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Easter Celebration - The Resurrection of Our Lord

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All in for Resurrection - Embracing resurrection as a key part of our faith frees us to embrace the good news that no part of life or death is out of God's life-giving reach.

Welcome

Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace

Gathering Song

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW 365



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



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter Litany

P: Hushed footsteps and subdued voices approach the tomb with ointment and spices for the dead, approach with caution and dread.

C: Christ is alive! His tomb is empty!

A: Joy is unbound, only the signs of death remain, the wrappings and trappings of darkness and fear. Where have they taken the body?

C: Christ is alive! Death could not hold Him!

P: Christ is risen, going on before us to Galilee and our towns, walking on our streets and hiking up our paths.

C: He's not far off and remote, but near at hand, with us and in our lives.

A: Run, walk, whisper, shout, but tell the Good News to all: Christ is Alive!

C: Christ is alive! Let us rejoice!

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

A: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

P: Holy God, as once long ago you turned a gray dawn into a springtime alleluia, so come to us this morning, turn our sadness into joy, our complacency into action, our darkness into light, our death into life. The stone is rolled away! The tomb is empty! We've come to celebrate the empty tomb and to ask you to roll the stone away in our lives to allow the resurrection of ourselves as new creations in Jesus Christ to come forth. Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

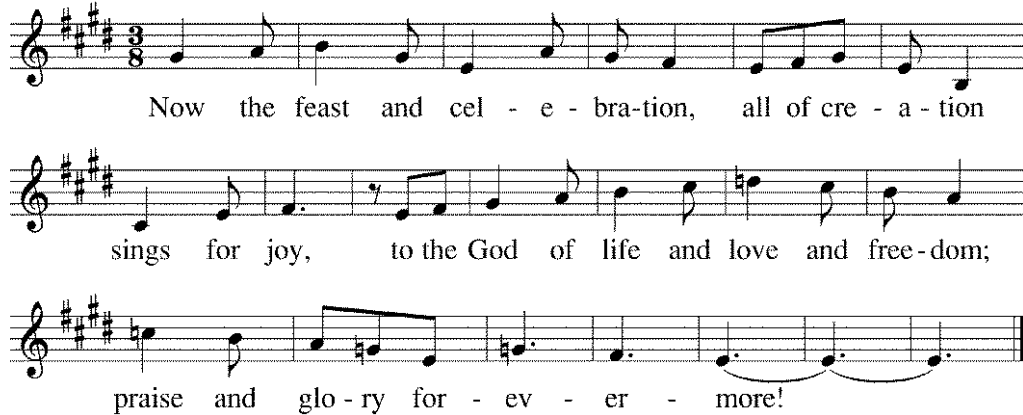
Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C: And also with you.

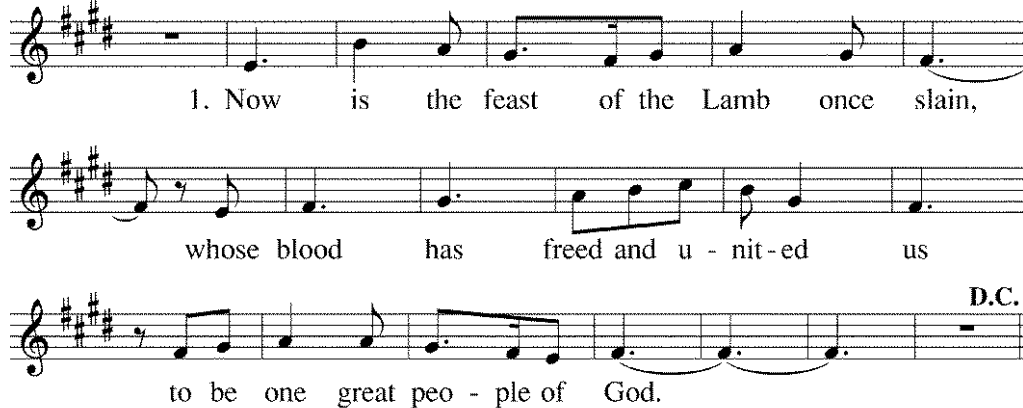
Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



