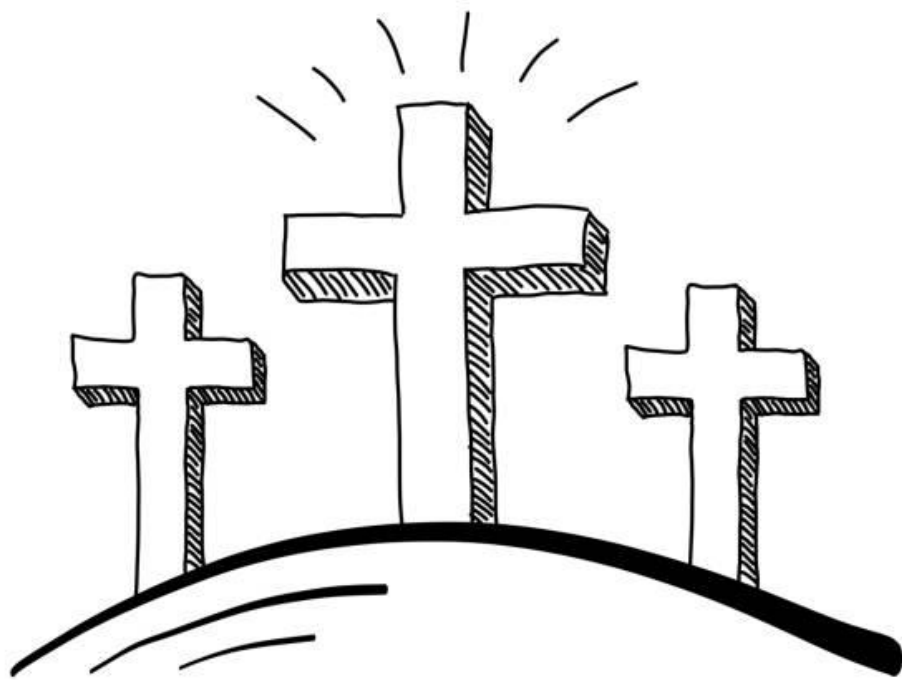


# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 15, 2022

# *Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's*

*Name tags are available. We'd love to  
make one for you if you do not have one already.*

*Just fill out a form in your pew. Help yourself  
to coffee in the "cafe" and feel free to bring it  
to your pew. We're casual. We invite children to make  
themselves at home at our children's table where  
there are weekly activity bulletins, crayons, etc...*

*Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15am.*

*As always, the link to our YouTube channel  
is available on our website,  
[stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org)*

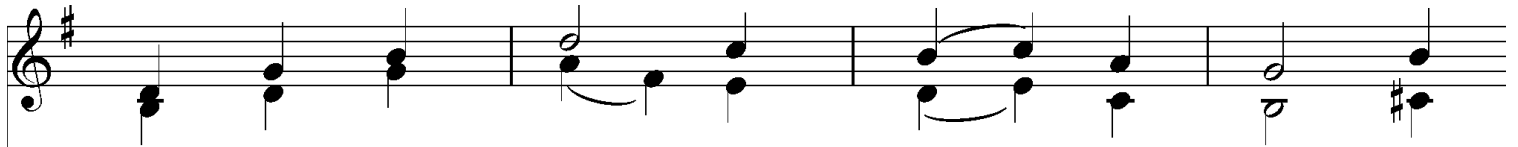
## PRELUDE Instrumental

### OPENING MUSIC

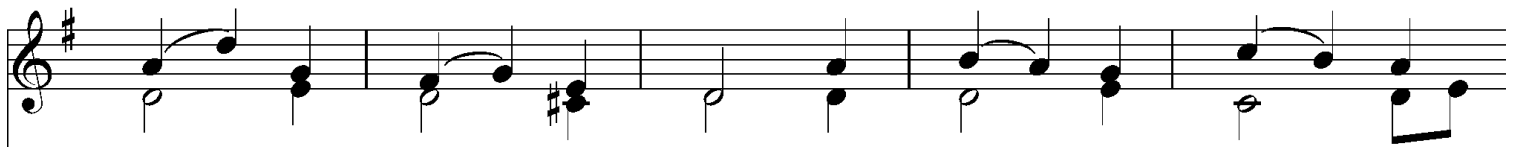
“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”

