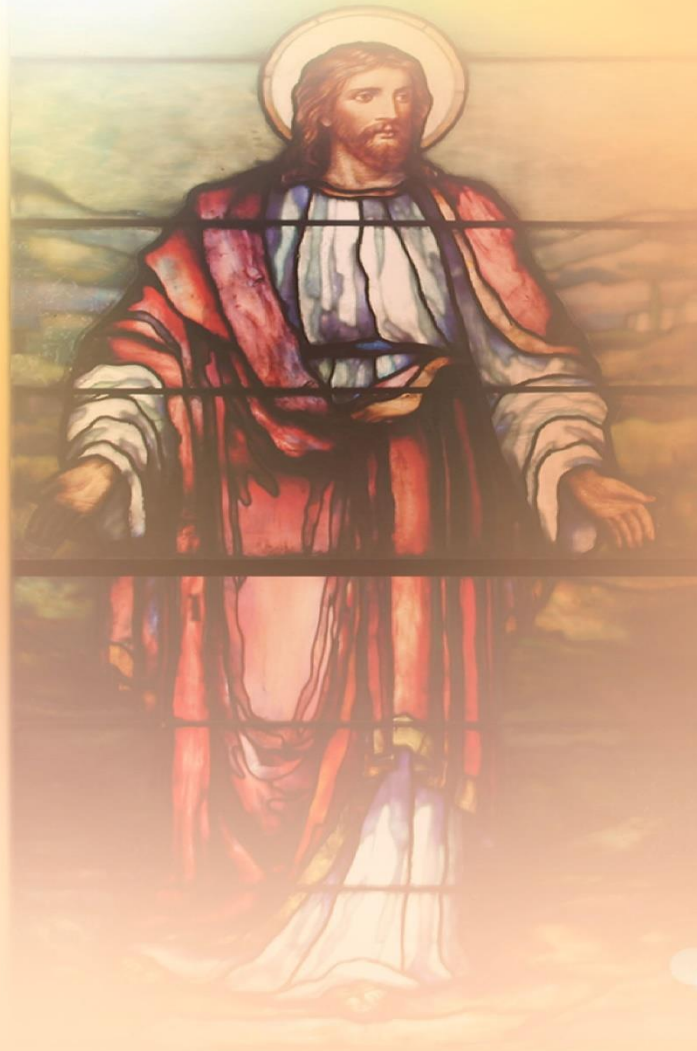


¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him, “Rab-bou’ni” (which means Teacher).

John 20:15–16



Abington Presbyterian Church

April 4, 2021

7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Resurrection Celebration

Easter Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter April 4, 2021

7:30 a.m.

GATHERING

All are invited to gather in the Memorial Garden across Old York Road from the church,

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

Eternal God, we give thanks for our encounter this day with the joy and promise of your life-giving power. Give us an ability to boldly affirm that your goodness and peace reign over a broken world. Free us to accept the resurrection hope of our risen Lord brings. Amen.

GREETING

Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this location often considered a place of finality,
we seek to interpret what it means that

the stone has been rolled away from the tomb!

Here, in a place where feelings of loss and grief and even despair are strong,
we long for something stronger still –

Could it be that resurrection hope is more powerful than our deathly fears!

Here we gather to affirm that the world is transformed

because the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

* HYMN 245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

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

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

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain bound
to the ways that lead to spiritual death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and fail to reach out to those who mourn;
we ignore the cries of the oppressed,
and have pulled back from a commitment to a deeply just peace;
we show our disdain for those who are weak,
and we abuse the earth you made.

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 abundant life given in Jesus Christ our Lord.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The One who overcomes the power of death released the grip that the power of sin has upon us –
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(We move to the church yard to continue our worship)

SERMON

Missing

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

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

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

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

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.