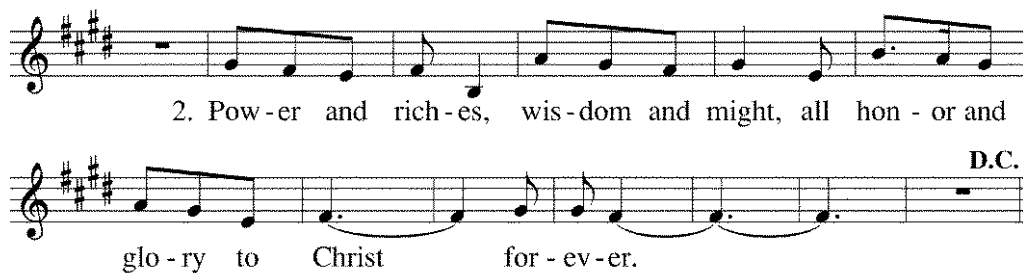
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1



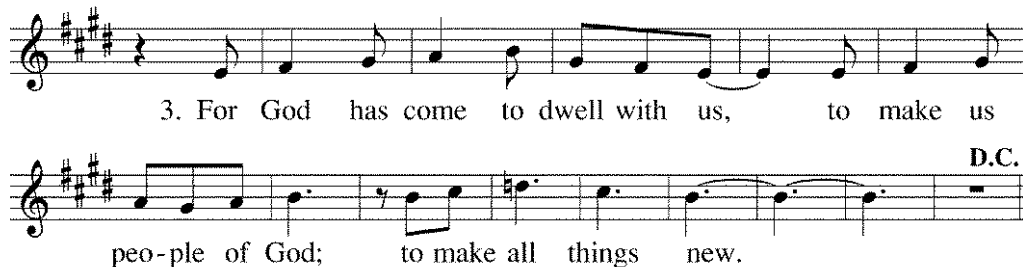
1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us
to be one great peo - ple of God. D.C.

Verse 2



2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. D.C.

Verse 3



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us
peo-ple of God; to make all things new. D.C.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...God of amazing surprises and powerful love,

C: Your Easter victory is our sign of hope. Your Easter triumph is our promise of new beginnings. Your Easter alleluia is unexpected, undeserved and graciously welcomed. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. In the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scriptures

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

² Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord has disciplined me,

but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ By the Lord this has been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

(Sung Through Twice)

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day

“Glorious Day”

by Casting Crowns

VERSE 1 & 2

B5 B2 B Emaj7 E6 B5 B2 B

1. One day when heav-en was filled with His prais-es, one day when sin
2. One day they led Him up Cal-v'ry's moun-tain. One day they nailed

Emaj7 E6 B5 B2 B Emaj7 E6

was as black as could be, Je-sus came forth to be born of a vir-
Him to die on a tree. Suf-fer-ing an-guish, de-spised and re-ject-

B5 B2 B Emaj7 E6 C#m7

- gin, dwelt a-mong men my ex-am-ple is He. The Word be-came flesh
- ed, bear-ing our sins my Re-deem-er is He. The hand that healed na-

E2 G#m7 E2

and the light shined a-mong us. His glo-ry re-vealed. Liv-ing, He loved
- tions stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me.

CHORUS


B#m7 F# G#m7 E2


me, dy-ing He saved me. Bur-ied, He car-ried my sins far a-way. Ris-ing, He jus-


B F# G#m7 E2


Last time to Coda



- ti-fied free-ly for-ev-er. One day He's com-ing, O glo-ri-ous day, O glo-ri-ous day.

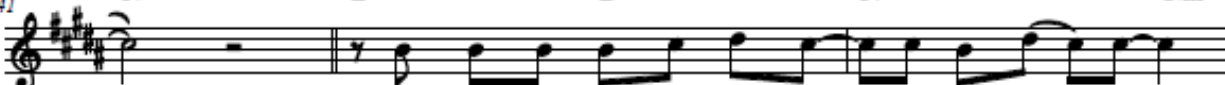
1 2 **VERSE 3**
 B Emaj7 B Emaj7 B5 B2 B
 21  3. One day the grave

Emaj7 E6 B5 B2 B Emaj7 E6
 26  could con-ceal Him no long - er, one day the stone rolled a-way from the door.

B5 B2 B Emaj7 E6 B5 B2 B Emaj7 E6
 29  Then He a-rose ov-er death He had con-quer-ed. Now is as-cend-ed my Lord ev-er-more.

