

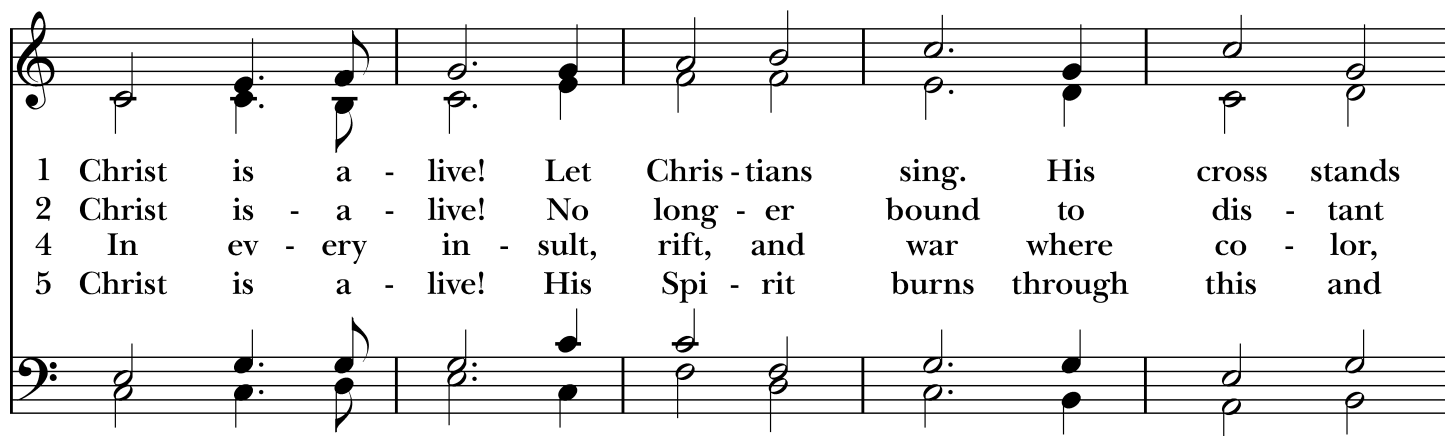
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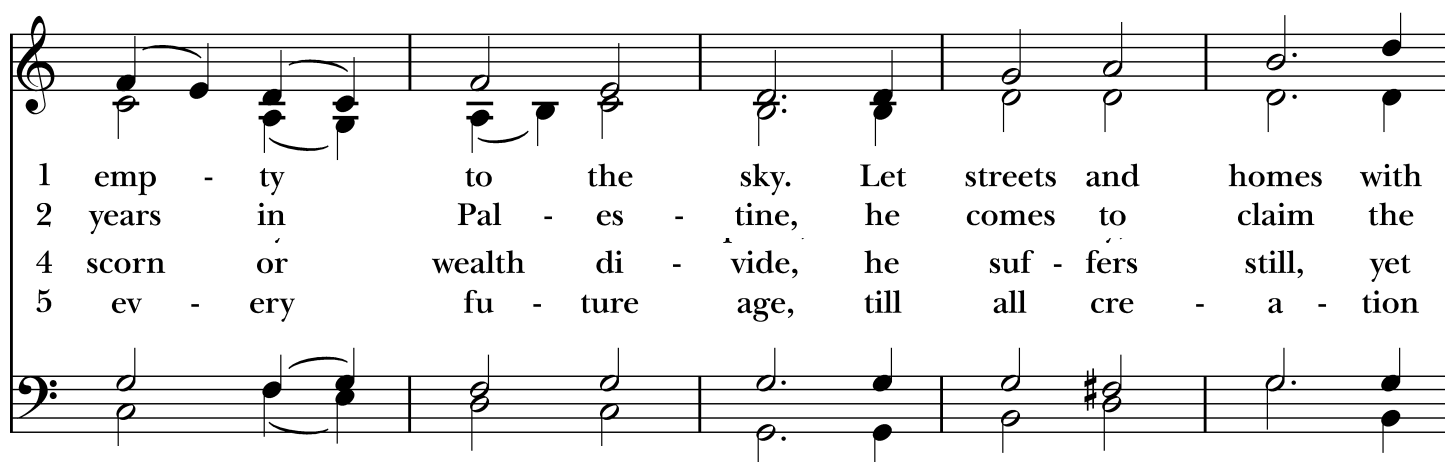
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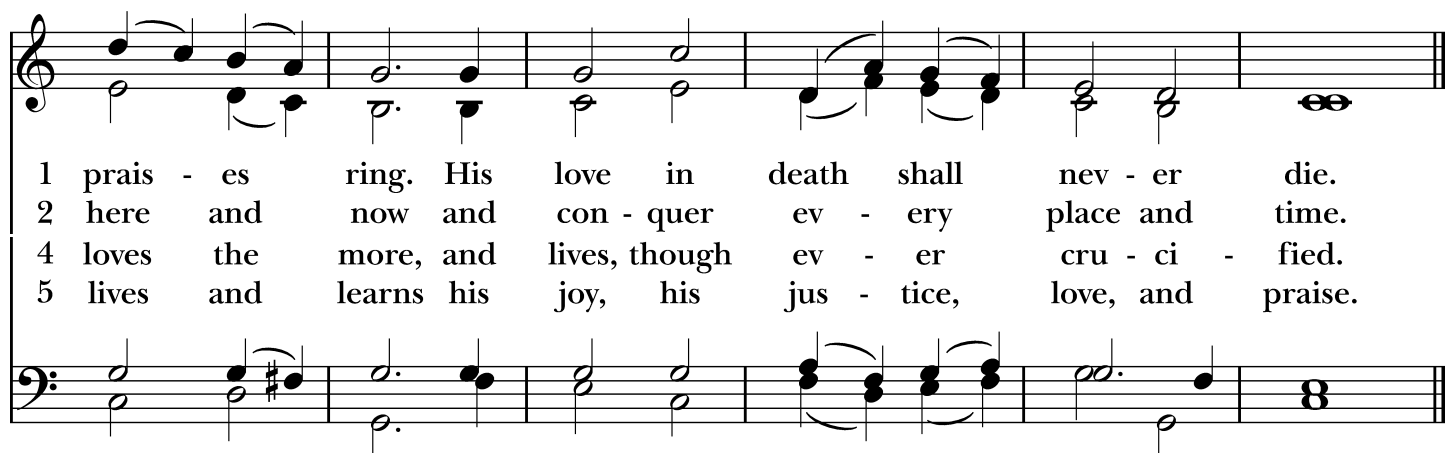
OPENING HYMN *All stand as able* words: Wren; music: trad., harm: Mason; 182 *Hymnal 1982*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Remain standing*

