NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 5, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude "Christ is Alive!" Carson Cooman
Marty Franklin

Words of Welcome Rev. R.C. Griffin

One: He is risen!
All: He is risen, indeed!

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
All: Hosanna! Hosanna!
One: Celebrate this day of days!
All: Hosanna! Hosanna!
One: Let all creation be amazed!
All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is risen!

Special Music "Were You There" Mary McDonald
NWPC Chancel Choir

***Hymn (#232)** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession** Rev. Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession** Rev. Amanda Horan

Savior God,
Forgive our life-alienating ways,
our exclusion and judgment of others,
the ways we evaluate and compare.
Forgive our death-dealing sins,
our habits that demean and degrade,
our addiction to violent and destructive behavior.
Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. (Silence)

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: "Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured."

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#243, sing 2x)** *Be Not Afraid*

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen alleluia!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#246, v. 5) *Christ Is Alive!*

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

First Scripture Lesson Colossians 3:1-4

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Many: Thanks be to God.)***

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Gilbert Martin

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Many: Thanks be to God.)***

Sermon Empty Rev. R.C. Griffin III

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** from the *Book of Common Worship*

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***Hymn (#231)** *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Offertory Meditation on "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Wayne Wold

***Congregational Response (#709)** *God, We Honor You*

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds,
your generosity fills to overflowing.

All: Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved.
May we serve as Christ served.
Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation
Great Thanksgiving (#508) *Come to the Table*
Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Gratitude

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#498)** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**	Reprise on "Wondrous Cross"	Gilbert Martin
***Postlude**	Christ is Risen!	Karl Krakow

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**

Annual Meeting (Part 2) of the Congregation

The Session has scheduled the second half of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, April 12 shortly after our 11:00am worship service (approximately 12:00noon). The meeting will be in hybrid format (both in person and via Zoom). The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on a report from our Nominating Committee concerning the election of officers.

Memorial Lilies

Lilies in the sanctuaries are given in loving memory of:

Dot Lewis *by Bob and Poem Turner*
Mel Mervine*, by Robin Mervine*
Jack Steele, John and Polly Steele, Sharp and Eleanor Pilcher *by the Steele Family*
Mary and Phil Keener, Cynthia and Tom Eaton *by the Keeners*
Jim and Jane Nourse, Bill and Sarah Elizabeth Watts *by William and Karen Watts*

Becky Hubbard, Sue Barr and Wendell Edgerton *by Margie Edgerton*
Jackie Hall and Karen Parsons *by Ted Hall*
Dr. Bob C. Thompson *by Betty Thompson, Phyllis, Barbara, Zeb and Cole*
Bob Powell Sr. and Stephen *by Betty Powell*
Our parents *by Barbara and Ed Gregory*

Sam and Sue Johnson, Dollie Pennell *by Tamara Johnson*
The Pipers, The Wyatts and Lisa *by John and Jenny Watt*
Tony Parsons and Lillian Hendren *by Alan and Jean Cole*
Frances and Claude Hall, Brenda Hall-Cashion,
Jackie Hall, Karen Parsons *by Linda and Gerald Lankford*
Our Parents *by Harry and Jean Page*

John and Becky Hubbard, Ted and Ann Czerkawski, John W. Hubbard, Jr.,
and Ted Czerkawski, Jr. *by the Czerkawski Family*
Jackie Hall *by Revis Felts*
Helen and Billy Tomlinson, Ann and Gene McNeill *by Marla and Rick McNeill*
Our Collective Ancestors of Peace and Justice *by April Carr Wyche*
Peg Mosley *by Bud Mosley*

Lilies in the sanctuaries are given in honor of:

My NWPC and Chapel Family *by Betty Thompson*
Betty Thompson *by Barbara and Ed Gregory*
The Kingdom Kids Leadership Team,
Anita, Cathy, Crystal, Fran, Kathryn and Martha *By Marty Franklin*

Our Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren *by Harry and Jean Page*
Betty Thompson *by The Franklin Family*
Our grandchildren *by Linda and Gerald Lankford*
Betty Thompson *by Revis Felts*

Courageous Truth-Tellers and Stone Catchers *by April Carr Wyche*

If you ordered a Lily, please take it with you after the service. All Lilies left will be delivered to a local nursing facility.

