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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

April 20, 2025 ~ Easter Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!*

***The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Liturgist: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Liturgist: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today! verses 1, 2, 4*

Please be seated.

A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Silent Confession *Please take a moment for silent confession*

Asking for God's Forgiveness

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

People: Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sung Response to Confession: *Be Not Afraid*

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

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***Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem

Christ is Risen From the Dead

Choir

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

God of life, your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

The Message:

What Jesus Might Preach on Easter

Rev. Dr. Steve Wilson

Hymn of Affirmation:

Christ Arose

Sharing Our Life Together, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord;

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

***Sending Hymn:**

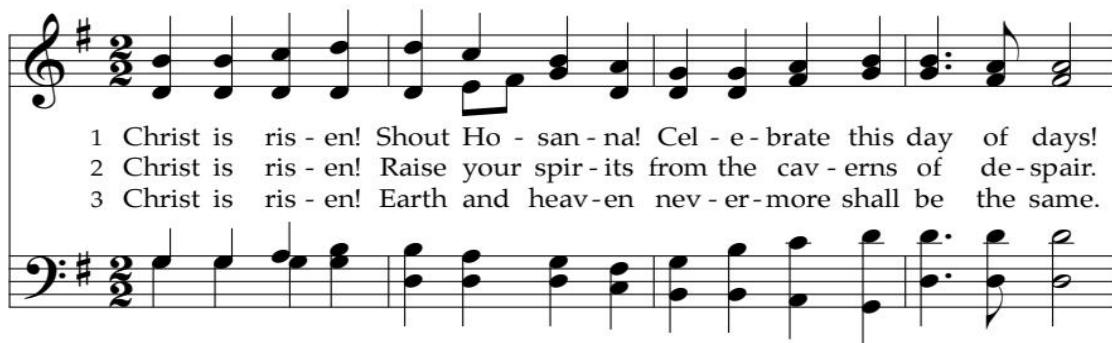
He Lives!

***Charge and Benediction**

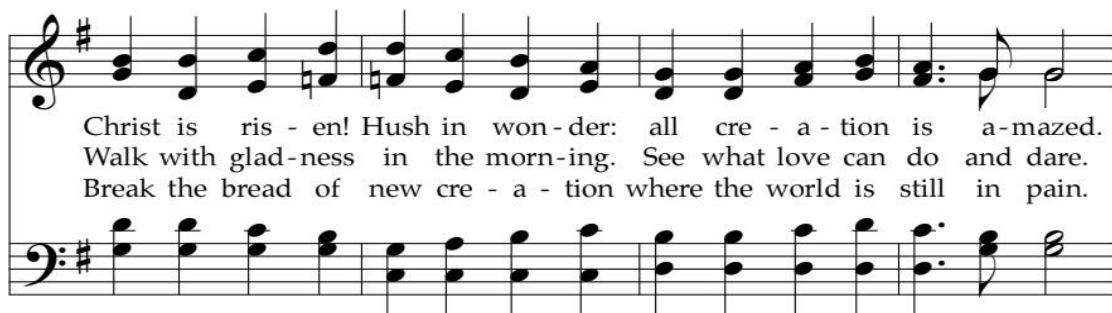
***Postlude**

Offerings are received through a variety of ways – in the plate during the offering, online, by mail, or via the office. May our offerings be reflection of God’s abundance in our lives, for the glory of God and for the work of God’s kingdom in the world. Thank you for being so generous and sustaining our ministry. To give online, visit sampsonsmills.org/offering

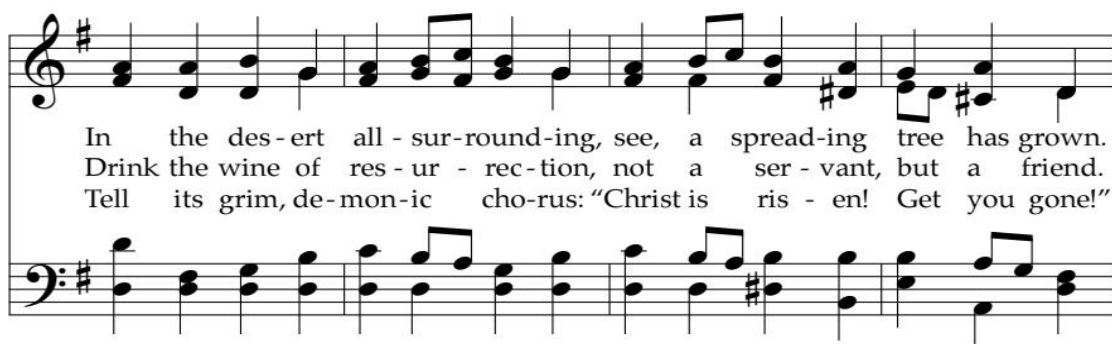
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



