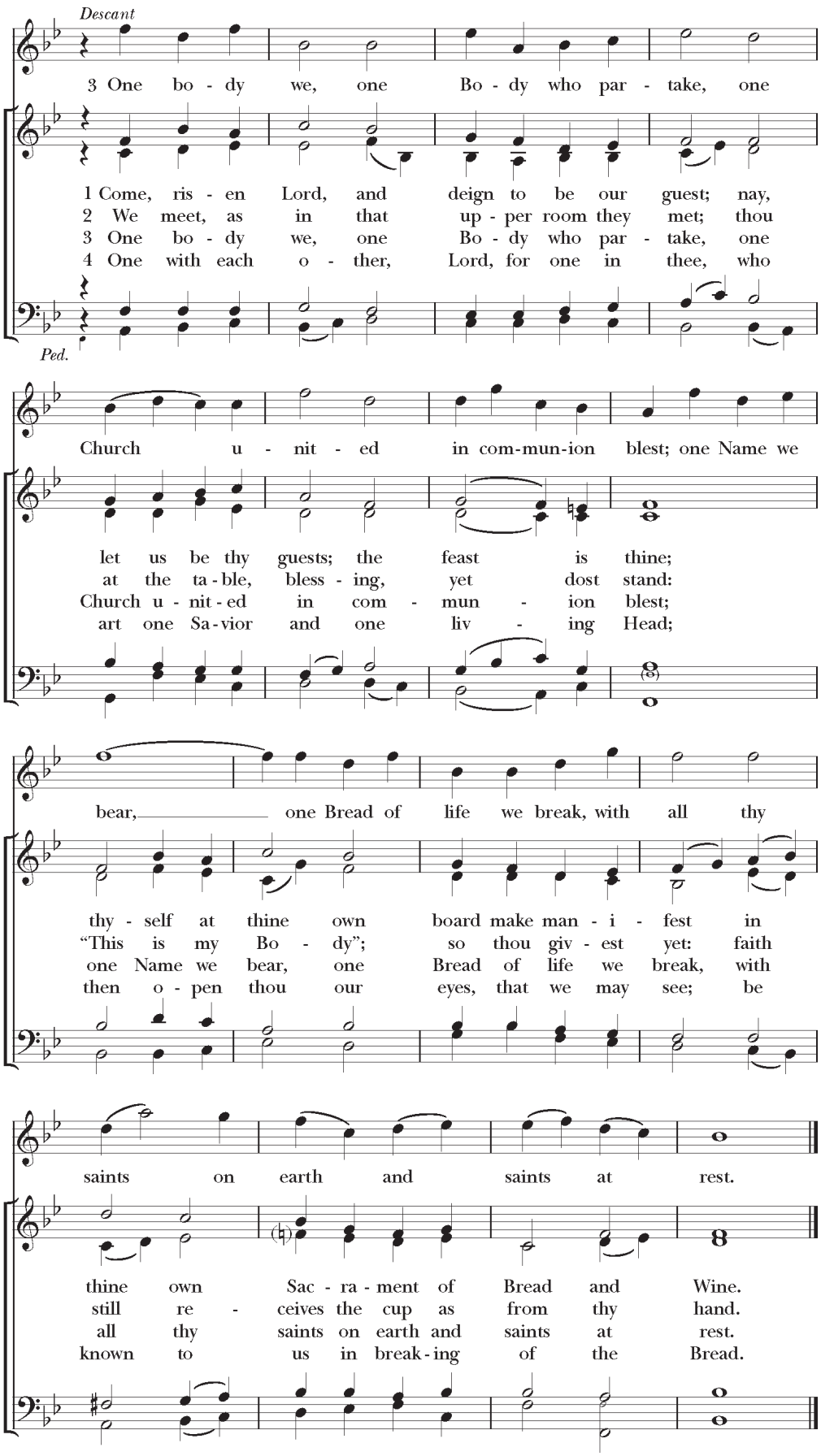
Edmund Spenser (1552-1599)

Fifth Lesson John 21:1-14 read by: The Director of Music

Jesus appears to seven disciples.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The people stand for the hymn.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3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who
Ped.
Church u - nit - ed in com-mun-ion blest; one Name we
let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;
bear, one Bread of life we break, with all thy
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be
saints on earth and saints at rest.
thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

The people are seated.