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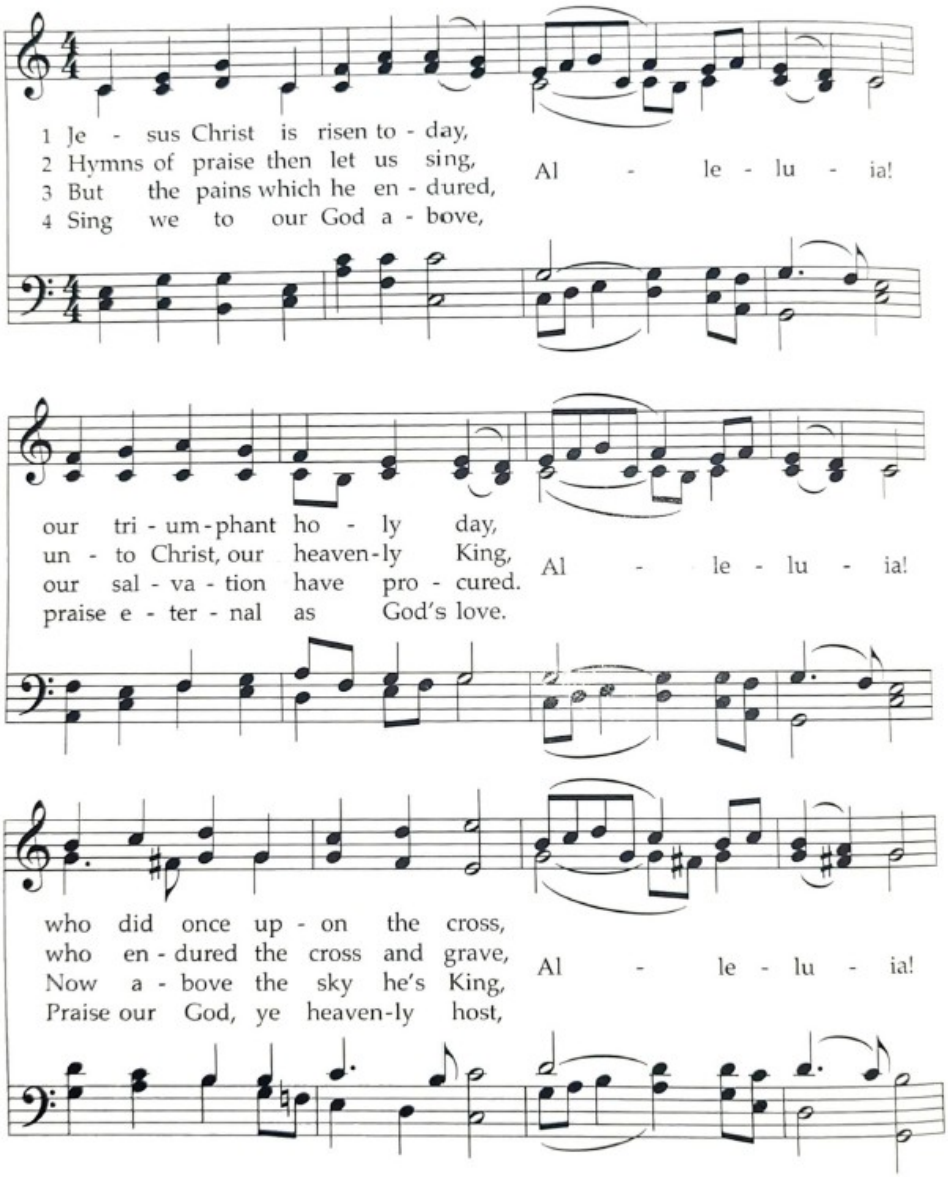
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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
Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749
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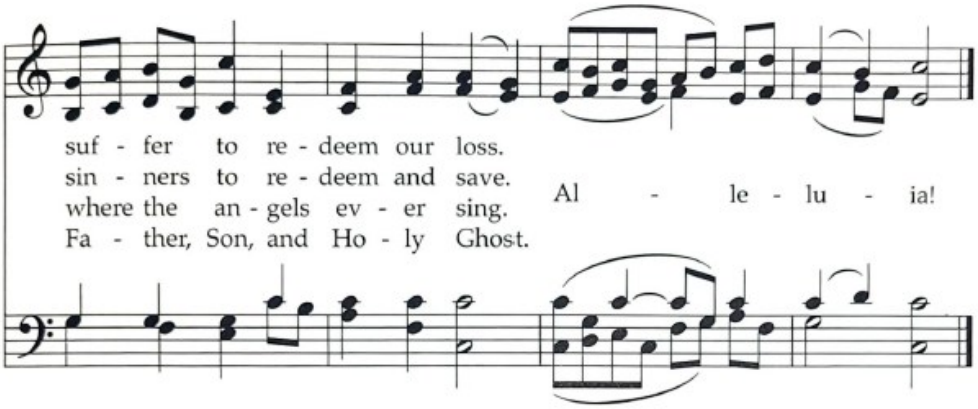
EASTER HYMN
7.7.7.7 with alleluias