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 50*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

words &amp; music: O'Carroll &amp; Walker; 20 MHSO

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

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

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Standing*

BCP, p. 222

*Presider* God be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*The people sit*

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture,

he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

*Remain seated*

*Psalter for the Christian People*

*Lector* <sup>24</sup> **My praise is of God in the great assembly; \***  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.

*People* <sup>25</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: \***  
**"May your heart live for ever!"**

*Lector* <sup>26</sup> **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, \***  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.

*People* <sup>27</sup> **For kingship belongs to the LORD; \***  
**who rules over the nations.**

*Lector* <sup>28</sup> **To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \***  
all who go down to the dust fall before the LORD.

*People* <sup>29</sup> **My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the LORD; \***  
**they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.**

*Lector* <sup>30</sup> **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \***  
the saving deeds that God has done.

*All* **Glory be to God, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live

through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *All stand* words: Brenner, music: trad., harm: J.S. Bach; 297 *Hymnal 1982*

1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand  
 2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant

us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -  
 un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your

sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.  
 ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*The people sit*

The Rev. Dr. Randal Gardner

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand*

EOW, p. 53

*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *All stand*

*Intercessions for the Christian People*

*Presider* Let us join through prayer with everything that lives. Let us acknowledge to God the one life we share, saying: O God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* O God, your Holy Spirit is alive in all the earth. Your Spirit that moved and shaped land and sea, trees and beasts still moves and shapes us into creation. Through Christ we know your one Holy Spirit, for you are God of all. That all the world may know your Spirit, we pray: O God, who makes us one,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open your world before our eyes, so that we see far and near. Show us newly what lives around us, over and behind and within. Give us the mind of Christ.  
O God, who makes us one,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring us to one another that we may hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the peoples of the world. Make all nations one household with many rooms.

O God, who makes us one,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Heal us who are sick. Cheer us who are guilty. Love us who are alone. Join us who are distant. Call all the world to yourself.

O God, who makes us one,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world.  
O God, who makes us one,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all those for whom our prayers are requested, especially:  
[*all speak the names on our parish prayer list*], and for those who have died.  
O God, who makes us one,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are many parts and need to be one.  
We beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*EOW*, p. 56

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* All-holy God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN *All stand* words: Wren, music: trad., adapt Buchanan; 304 *Hymnal 1982*  
*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS

*All sing*

Proulx, S 125 Hymnal 1982

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.

