



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

Preparation for Worship

The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. You can't depict or domesticate emptiness. You can't make it into pageants and string it with lights. It doesn't move people to give presents to each other or sing old songs. It ebbs and flows all around us, the Eastertide.

—Frederick Buechner

Opening Voluntary

Praeludium in C Major

Georg Böhm
(1661-1733)

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Introit

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Donald Fishel
(b. 1950)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

—Don Fischel

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 245 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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✦ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your giving is without end;
but we struggle to receive all that you offer.
We misuse your gifts, ignoring your intents,
and refusing your abundance.
We hoard what you would have us share,
and we throw away what you would have us keep.
Forgive us and help us discern your priorities.
Govern our hearts with your spirit,
so that we can live into the fullness of the gospel,
and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

Fintan O'Carroll

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response 'Alleluia, alleluia!'. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981 ©

✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Conversation with Children

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

N.T. pgs. 120-121

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland
arr. Glenn Koponen

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round
The walls of Zion.

—John G. McCurry (1855)

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-48

N.T. pgs. 90-91

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

✦ **Hymn 231** ([see page 10](#))*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

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✦ **Affirmation of Faith***from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.
 With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People**The Lord's Prayer**

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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil;
 for Thine is the Kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

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Offertory

This Day

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

This day will you strength us.
This day will you bless us.
This day will you lift us,
Visit us for good.
This day inscribe us for a happy life

This day hear our cry.
This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour
This day support us with your righteous hand,
Amen.

—Jewish text adap. Bob Chilcott

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

God of compassion,
we praise you that you look upon us
with love and understanding
and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.
**By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance
and guide us in the way of righteousness,
as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 248 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

HYMN TO JOY

✦ Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary

Offertoire from the Mass for the Parishes (excerpt)

François Couperin
(1668–1733)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | John Wurster

Liturgist

Suzanne Kerr

Musicians

Matthew Dirst — organist & pianist | St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham — director of music
Tessa Larson — soloist

Our preacher today is Rev. Dr. José R. Irizarry, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Acts 3:12-19—*Peter speaks of Jesus' rejection and calls the people to repent.*
- Psalm 4—*Answer me when I call, O God; in you I will find joy and peace.*
- 1 John 3:1-7—*See what love the Father has given us; we are children of God.*
- Luke 24:36b-48—*The risen Lord eats with the disciples and interprets the Scriptures.*

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **organ voluntaries** come from exact contemporaries—one German, the other French—who were both great masters of their craft. Georg Böhm left only a small handful of notated organ works, which include a Praeludium in C that begins with a vigorous pedal solo. A subsequent fugal section sports a deceptively simple yet rhythmically driving subject, one that works well either in the fingers or feet. Couperin's two "organ masses," by contrast, comprise short works that would have been performed in alternation with plainchant. The excerpt at the close of this morning's service comes from the large central movement of the composer's *Messe pour les Paroisses* (Mass for the Parishes).

Surrounded by "alleluias," today's **introit** is an adaptation of the familiar hymn by Donald Fishel, who was inspired to compose both music and text suddenly during the summer of 1971. This choral adaptation by our director of music, Justin Langham, highlights the hymn's third verse, which encapsulates the good news

of Easter and the new life in the risen Christ.

Our **anthem** today offers a convenient snapshot of 19th-20th century Americana music. Originally found in "The Social Harp," the final publication of shape-note tunes prior to the Civil War, the tune received new life almost a century later due to its inclusion in Copland's opera *The Tender Land*, and eventually in the second set of his "Old American Songs." The swinging compound meter (beats are divided into three) brings the celebratory nature of the text to life, a fitting addition to our Easter season.

A central figure of contemporary British choral music, Bob Chilcott has an extensive catalog of works for choir, much of which has also been adapted for solo voice. Our **offertory** is once such arrangement, a serene, prayerful setting of an adapted Jewish text that features a tender melody supported by a reverent accompaniment.

—Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Helen Deleon; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians – Jennifer Schenk and Amy Syres from Second Mile Haiti - friends of the Church & Society Class; Barbara Goodson from Have Shears-Will Travel - friend of the Church & Society Class; Paul Feagan – friend of Jacqui Colton; Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters - friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach- friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

THE **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE & EARTH CARE TEAM** INVITES YOU TO...

THE ST. PHILIP BBQ PICNIC & EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

ON THE LAWN

SUNDAY - APRIL 21

{ starts at noon }

**BEEF BRISKET, RIBS & SAUSAGE
WILL BE PROVIDED.**

PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE FOR 8 PEOPLE

Last names that begin with... **A-G: DESSERTS H-R: SIDES S-Z: SALADS**

QUESTIONS? CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (713-622-4807)
OR SEND AN EMAIL TO: welcome@saintphilip.net

INTERGENERATIONAL

FEEL FREE TO **WEAR CASUAL OUTDOOR ATTIRE.**

CALL FOR HELP

We are in need of volunteers to set up and break down tables, chairs and tents for the upcoming church picnic. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the sessions if you are able and available. Here's the sign up information:

- Sun, **April 21**- 8 a.m.- 10 a.m.: Setting up tables and chairs.
- Sun, **April 21** - End of BBQ - 3 p.m. Breaking down tent/tables/chairs or general clean up.