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

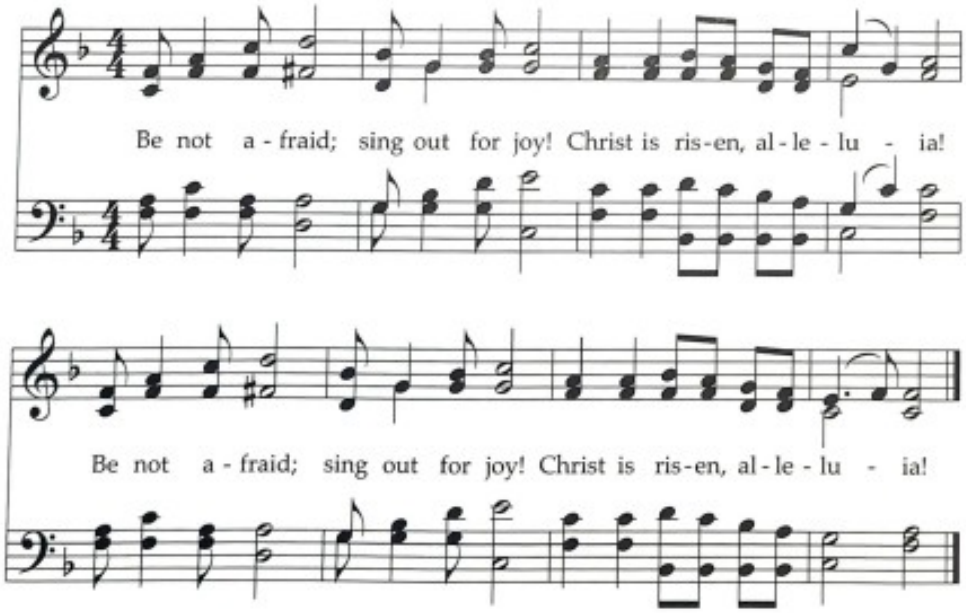
1 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야
만민찬송 하여라
천사들이 즐거워
기쁜찬송 부르네

2 대속하신 주예수 할렐루야
선한싸움 이겼네
사망권세 이기고
하늘문을 여셨네

3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야
왕의왕이 되셨네
높은이름 세상에
널리반포 하여라

4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야
우리부활 하겠네
부활생명 되시니
우리부활 하겠네

