

Hope United Church of Christ
Easter Sunday Celebration
10 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
March 31, 2024

Prelude: Easter Celebration - - - Robert Hebble

Welcome - Rev. Meg

Announcements and Offering

Song of Praise: No. 233, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Call to Worship

One: The darkness is gone!

All: Bright light floods into this new day of hope.

One: Those who went to the tomb received good news.

All: Christ was not there!

One: Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!

All: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN.

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us pray

All: We confess that we sometimes struggle with doubt, and we fail to understand the gift of Easter. We linger in places of doubt and anxiety. We do not always share your love with our whole hearts. Fill our emptiness and heal our broken ways, for we long to embrace a new beginning with you. Amen.

Announcement of God's Forgiving Love

Sacred Music: Risen in Glory - - - Hope Choir

words by Charlotte Lee, and music by Douglas E. Wagner

Young People's Message: Easter Surprises

The Alleluia

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!

Prayer Before the Scripture Reading

The Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18 NRSV

Easter Meditation: Named and Claimed Rev. Meg Wilson

Song of Response: No. 253, "Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!"

Prayers of The People: *Living God... Hear our prayer*

Lord's Prayer

Song of Preparation: No. 242, "The Strife Is O'er" verse 1

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are welcome to share in this meal.

Pastor: The Lord is with you!

All: And also with you!

Pastor: Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

All: We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God, time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast, and true. You created this world and called it good. You created us to proclaim your good to all. And so, we raise our voices in praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High.

Pastor: We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace. It was at this table that he issued the invitation:

All: To gather together, to share together, to remember together, and to go and do likewise in the world.

Pastor: For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, also, he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make us lovers and tellers of your word. Make us ones who heal and share your grace. And make us one body in Jesus Christ. All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time! Amen.

Sharing of The Elements

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now called to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sending Song: No. 226, "He Lives!"

Benediction and Easter Acclamation

Pastor: On this day of Resurrection, we are ready to embrace our new beginnings.

All: We are joyful witnesses of God's Good News.

Pastor: Rejoice knowing that He is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

Postlude: Jesus Christ is Risen Today - - - arr. Calvin Hampton

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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

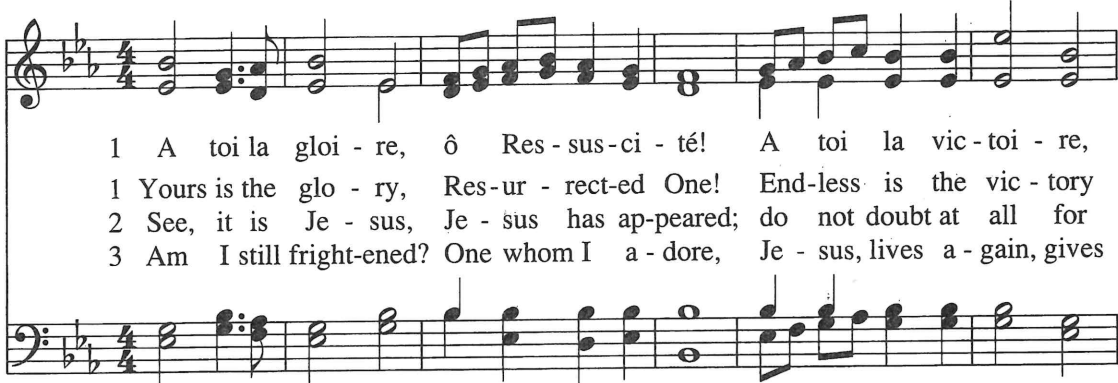
A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