C[♯]m7 E2 G[♯]m7
 33  Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from ris-ing a-gain.

F[♯]sus E2 Coda B E B
 36 *D.S. al Coda*   Liv-ing, He loved O glo-ri-ous day, glo-ri-ous day.

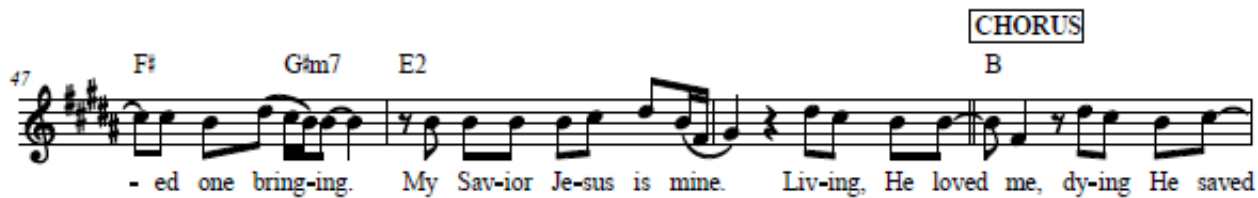
BRIDGE
 F[♯] E B F[♯] G[♯]m
 41  One day the trum - pet will sound for His com - ing,

44 E B F# D#m E B



one day the skies with His glo - ries will shine. Won - der - ful day my be - lov -

47 F# G#m7 E2 **CHORUS** B



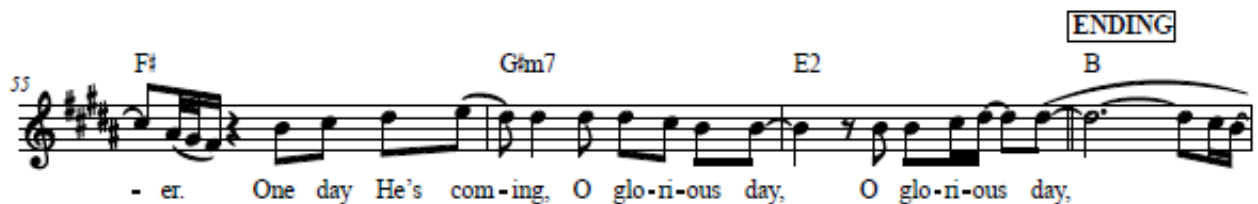
- ed one bring - ing. My Sav - ior Je - sus is mine. Liv - ing, He loved me, dy - ing He saved

51 F# G#m7 E2 B



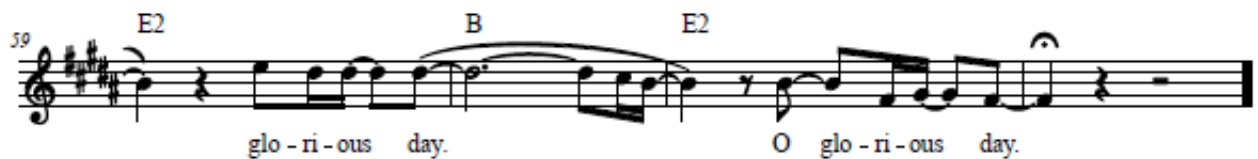
me. Bur - ied, He car - ried my sins far a - way. Ris - ing, He jus - ti - fied free - ly for - ev -

55 F# G#m7 E2 **ENDING** B



- er. One day He's com - ing, O glo - ri - ous day, O glo - ri - ous day,

59 E2 B E2



glo - ri - ous day. O glo - ri - ous day.