Be Not Afraid 243



Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as "Nebojte se." The English version uses the language of the angel's greeting to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5–6).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1998
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BE NOT AFRAID
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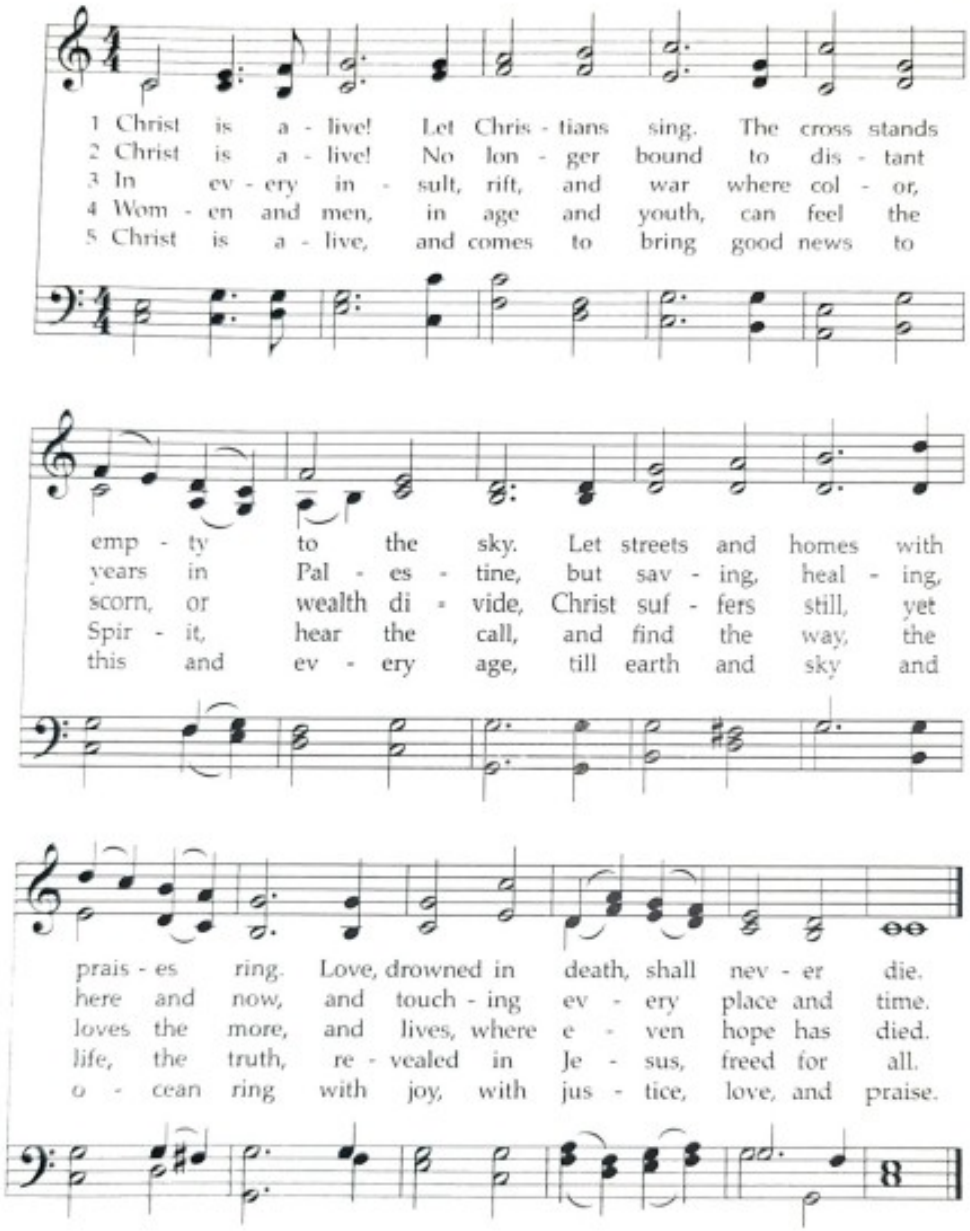

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1995
MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