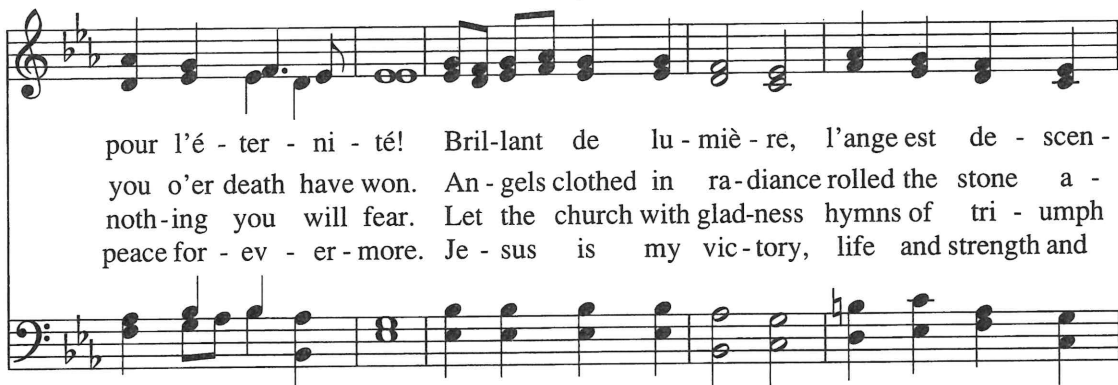
Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904

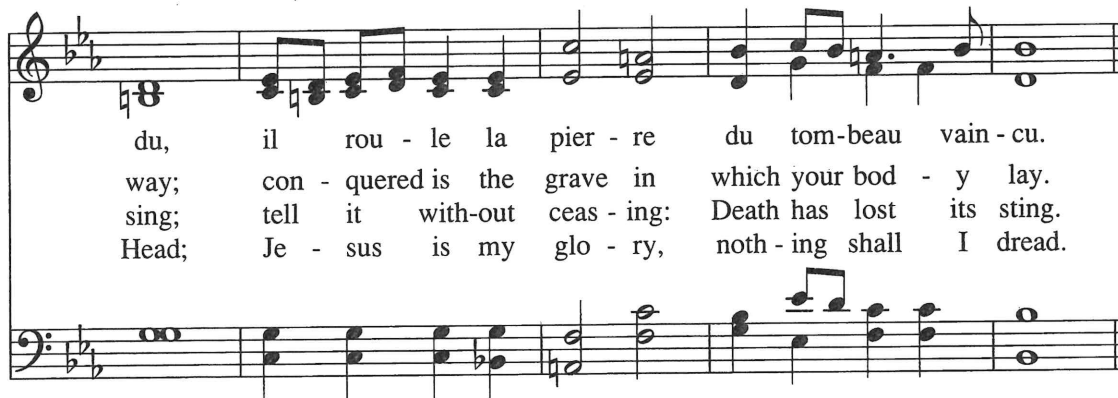
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993



1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,
 1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
 2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
 3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

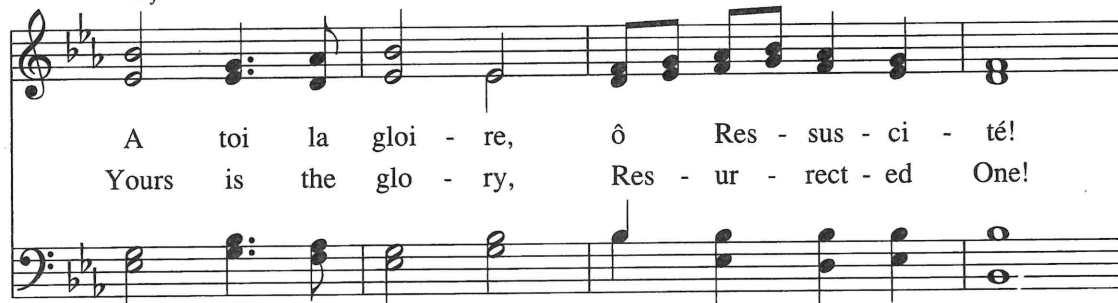


pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -
 you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a -
 noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
 peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and



du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
 way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
 sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
 Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain



A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!
 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

Swiss pastor Edmond L. Budry may have drawn his inspiration for this hymn from a German Advent poem set to Handel's triumphant music. The tune Judas Maccabeus is adapted from a chorus in Handel's oratorio of the same name.

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS
 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with refrain
 G. F. Handel, 1751

EASTER SEASON

A musical score for a hymn titled "Easter Season". The score is written for a voice part (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is common time (C). The vocal melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note. The piano accompaniment consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

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The Strife Is O'er

1 Cor. 15:53-57

Latin, c. 1695

Transl. Francis Pott, 1861; alt.