SPANISH

- 1 El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!
muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!
vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!
y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!
de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

KOREAN

- 1 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야
만민찬송 하여라
천사들이 즐거워
기쁜찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
선한싸움 이겼네
사망권세 이기고
하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야
왕의왕이 되셨네
높은이름 세상에
널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야
우리부활 하겠네
부활생명 되시니
우리부활 하겠네

* LITANY FOR EASTER

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,

in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

that Christ died for our sins, and was entombed, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Mary, to Peter, and to the Twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

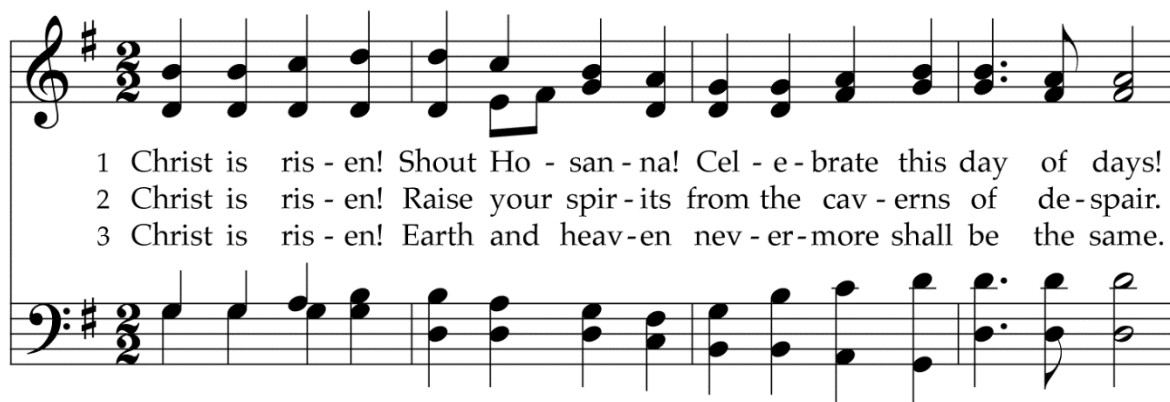
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*HYMN 248

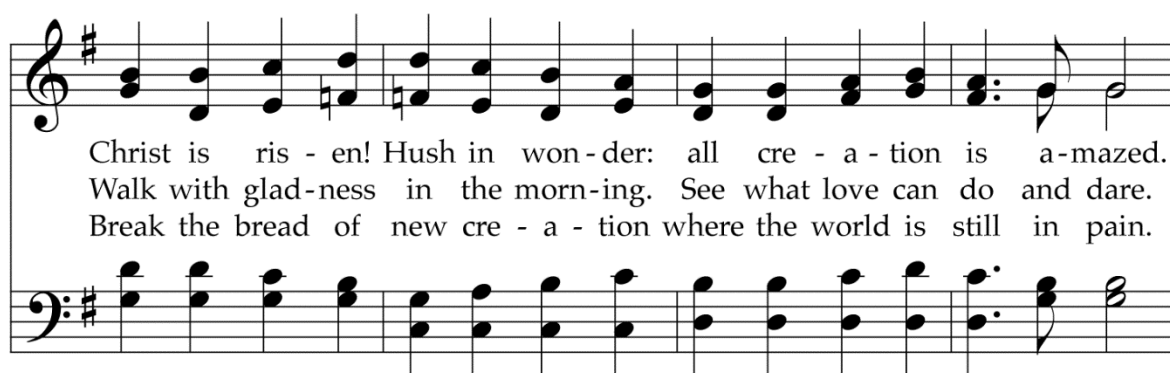
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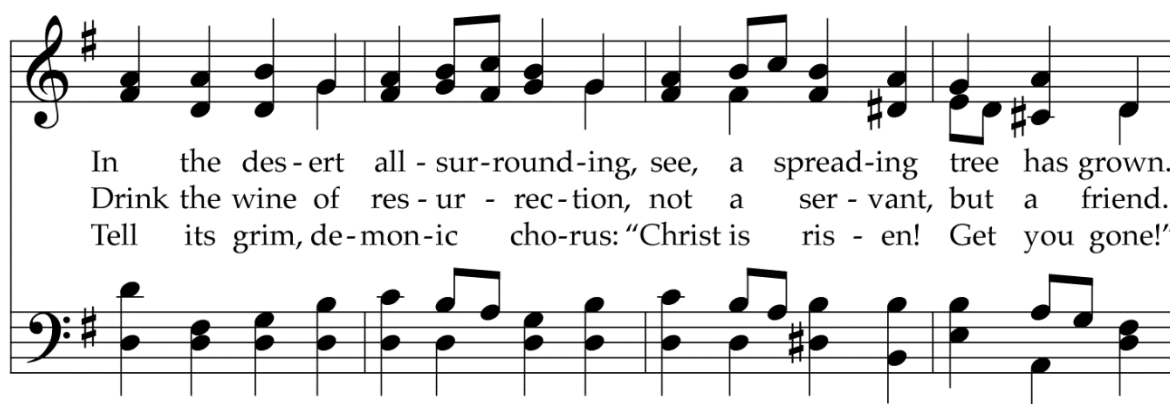
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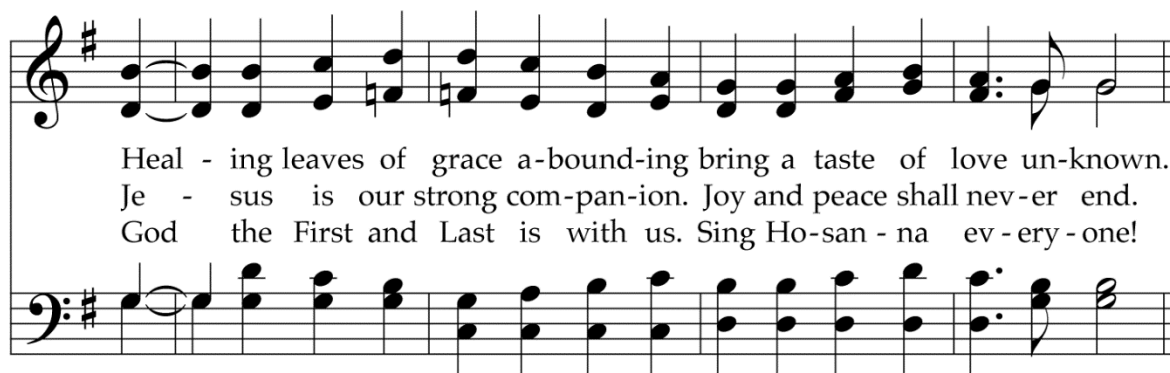
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