Words: Christopher Smart

Music: Puer, Tune Name: Richmond



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in



1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -  
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to



1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.  
2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: 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. *Amen.*

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 11: 1- 18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment

three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

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

### PSALM 148

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord,  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!**

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21: 1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

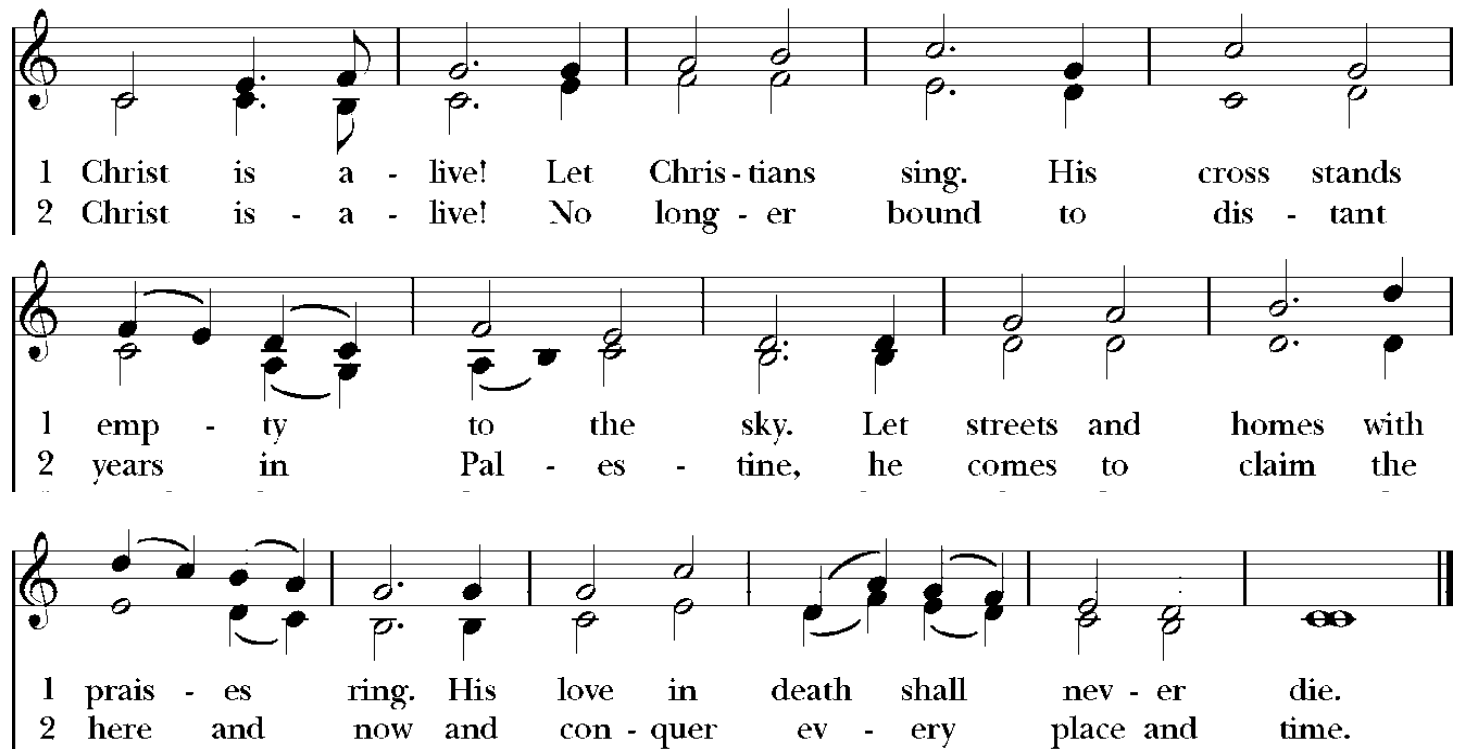
And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## "Christ is Alive"



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.