Refrain (before st. 1 and after st. 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
 4 Christ, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry from death's dread

ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
 le - gions has dis - persed: Let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our
 sting your ser - vants free, That we may live e -

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! to Refrain

A seventeenth-century Jesuit collection published in Cologne, Germany, is the earliest known source of this Latin hymn. The hymn is firmly associated with this musical setting from a Magnificat by the Italian composer Palestrina.

Tune: VICTORY 8.8.8. with alleluias
 Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, 1591
 Arr. William H. Monk, 1861



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
3. Re - joice, re-joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that he is liv - ing, what-ev - er oth - ers say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!



I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;



and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

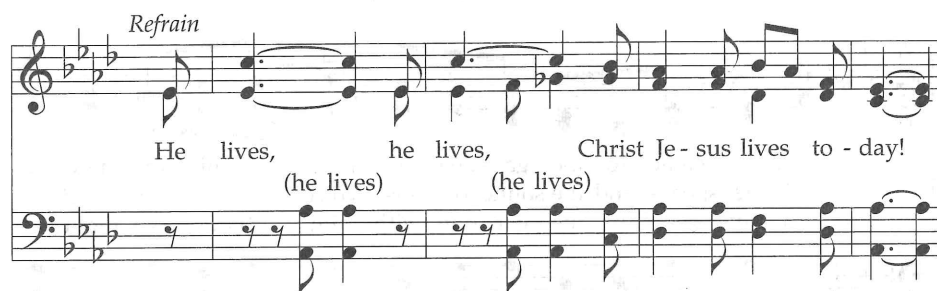


WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

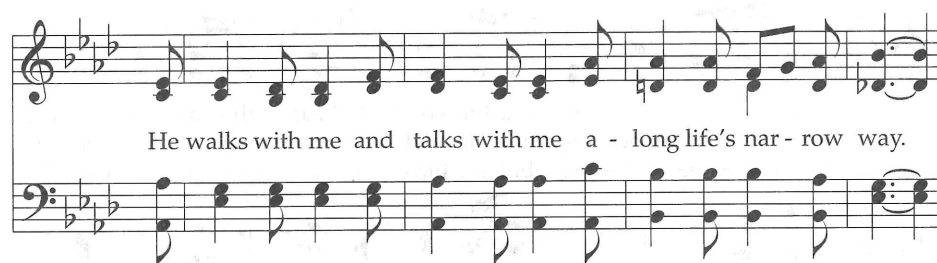
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 76.76.76.74 w. refrain

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

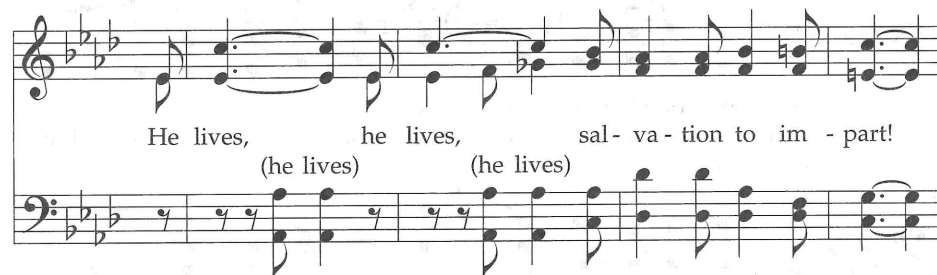
Refrain



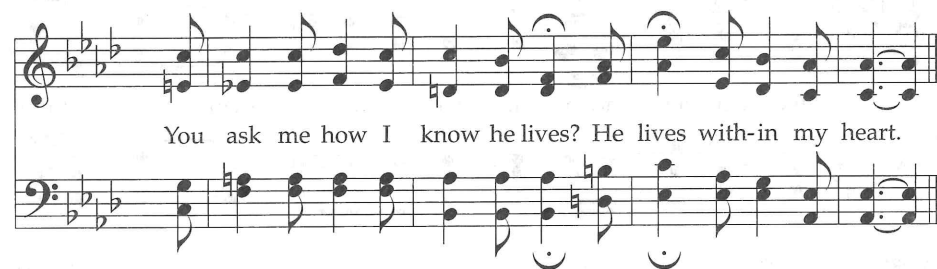
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
(he lives) (he lives)



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
(he lives) (he lives)



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.