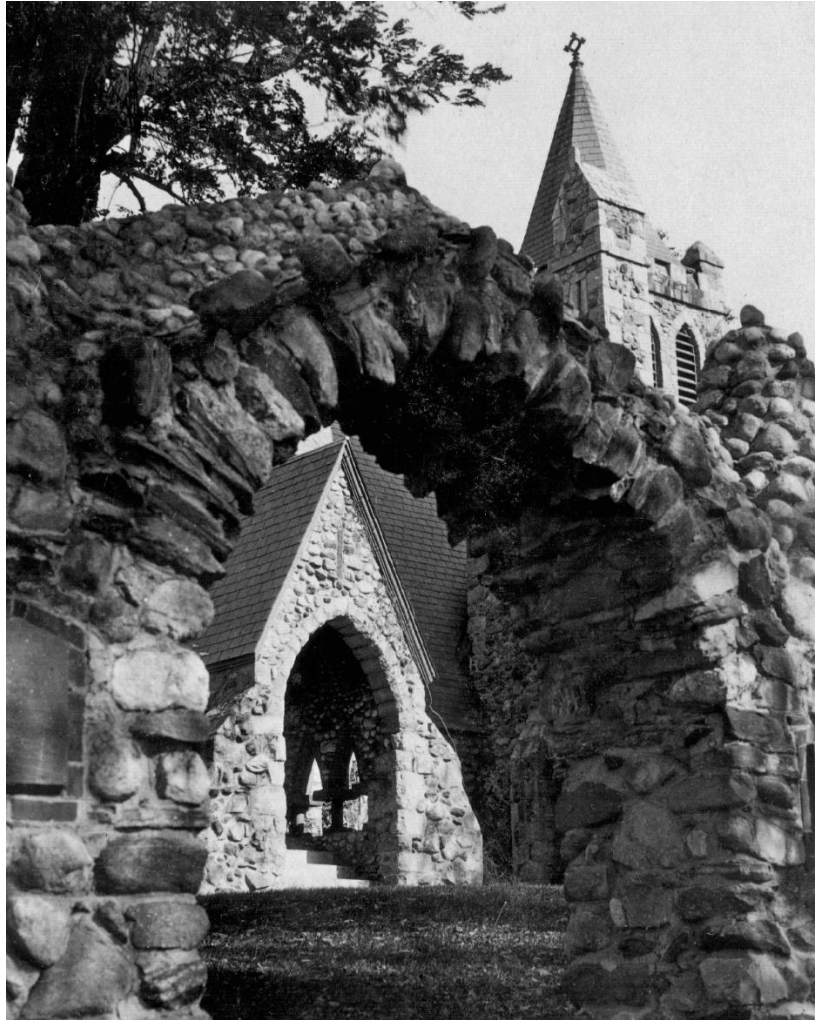


Sixth Sunday in Easter

10:00 AM + May 10, 2026



Welcome!

You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are,
wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: "Bis du bei mir"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn: Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness Blue Hymnal 492

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Gloria

Blue Hymnal S278

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of

us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 66

A Metrical Setting of Psalm 66

Land of Rest



O bless the Lord, ye peo - ples, all Let songs of praise re - sound!
The an - cient law re - quired of me Burnt off - 'rings for my part;
Would that the world in ev - 'ry place Knew God as I have known;
Bless God, all you who would the lies Of sin - ful lips dis - prove;



For in the midst of our dis - tress, God's pre - sence can be found.
But as a nob - ler sa - cri - fice, I of - fer God my heart.
God shares my joy, and in my grief Will leave me not a - lone.
With truth God shall sus - tain your way, Your life with stead - fast love.

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Music: American folk hymn H82 620

A reading from the Book of 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and

made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn:

Hymn 746 in Wonder, Love, and Praise

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God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-moment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
You are host at ev-ery ta-ble, We are hun-gry; feed us now.