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!

*BENEDICTION

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists and choir: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell, Eliza Feil, Christian Feil, Lauren Maransky, Refentse Gabriela Nhlapo, Jen Parsons, Miriam Sall

Organist: Erik Meyer

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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Mark Meissner (son of Judy Meissner), Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable).

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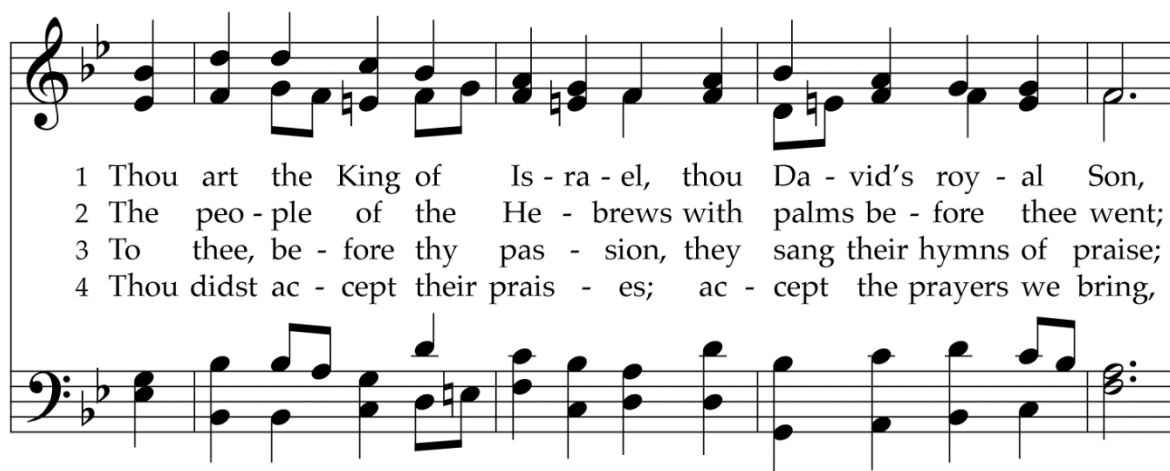
All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