## GOSPEL

## John 13: 31-35

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God,  
Creator and sustainer of earth, sea and sky,**

**We believe in Jesus Christ.  
Born of the womb of Mary,  
he was the first to live fully into the destiny  
for which we were all created.**

**Healing the broken and serving the poor, liberating the burdened  
and reconciling heaven and earth; Redeeming even death,  
He rose from the grave and with wounded hands he embraces us.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present and  
there is now nothing beyond the reach of his healing touch.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
that stirs our hearts, animates our lives,  
breathes new life into us and declares us to be God's beloved.**

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *Please be seated*

*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on one of the Prayer Boards during the music. Please keep your masks on and stay socially distant to keep everyone safe. Thank you.*

## PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying

**Thank you, God.**

For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life,

**Thank you, God.**

For the richness of the good Earth that is now waking up and the promise of life that is eager to come forth,

**Thank you, God.**

For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,

**Thank you, God.**

You call us as your children and comfort us in our afflictions. Bring a sense of peace to the distressed, compassion to the grieving, and relief to the suffering. We pray especially today for the people of Ukraine, Ethiopia, Somalia, and ...

*Celebrant:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Deacon:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Due to the rising numbers of Covid cases in our area we will not be passing the peace this morning. Please remain standing.*

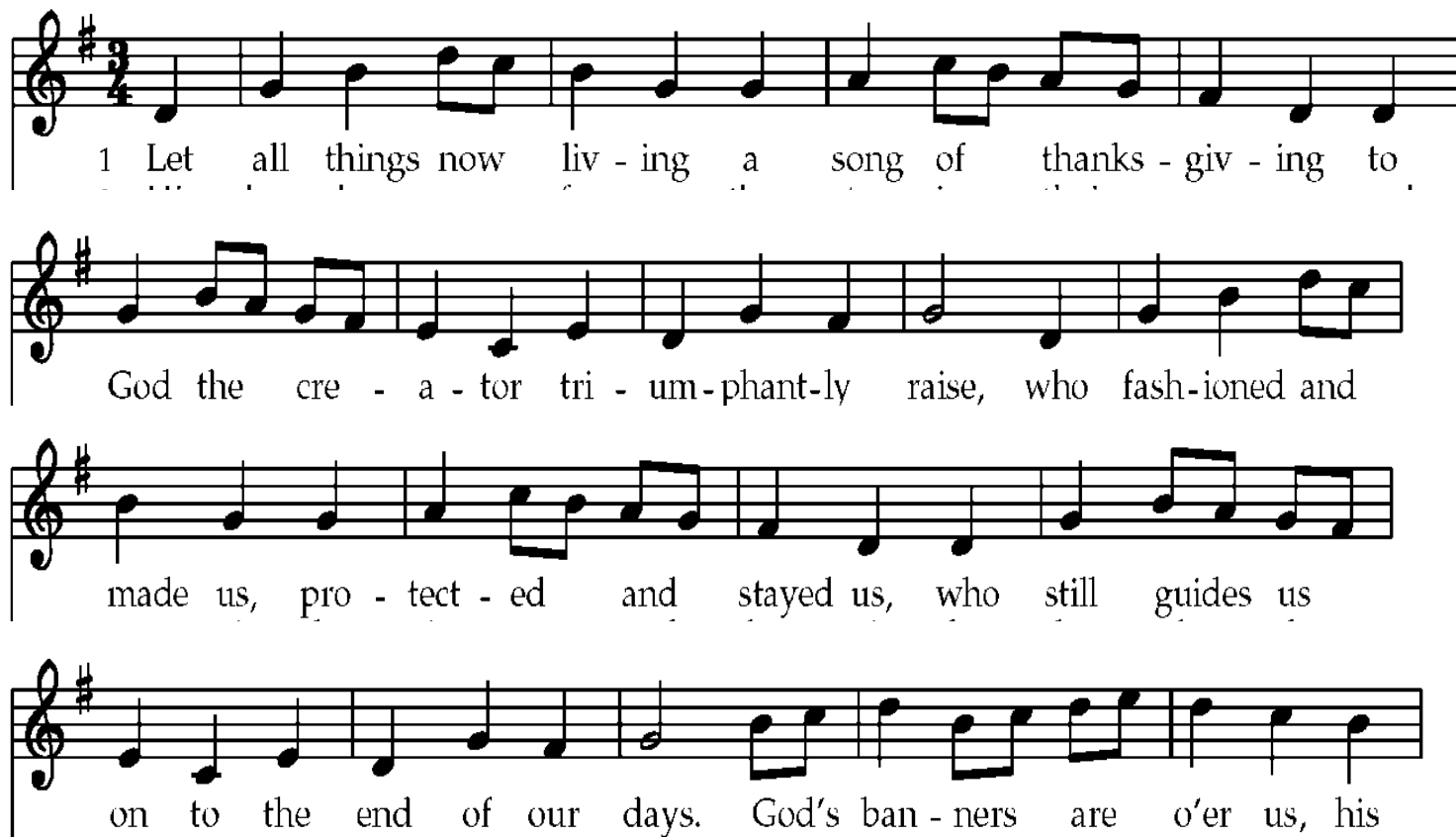
*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## DOXOLOGY