Sixth Lesson Acts 10:34-43 read by: The Associate Priest

Gentiles hear the good news.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Carol Joys Seven *arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)*

The first good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of one;
To see the blessed Jesus Christ
When he was first her son, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of two;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To make the lame to go, good man:
Refrain

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of three;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To make the blind to see, good man:
Refrain

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of four;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To read the Bible o'er, good man:
Refrain

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of five;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To raise the dead alive, good man:
Refrain

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of six;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To bear the Crucifix, good man:
Refrain

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of seven;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To wear the Crown of heaven, good man:
Refrain

Anonymous, 14th century

Seventh Lesson Romans 6:3-11 read by: The Junior Warden

Dying and rising with Christ.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Carol This joyful Eastertide *arr. William H. Harris (1883-1973)*

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

Eighth Lesson John 14:1-14 read by: The Senior Warden

Jesus as the way to the Father.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Carol The Call *Gail Randall (b. 1955)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joyes in Love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

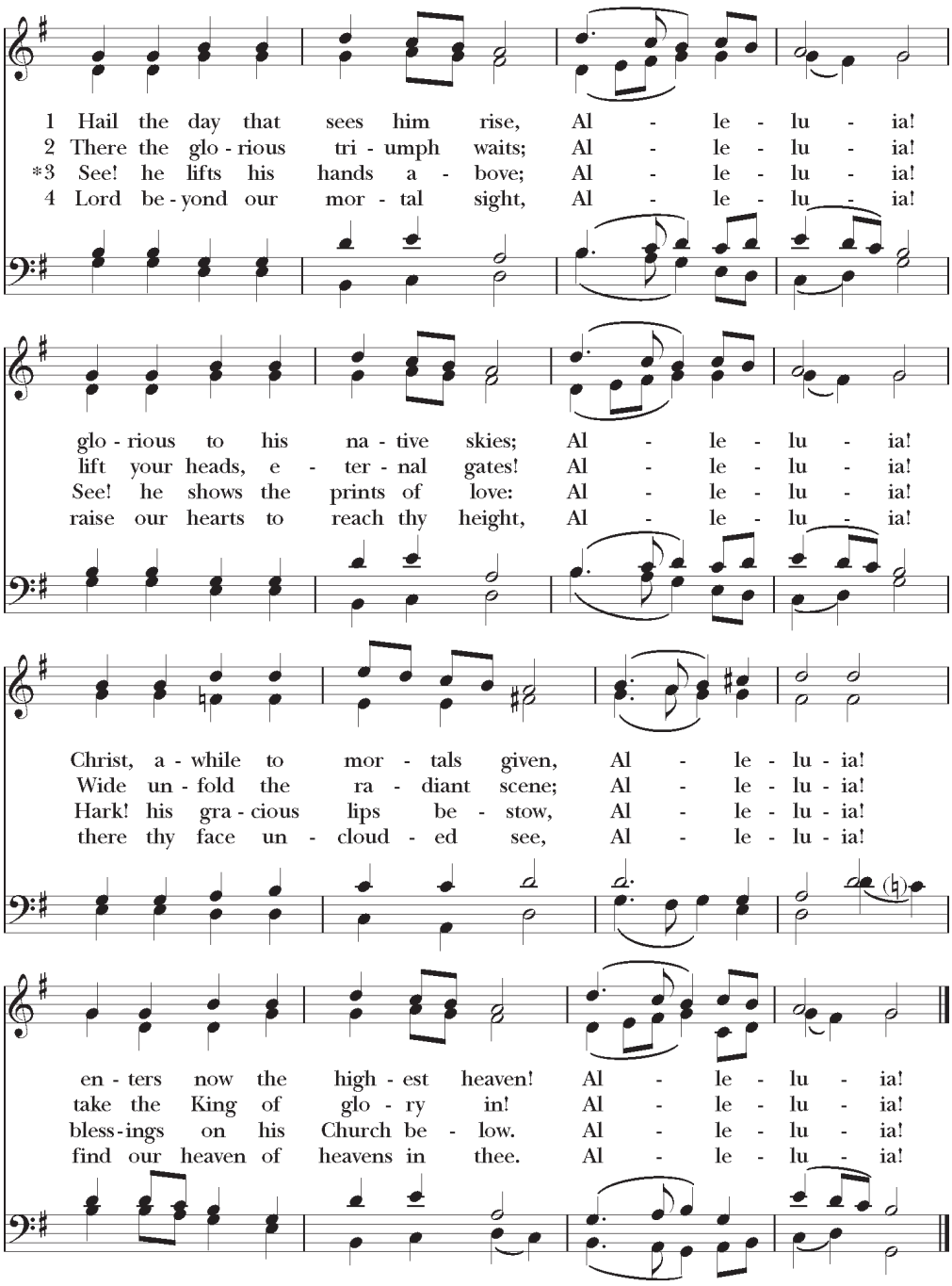
Ninth Lesson Luke 24:49-53 read by: The Rector