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A reading from the Gospel according to John 14:15-21

People's response before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because

it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

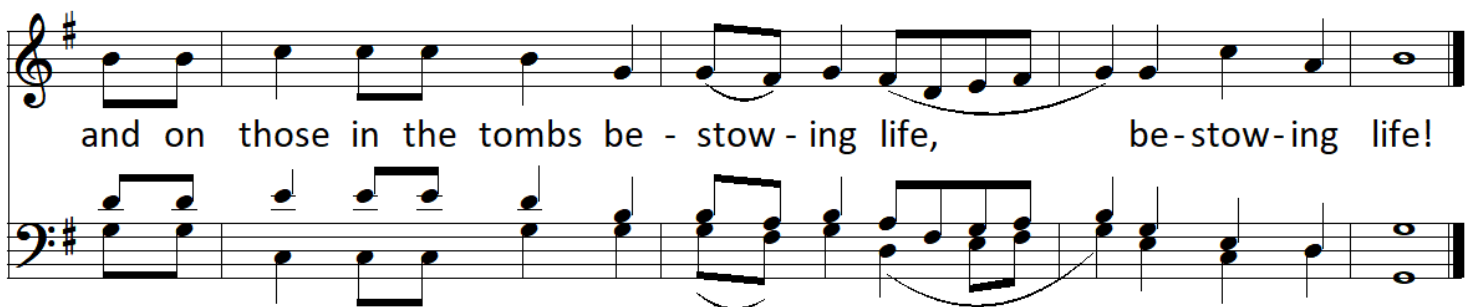
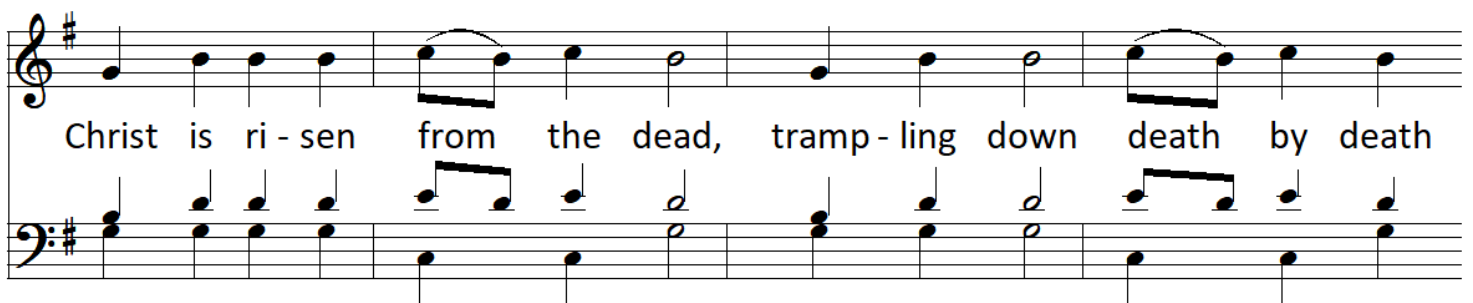
People's response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Easter Troparion

WLP 817

Sung Thrice, softly, louder, and loudest



Early American, Adapt. Richard Fabian (b. 1942)

The Sermon

Rev. Sean Maloney

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Prayers of the People – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the world, saying Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, through the gift of your spirit we are given the ability to do what you ask of us and the desire to respond with our hearts and hands. Give each person who hears this prayer the ability to live a life of discipleship and the courage to make a difference in the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health and welfare of our nation, for the health and security of all nations and for those who have the authority to bring your vision of peace, prosperity, and safety to fruition. Bless us with the will to solve problems, care for the marginalized, and improve the lives of all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick and for those who work to heal, that the pain and suffering of this world might be diminished. [We pray especially for...*prayer list*] Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from abuse, who are not safe at home. We pray for those who have no shelter, for the hungry, the oppressed, the downtrodden and the fearful. We pray for those without hope and who are alone. We pray for those who prey on the weak, for those who seek to do harm and for those who embrace evil – that they might turn away from the darkness inside them and embrace the light of God's love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, for those whom we remember and long to see. Give us hearts that rest in the hope of a future life lived in your presence. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God you are our strength and compass. Send us your spirit, your advocate to guide us to love and serve you through service to your people. Be present to us this day and always, as creator, redeemer, and sustainer.
Amen.