“Let all Things Now Living”

*Words: Katherine K. Dav*

*Eucharistic Ministers bring the Communion elements to the altar.*



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

## MUSIC

### "Crowded Table"

*by Brandie Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna  
Text adapted for worship*

*Eucharistic Ministers brings the offering forward*

**Refrain: I want a church with a crowded table**

**And a place at the altar for everyone**

**Let us take on the world while we're fed and able**

**And bring us back together when the day is done**

**Verse: If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed**

**Plant a little happiness - let the roots run deep**

**If it's love that we give - then it's love that we reap**

**If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself.

Even though we've turned from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation. As a parent tenderly gathers her children, you embrace us as your own. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister and Joseph our brother.



Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we sing your hymn of unending love,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

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

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.**

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.**

And so in this sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's life, death and resurrection, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and this celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your resurrected body offering hope to the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**  
The feast of life has been prepared for you -  
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.



## FRACTURE ANTHEM

"I Come with Joy"

by: Brian A. Wren

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature. It features two parts: a soprano line (labeled '1') and an alto line (labeled '3'). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are printed below the staff, with the soprano line starting on the first line and the alto line starting on the second line. The lyrics are: '1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.'

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God take them in remembrance of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*ALL are welcome to receive communion.*

*Please be seated. Our Eucharistic Ministers will come to you. As they approach, please stand if you are able. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms in front of you.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

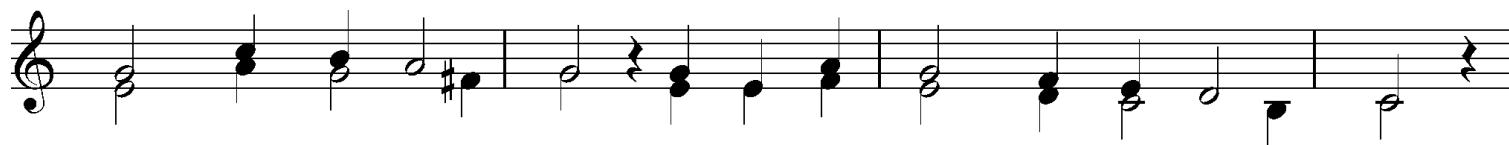
## “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