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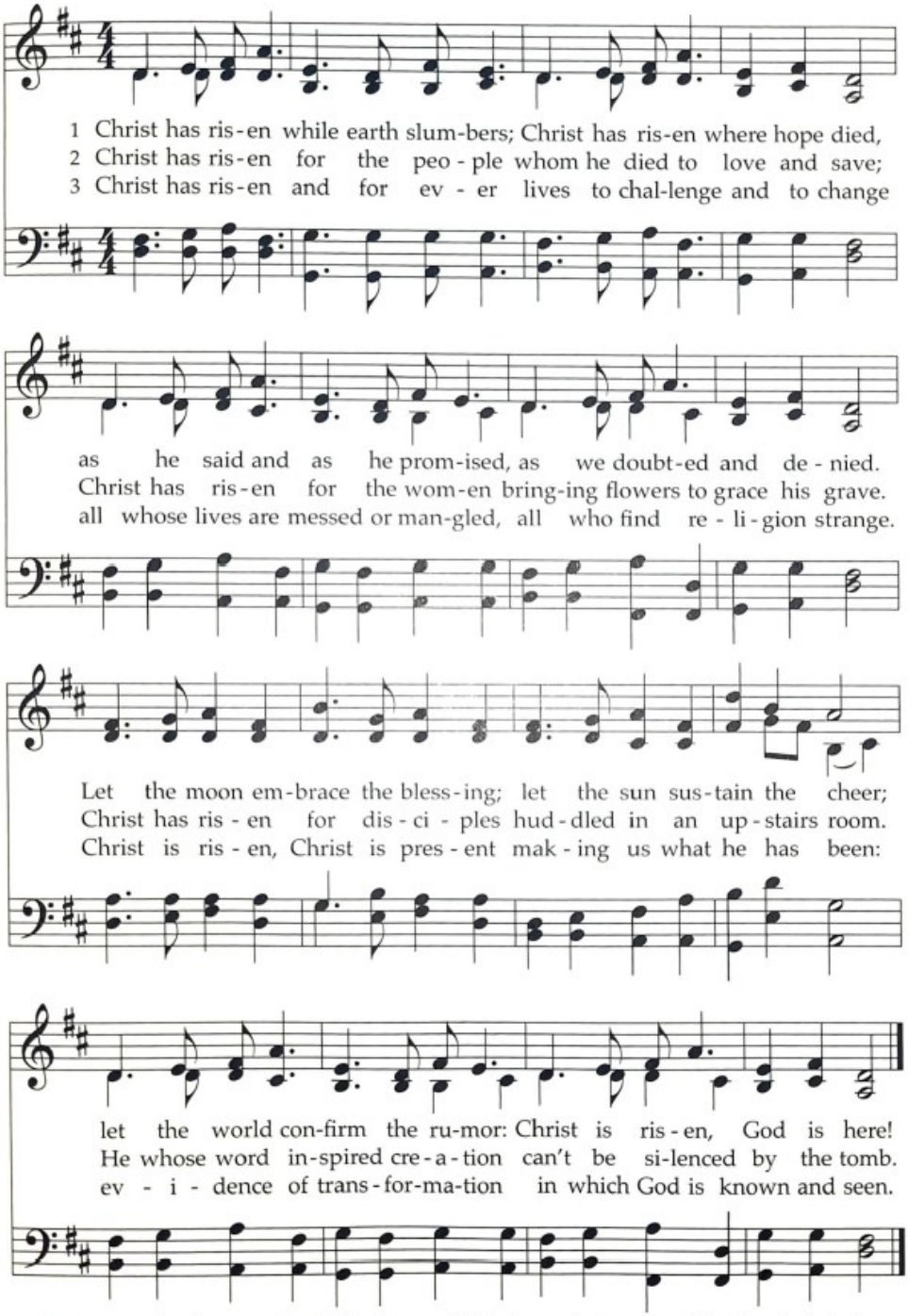
Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988
MUSIC: Welsh melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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SUO GAN
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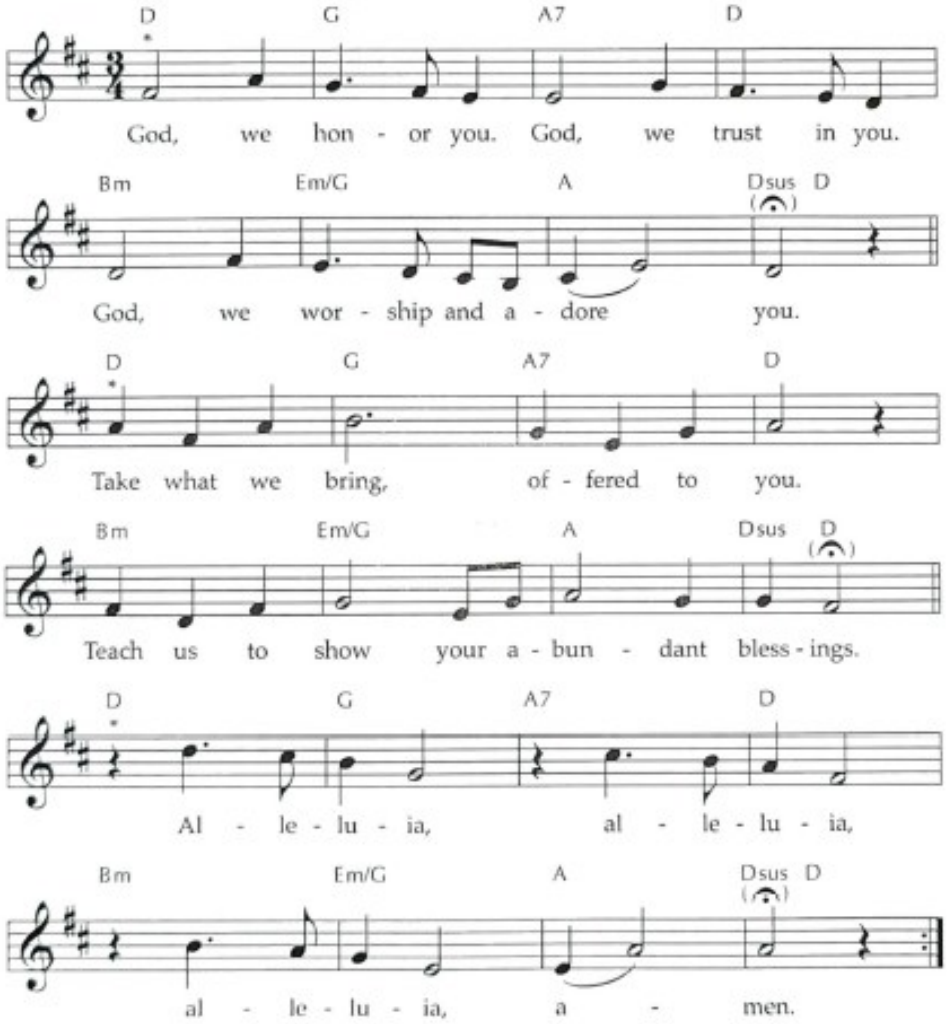
709 God, We Honor You



*May be sung as a canon.

This offertory acclamation was created by a Mennonite musician and draws on the simplicity and strength of a tradition accustomed to unaccompanied singing. When sung as a canon, this acclamation simultaneously voices praises of God, prayers to God, and alleluias.

TEXT and MUSIC : James E. Clemens, 2008
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ABUNDANT BLESSINGS
Irregular

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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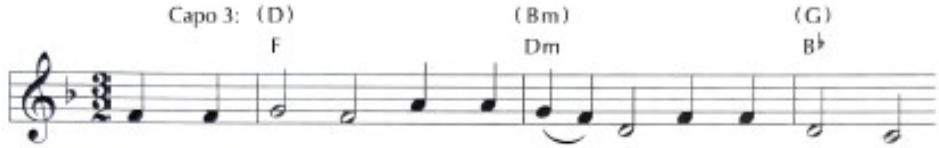
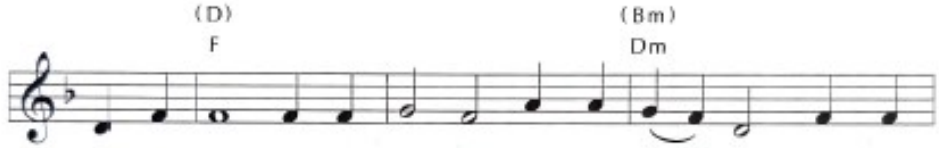
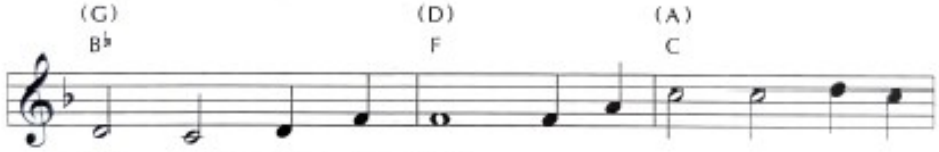


1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

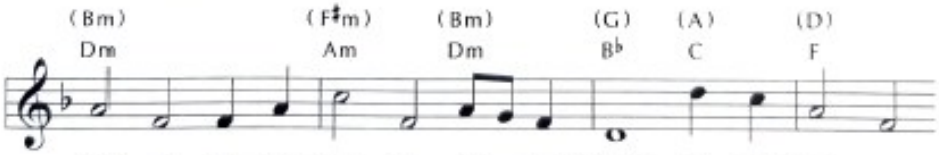


le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

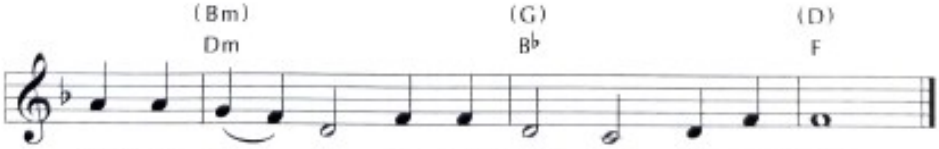


food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light.
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.

By your bod - y bro - ken



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2005
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
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BEACH SPRING
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