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

AT THE FRACTION

words & music: O'Carroll & Walker; 20 MHSO

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

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who are drawn to the Lord's Table are welcome.*

*To receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, cross your arms in front of your chest.*

*Gluten-free bread and de-alcoholized wine are available; please ask.*

*We do not practice intinction (dipping bread into the wine). To abstain from the common cup, cross your arms in front of your chest, consecrated wine will be presented, but not served to you.*

*If you have never been baptized, let's talk about that.*

COMMUNION HYMN *seated or kneeling* words: Herbert, music: Vaughn Williams; 487 Hymnal 1982



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand*

*EOW, p. 70*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* Loving God,  
 we give you thanks  
 for restoring us in your image  
 and nourishing us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
 Now send us forth  
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

EASTER BLESSING

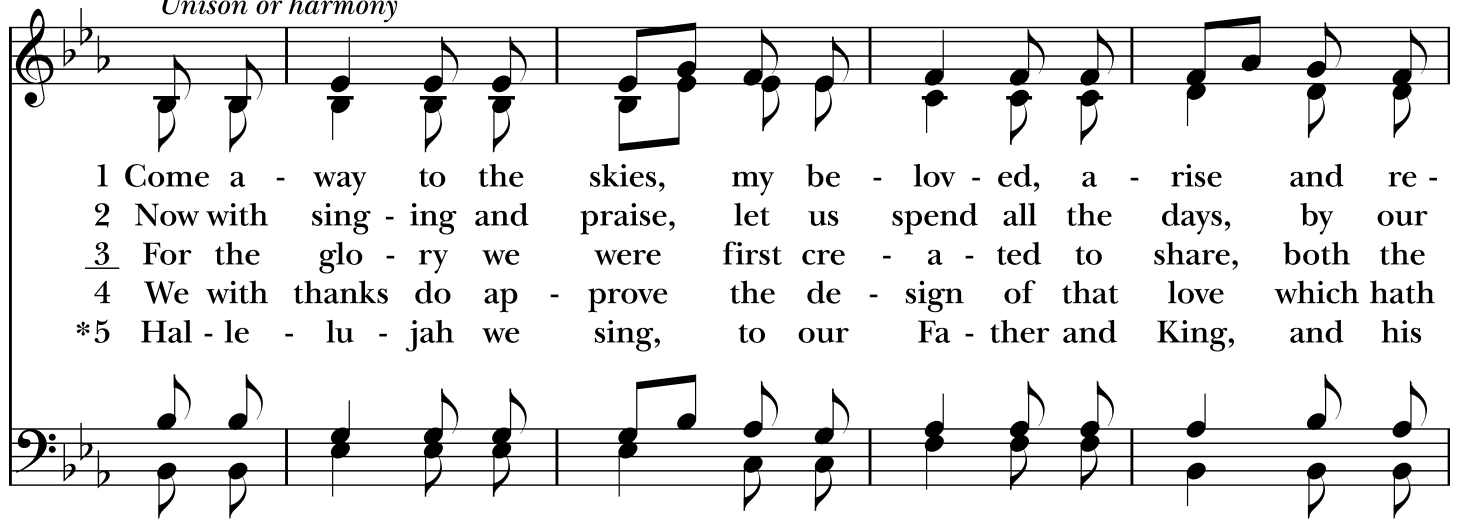
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*Presider* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