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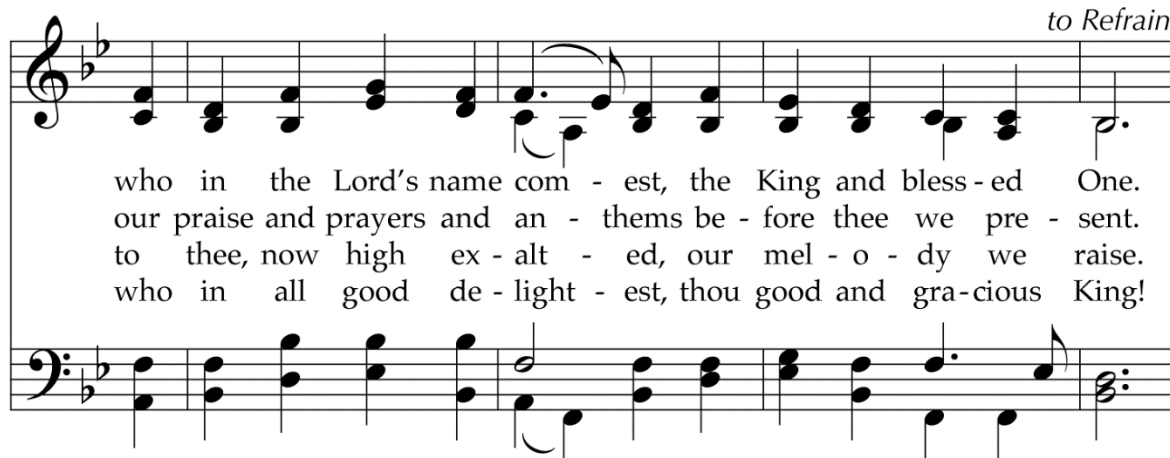

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!



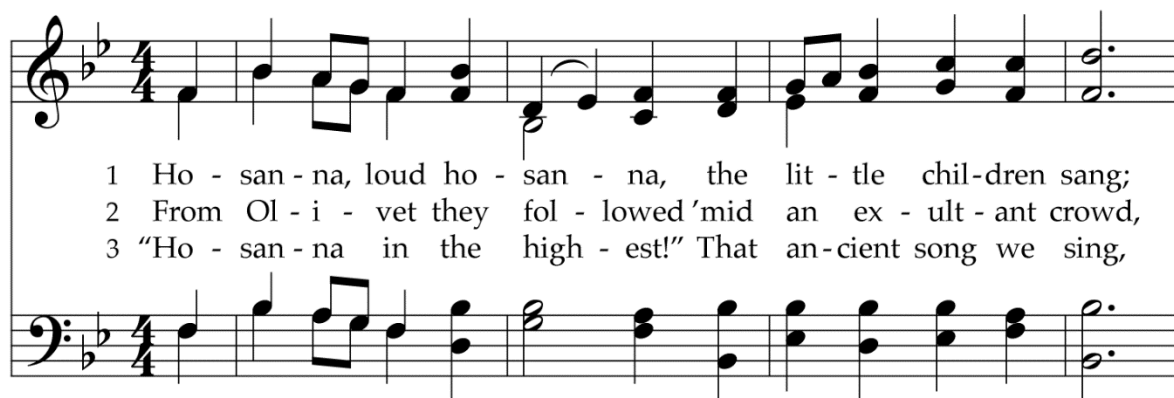
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