Prayers of the People

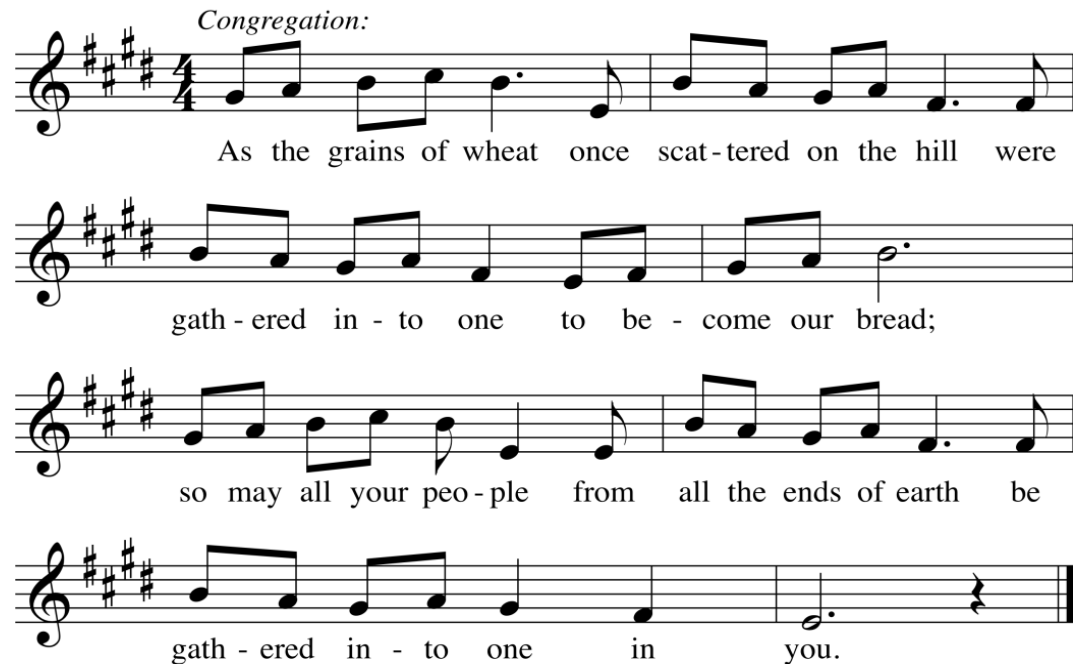
P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Offering

Offering Response "As the Grains of Wheat"

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray...Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray...Holy One,

**C: through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.**

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Blessing

A: God of love, you have raised Jesus from death to life!

C: Lead us always into newness of life.

A: Light of Christ, rising in glory,

C: be the light of our hearts!

A: Spirit of Resurrection, grant us your grace.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

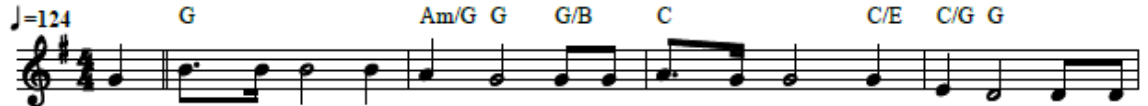
Sending Song

“O Victory In Jesus”

by Eugene M. Bartlett

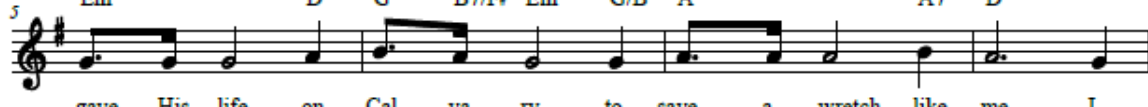
VERSE

$\text{♩} = 124$ G Am/G G G/B C C/E C/G G



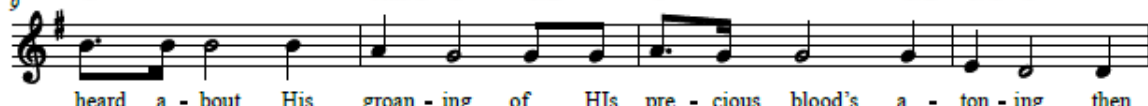
1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry, how He
2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing, how He
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry, and I

5 Em D G B7/F# Em G/B A A7 D



gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me. I
made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see. And
heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea; A -

9 G Am/G G G/B C C/E C/G G



heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing, then
then I cried, “Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,” and
- bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry; And

CHORUS

13 Em D G B7/F# Em G7/B Am/C G/D D7 G G C/G

I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry. O vic - to - ry in
some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

18 G G7 C C/E C/G G Em D G A7

Je - sus, my Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and bought me with His re - deem - ing

24 D G C/G G G7 C C/E C/G G

blood. He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to

30 Am/C G/D D7 G

vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

Dismissal

A: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God, and we will! Alleluia!