The ascension of Jesus.

Jesus said "See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn Hail the day that sees him rise *Llanfair*



The people are seated.

The Offertory

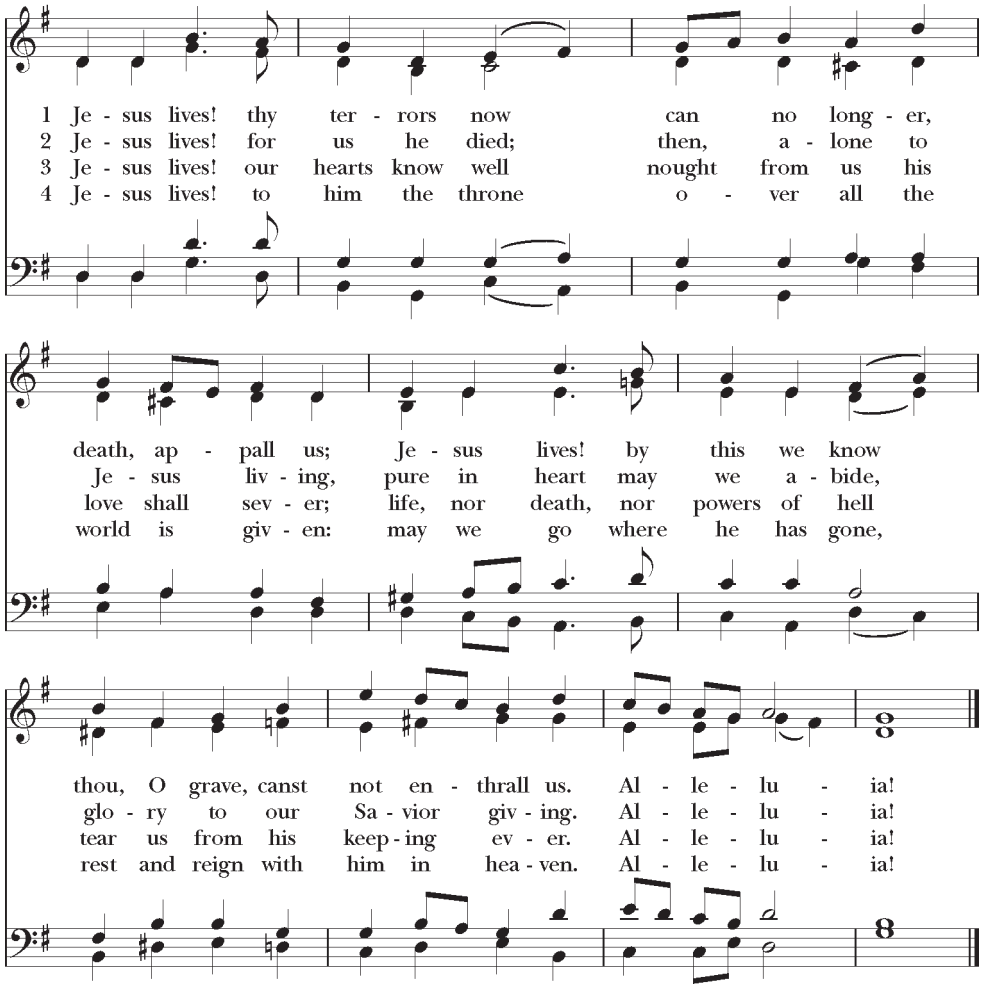
The people remain seated while an offering to support the ministries of Christ Church is received.

Anthem Alleluia. I heard a voice *Thomas Weelkes (1575-1623)*

Alleluia. I heard a voice as of strong thund'rings, saying alleluia. Salvation and glory and honour and power be unto the Lord our God, and to the Lamb for evermore. Alleluia.