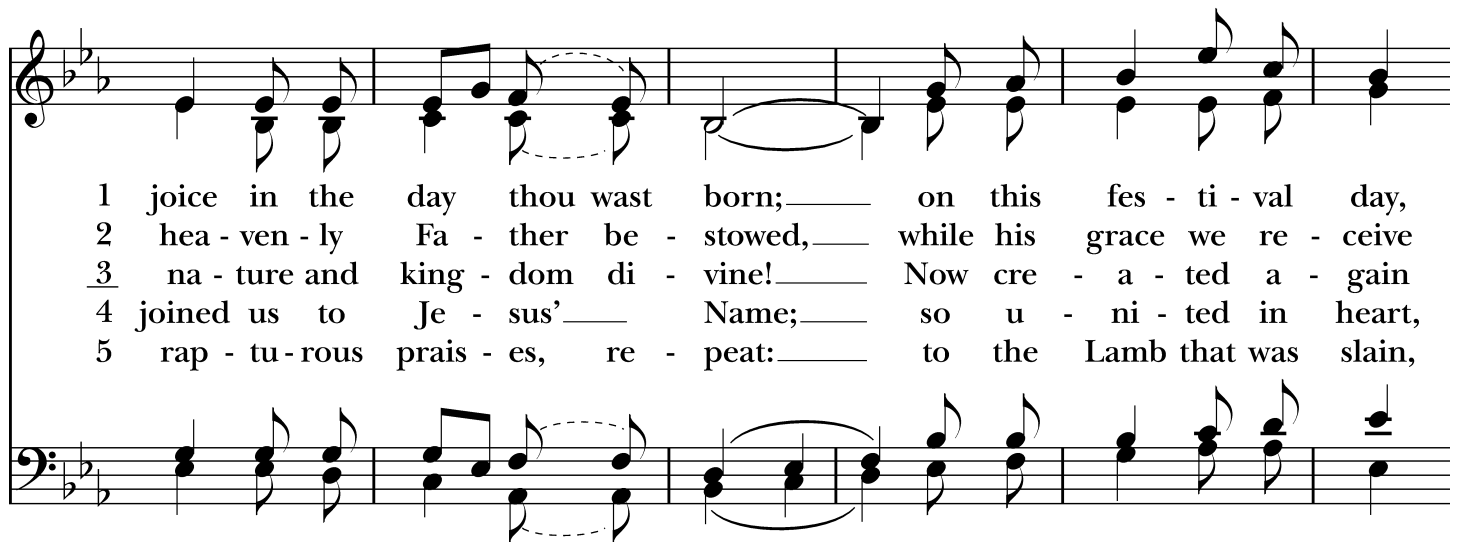
*People* Amen.

RETIRING PROCESSION *Standing* words: Wesley, music: trad., harm: Burnam; 213 *Hymnal 1982*

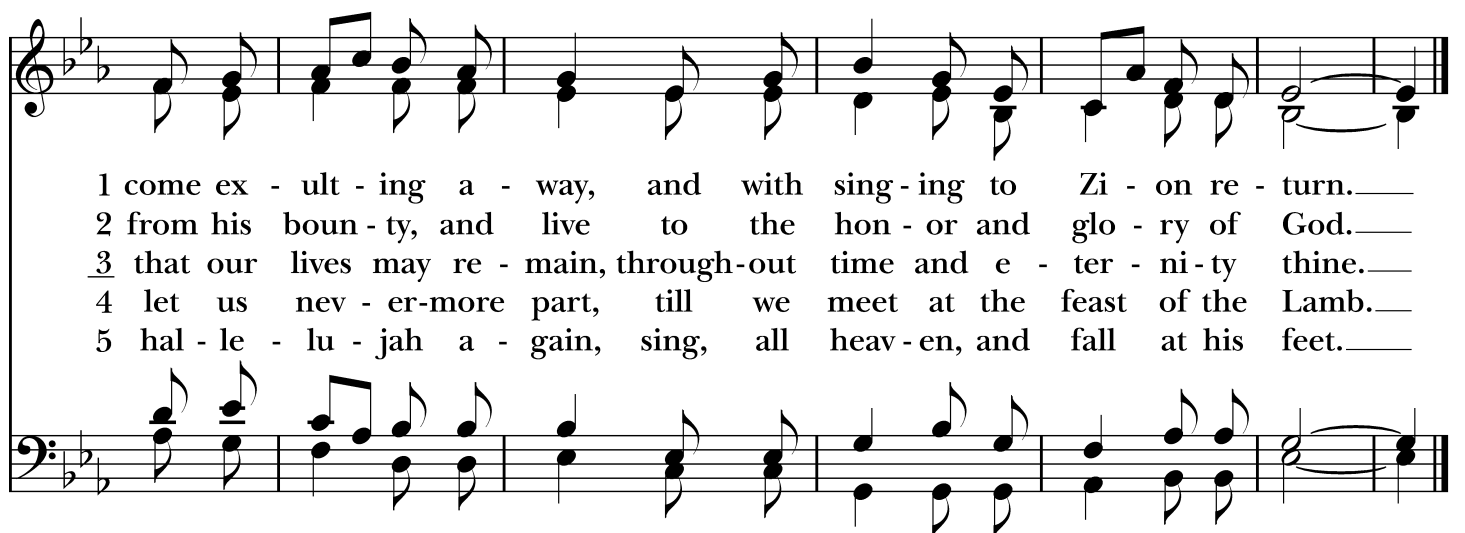
*Unison or harmony*



1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath  
\*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his



1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,  
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive  
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain  
4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,  
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,



1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —  
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —  
3 that our lives may re - main, through-out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —  
4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —  
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

DISMISSAL

*Presider* Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

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