Please contact Laura Burgess, Fellowship Committee chair at laura.e.burg@gmail.com or 785-220-4278 to sign up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 104

ELEMENTARY—Grades 1-5—Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 6-12—Room 205

FAITH & LIFE - Room 200—An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We are beginning our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from **9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **April 21** - Continuing the series focusing on St. Philip Mission Partners - "Medical Benevolent Foundation - Medical Mission for the 21st. Century" - Dedicated to equipping and fortifying the medical ministries of local churches in underserved regions worldwide, the Medical Benevolence Foundation works in partnership with its international partners as they take on the responsibility of overseeing mission hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools. Presented by Dr. Douglas Lungu, MBF's Chief Medical Officer and Tina Pugel - Director for the West Region of MBF. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—(CANCELLED THIS WEEK)

We will have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at:

keatan@saintphilip.net.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., by zoom, to discuss social justice issues of the day. The current exploration of Christian nationalism is Kaitlyn Schiess' book, *The Ballot and the Bible; how Scripture has been used and abused in*

American politics." Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY— Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **May 9** at 7:00 p.m., please watch your email for details. So watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that he has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints—2nd Mon. of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle—3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Circle—1st Thurs. of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

MO-RANCH—If you are registered for the Mo-Ranch retreat and are making payments, it is time to make your second payment. Begin in the confirmation email you received and click on link to make payment or go to saintphilip.net "Make A Contribution" Choose Mo-Ranch fund.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

**AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.**

**WE LONG
for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.**

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your "T switch" to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY'S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

I Give Electronically – in response to parents' hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Praise to you by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now. Al - le - lu - ia!

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. David Evans, 1927
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 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

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Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre - a - tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988
 MUSIC: Welsh melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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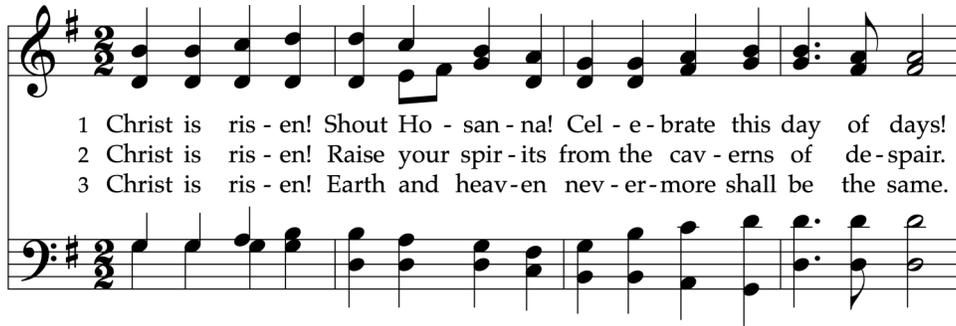
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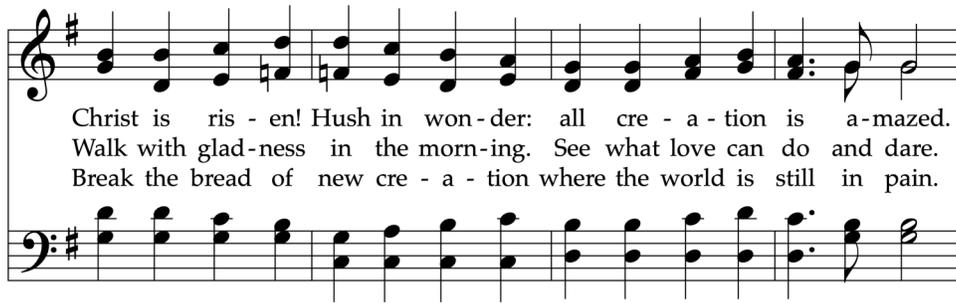
Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

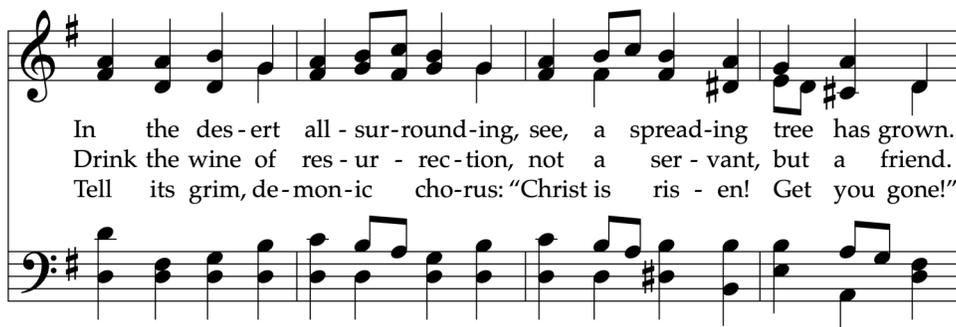
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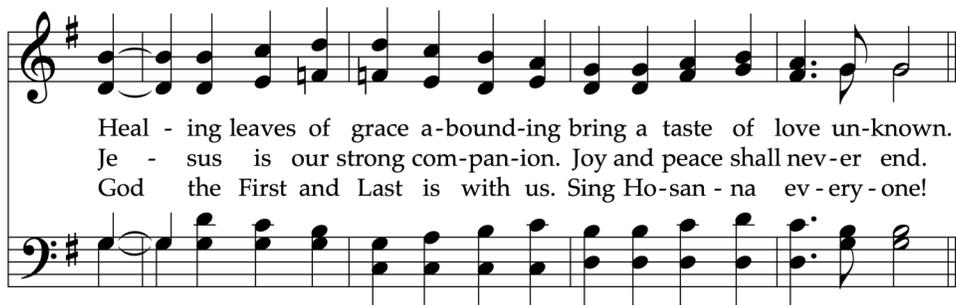
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



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!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1984

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

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