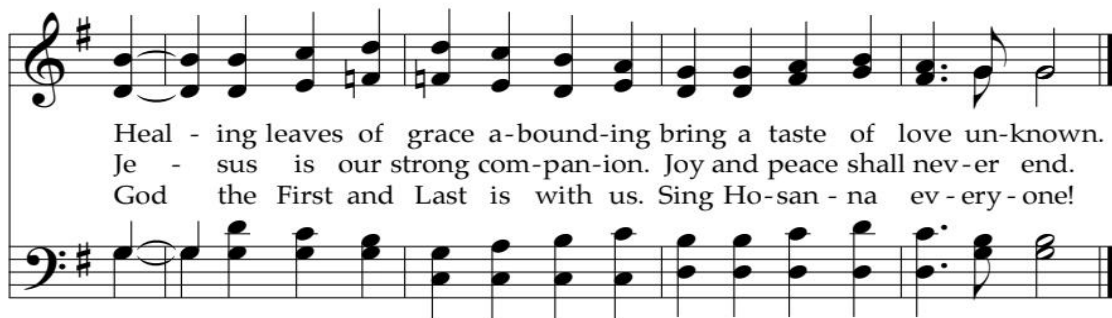
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

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



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

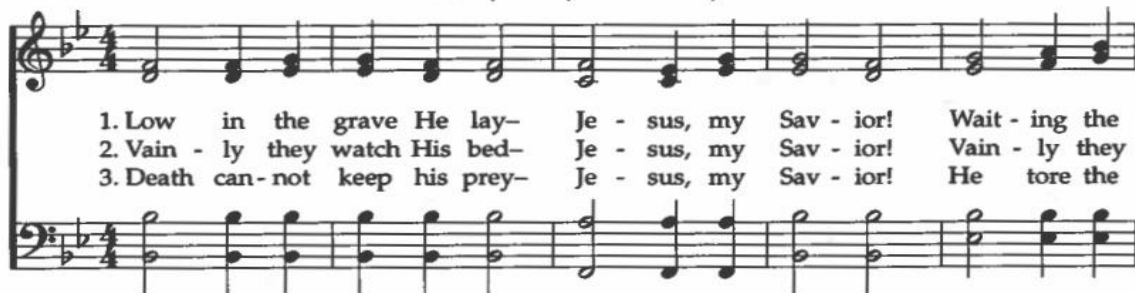
JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating the key of D major. The time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplet markings. The lyrics are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

Christ Arose 357

It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. Acts 2:24

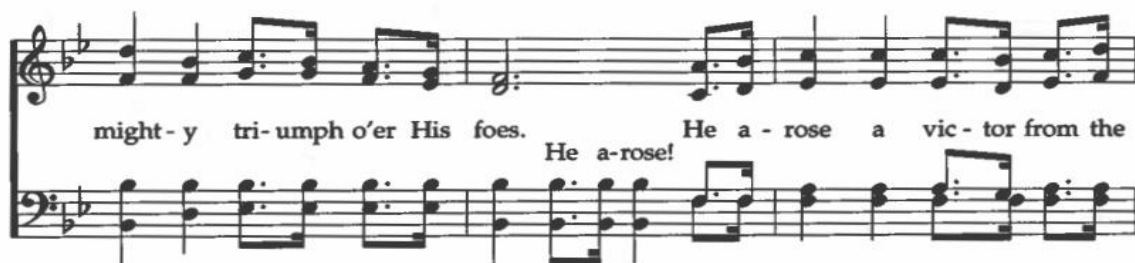


1. Low in the grave He lay- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
 3. Death can - not keep his prey- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

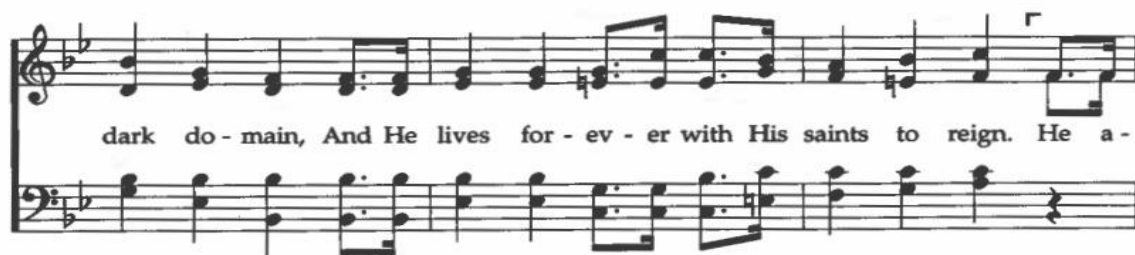
Refrain
faster



com - ing day- Je - sus, my Lord!
 seal the dead- Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a
 bars a - way- Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,