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn Jesus lives! thy terrors now *Mowsley*



The Blessing

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always.

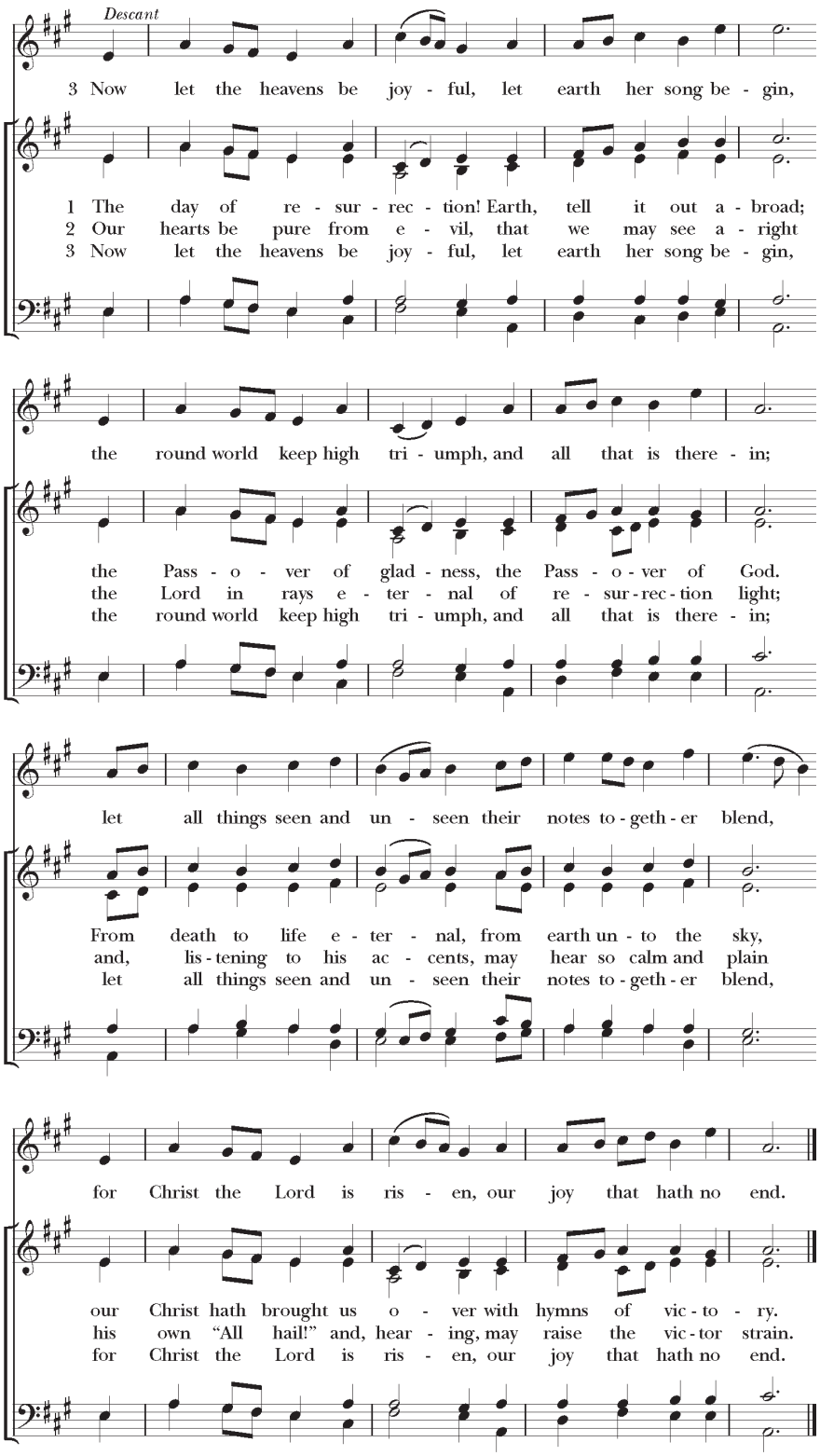
People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Officiant dismisses the People.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Hymn

The day of resurrection! *Ellacombe*



Voluntary

Fête *Jean Langlais (1907-1971)*

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