Words: Cyril A. Alington and Norman Mealy

Tune: *Gelobt sei Gott*

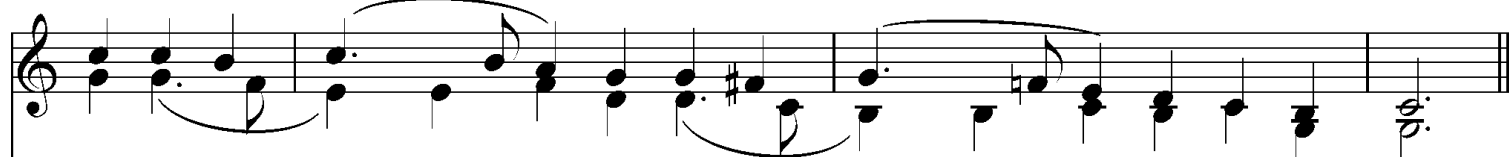


1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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



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

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## FINAL BLESSING

God has given us a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The wisdom, love and grace of God strengthen us to be God's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless you and raise you to new life, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev'd Cynthia Rasmussen

**Deacon:** The Rev'd Mike Finn

**Musician:** Andy Lacey

**Audio and Video Producer:** Robert Thornton

## SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (5/15/22 - 5/21/22)

### **Tuesday**

- 9am Food Shelf Prep & Foodlink Delivery  
1pm Food bagging  
3pm Seed Sowers and Story Tellers - Afterschool Program (*Freedom Scholars*)  
6pm Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

### **Wednesday**

- 10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry  
12pm Healing Service  
7pm *The Story of God* Narrated by Morgan Freeman  
We watch ½ hr of the Series and then discuss (via Zoom)

### **Thursday**

- UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING (*Webster High School*)  
3pm Seed Sowers and Story Tellers - Afterschool Program (*Freedom Scholars*)  
3:30pm Partners for Places Weekly Meeting

## Partner for Places - E.D.E.N. Garden Work Days

Wednesday, **May 18th** TBD Denver Garden - Install Raised Beds

Thursday, **May 19th** 9:30am - 2pm United Way Day of Caring  
Webster High School Students

A weekday the last week of May Bloomfield High School Students

Saturday, **May 28th** 10-12pm Work Day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Conversation: "The Story of God"

Our next conversation will take place Wednesday evening (5/18) from 7 pm - 8 pm after we watch "The Story of God" narrated by Morgan Freeman via Zoom. The link will be posted on the website.

### United Way Day of Caring

Over forty students from Webster Thomas High School will be joining us in the gardens from 9:00am - 2:00pm on Thursday, May 19th. We need some help setting up tables and lunch at the Denver Garden around 12pm. Let Pastor Cindy know if you are available. Bring your gardening gloves and help us with spring clean-up.

### Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer. First names will be shared during the Prayers of the People. If you would like to include any of these names on our regular prayer list, please email Terri Censak at [scensak@frontiernet.net](mailto:scensak@frontiernet.net).

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister, please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. The April and May schedule is attached. If you are unable to serve a particular weekend, please find a replacement and let Deacon Mike know.

## Worship Leaders of May and June of 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson and Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Prayers of the People</b>
5/15	Mary E	Stephanie S	Tom F
5/22	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Heather G
5/29	Walt S	Deb S	Paula V
6/5	Bob V	Michele H	Kathy J
6/12	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S
6/19	LaVonne N	Theresa H	Terri C
6/26	Tom F	Mary E	Stephanie S
7/3	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S
7/10	Kathy J	Bob V	Michele H
7/17	Bob C	Samantha G	Joe C
7/24	Bob C	Terri C	LaVonne N

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hold Cup Tray</b>	<b>Give Single Cup</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
5/15	Dorothy B	Kathy J	Bob C
5/22	Sharon K	Joe C	Children
5/29	Terri C	Mary E	Children
6/5	Mary E	Terri C	Theresa H
6/12	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
6/19	Bob C	Dorothy B	Children
6/26	Joe C	Sharon K	Children
7/3	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
7/10	Theresa H	Terri C	Mary E
7/17	Stephanie S	LaVonne N	Tom F
7/24	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Deb S



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