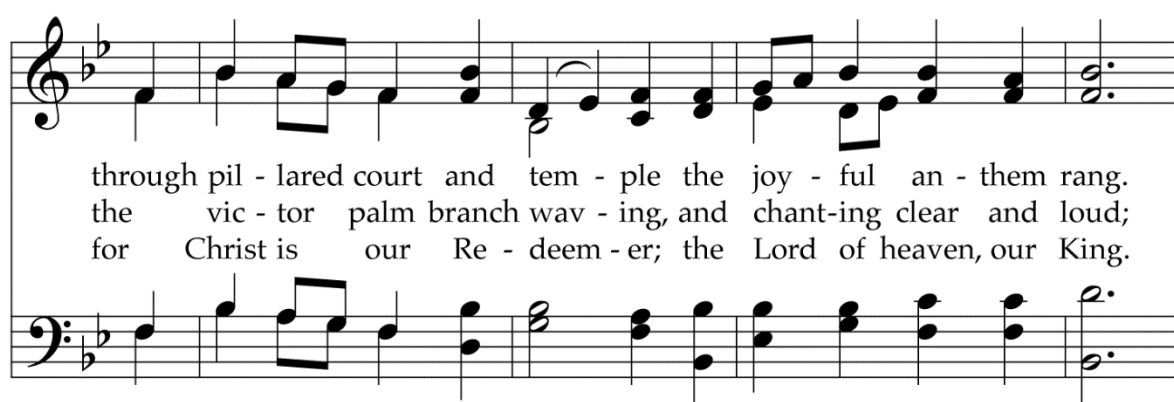
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German

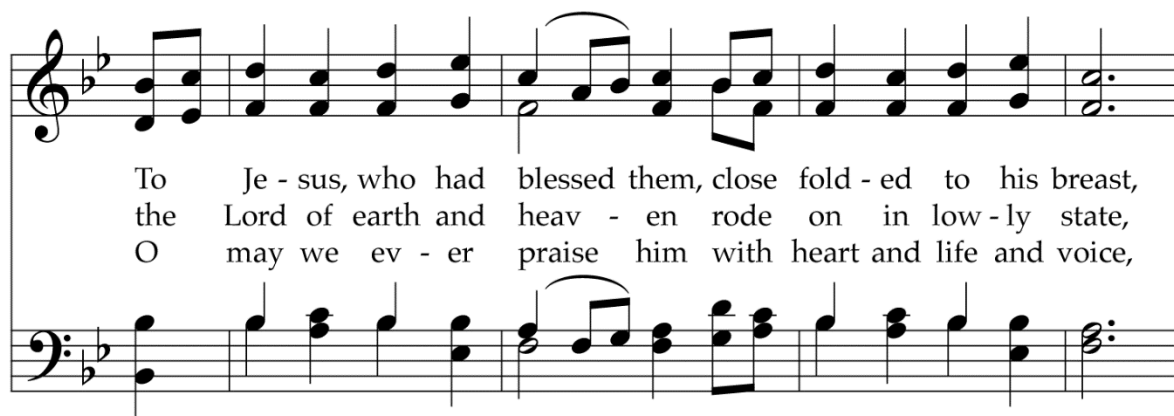
197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



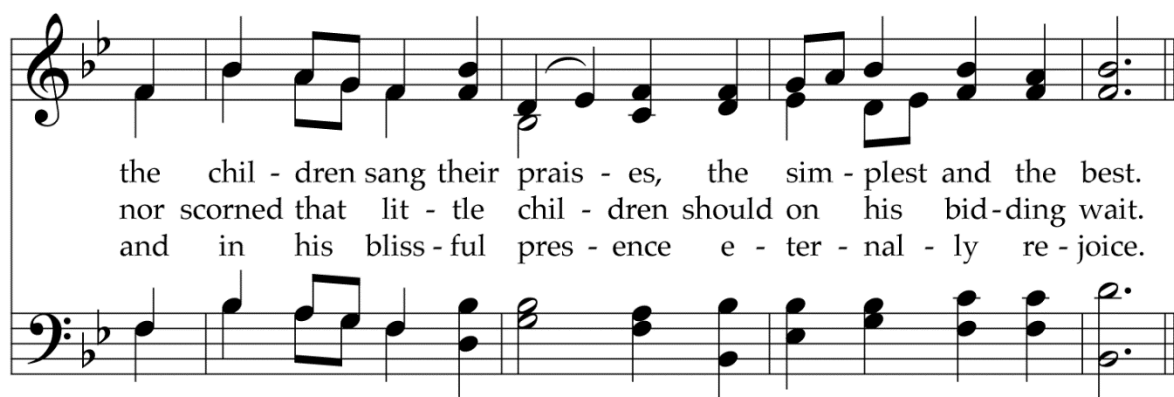
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an-cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous