

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Ascension Sunday

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MAY 29, 2022 - 9:00 & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

The Peace May be Exchanged from Rubrics, Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
 2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the
 3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
 grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and
 God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
 Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
 plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful
 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals
 part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger
 God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in




high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
 eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
 thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)


OPENING ACCLAMATION *said at the 9am liturgy; sung at the 11am liturgy*

Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ has as - cen - ded on high.

People



O come, let us a - dore, Al - le - lu - ia.

SONG OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); harm. Hieronymus Praetorius (1560?-1629)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from in high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
 shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
 he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, *
 and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, *
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, *
 the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
 sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; *
 sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
 with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
 and he is highly exalted.

W. Parrat (1841 – 1924)

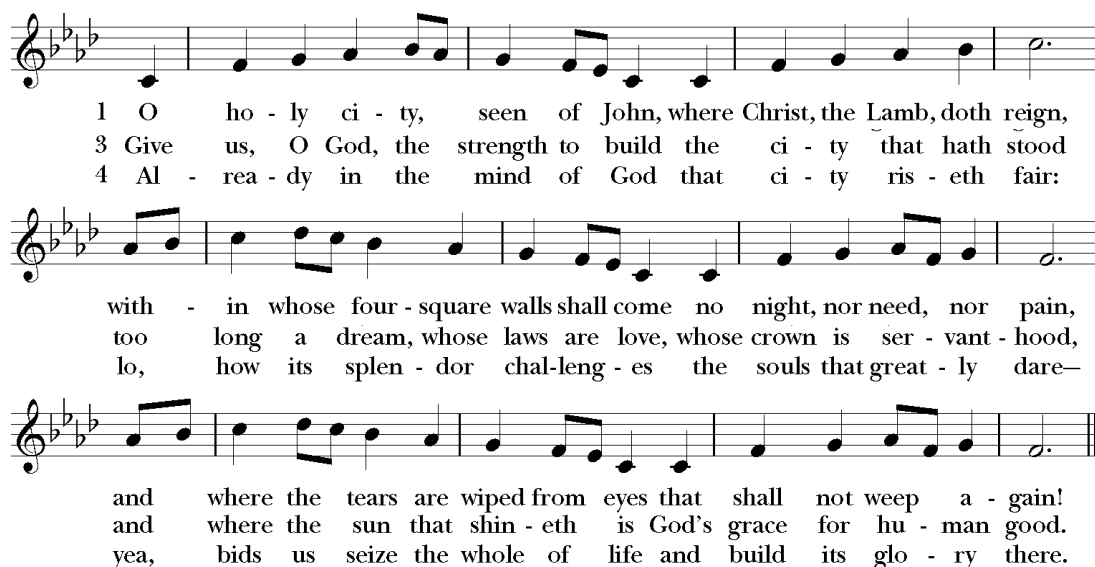
THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:

with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
 lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—

and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
 yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1892-1969), alt.

Music: *Morning Song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

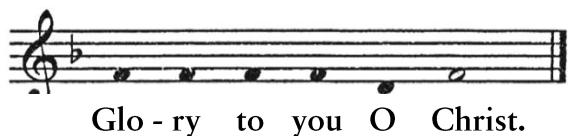
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THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

The Deacon or Priest intones:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you O Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And 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 Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

During the season of Eastertide we will use the Affirmation of Faith (Creed) from one of our companion churches in the Anglican Communion, the Church of New Zealand. The prayers of this branch of the church are beloved throughout the Communion for their simple, direct, and creation-centered language in liturgy.

You O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love to us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon bids the People's prayers, saying

Risen One, Ascended Lord: we are made alive in your resurrection, and in the Spirit we offer our joy, our prayers, and our praise.

When all was still dark, you burst from the empty tomb, bringing salvation and light. Bestow your resurrection light on all who suffer or despair, especially for those we now name:

The People add their own prayers, aloud or in silence.

Risen One,

Hear our prayer.

You rose from the grave, triumphing over the powers of hell. Raise us up to challenge the powers of our own time, to seek the welfare of all, and establish your justice and peace on earth.

Risen One,

Hear our prayer.

You ascended beyond all time and place in order to fill all things, and you promised the Holy Spirit to your disciples. Make us powerful witnesses of your new life, within this community and beyond.

Risen One,

Hear our prayer.

Your resurrection renews our reality, taking away the sting of death and raising us to live life in all its fullness. Guide us in this pilgrimage of life, and at the end receive us and all your children into your Paradise on high.

The People may add the names of beloved ones who have died.

Risen One,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Risen One, Ascended Lord, you know no boundary or barrier: you are the power of love beyond all domination or division. Lift us from discouragement, cynicism, and ease; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming fire, and turn our hearts to the mending of the world; through Jesus Christ, name above all names.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *(sung by the Choir at 11:00 am)*

Tollite hostias, et adorate Dominum in atrio sancto eius.
Latentur coeli, et exultet terra a facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia

*Bring offerings and adore the Lord in his holy place.
Rejoice heaven and exult all the earth, before the Lord, for he comes. Alleluia.*

Words: Oratorio de Noël, op 12
Music: Camille Saint-Saëns

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926)

Music: *Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We do indeed give thanks to you, O God, who created everything that is.
 Praise to you for the earth and all its creatures.
 Praise to you for revealing yourself to our ancestors in faith.
 Praise to you for the gift of Jesus, your Son.
 Praise to you for being, even now, present among us.
 With great joy we join the saints and angels to acclaim you, O God:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

From A *Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Celebrant continues

In these fifty days of Easter celebration, we recall the glorious death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. And we, being redeemed by him, are made a new people by water and the Holy Spirit.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Here, with our gifts of bread and wine, we proclaim our assurance of eternal life:



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O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts. Be present at our table, revealing yourself to us in bread and wine. Raise us up to be the body of Christ for the world. With the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and your holy ones throughout time, we praise and honor you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.



Will Doreza

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

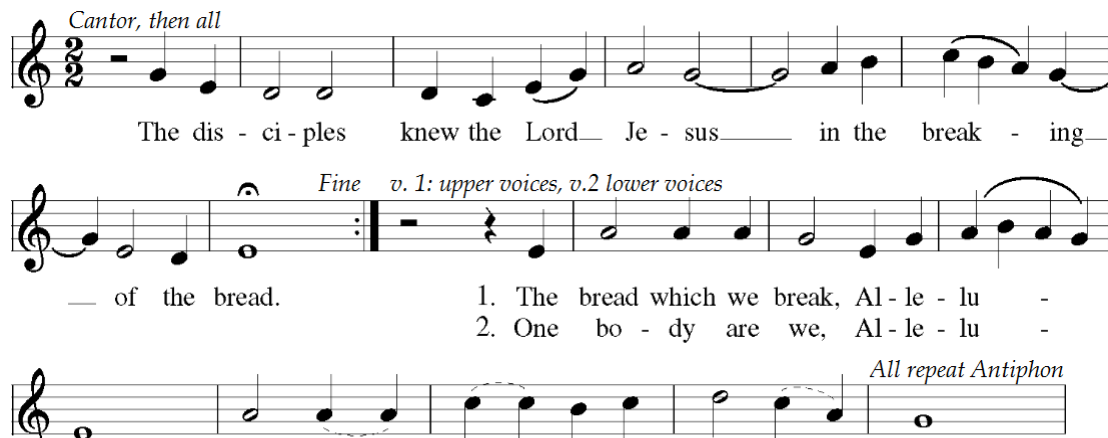
Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.
Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.

Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

All repeat Antiphon

setting: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)
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HYMN AT THE COMMUNION *(sung by the Choir at 11:00 am)*

When Christ was Lifted

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Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)
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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

The People join the Celebrant for the final part of the prayer, in bold.

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name. Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

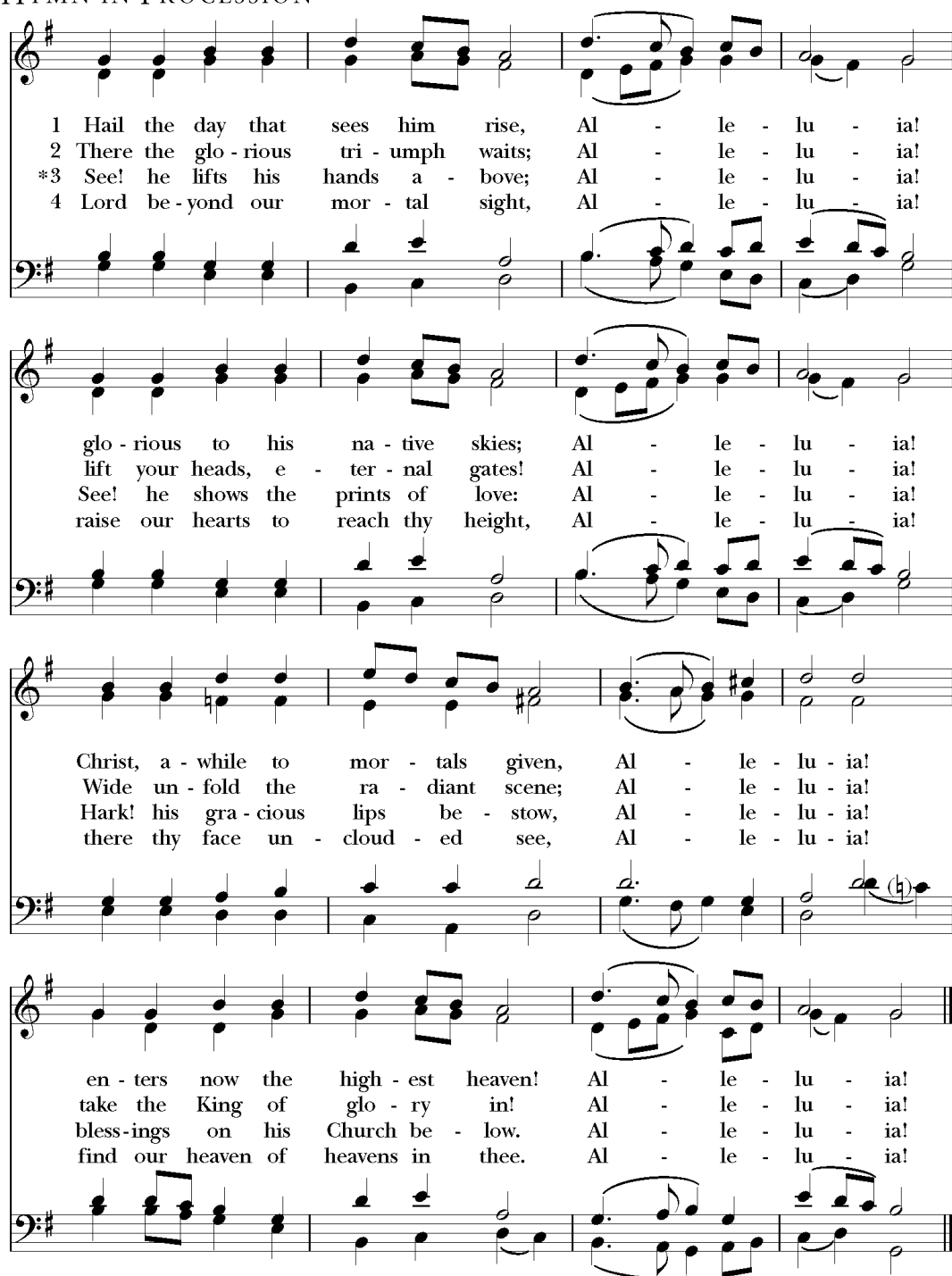
THE BLESSING

The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace from Organ Sonata No. 2 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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