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



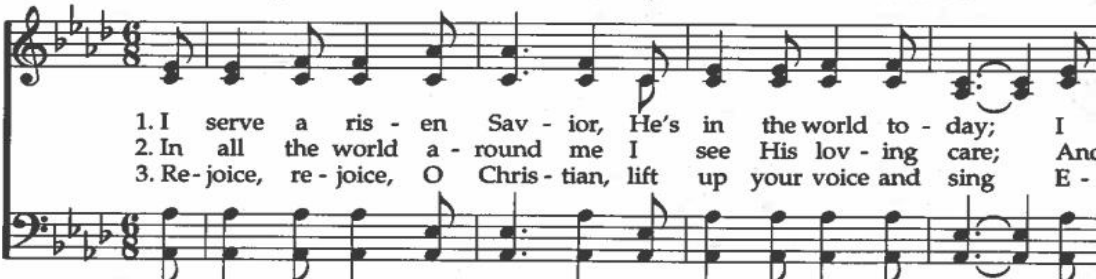
dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -



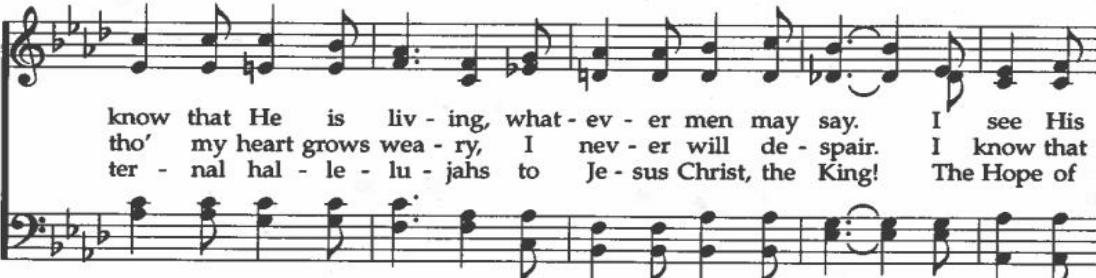
rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

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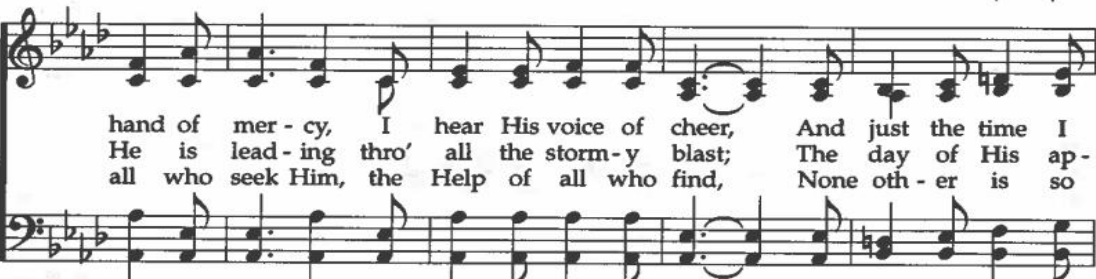
I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! Revelation 1:18



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



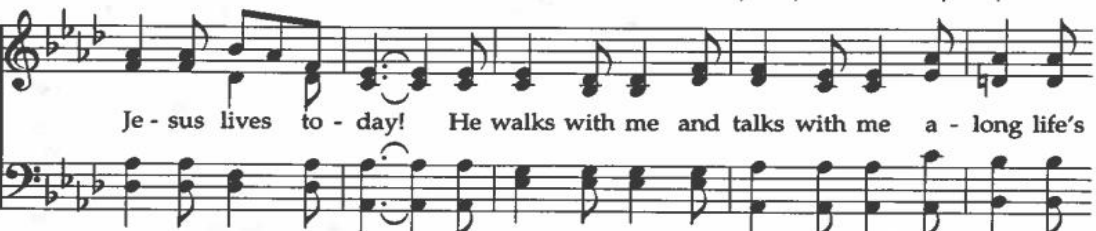
know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say. I see His
 tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair. I know that
 ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! The Hope of



hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I
 He is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast; The day of His ap -
 all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None oth - er is so



Refrain
 need Him, He's al - ways near. He lives, He lives! Christ
 pear - ing will come at last. He lives, He lives!
 lov - ing, so good and kind. He lives, He lives!



Je - sus lives to - day! 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,

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