The Peace *All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Announcements:

Offertory Anthem: God's Son Has Made Me Free Edvard Grieg(1842-1907)

The Holy Communion:

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S128

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:

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

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 [_____ and] 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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

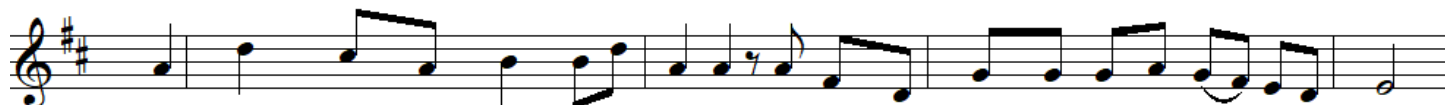
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



Choir: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread



All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread



Women: The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ.



All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



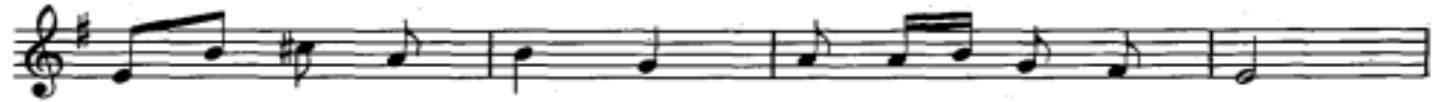
Men: One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, though man - y we share one bread.



All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

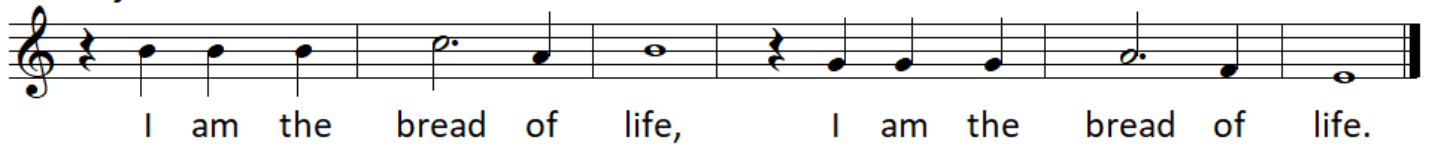
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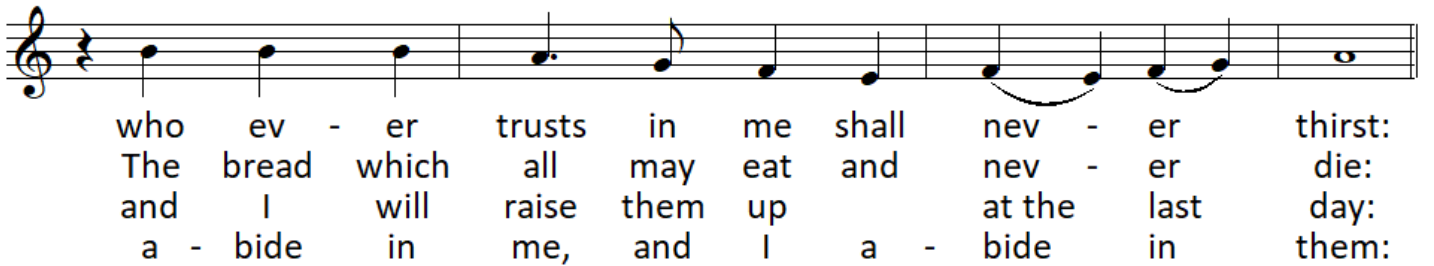
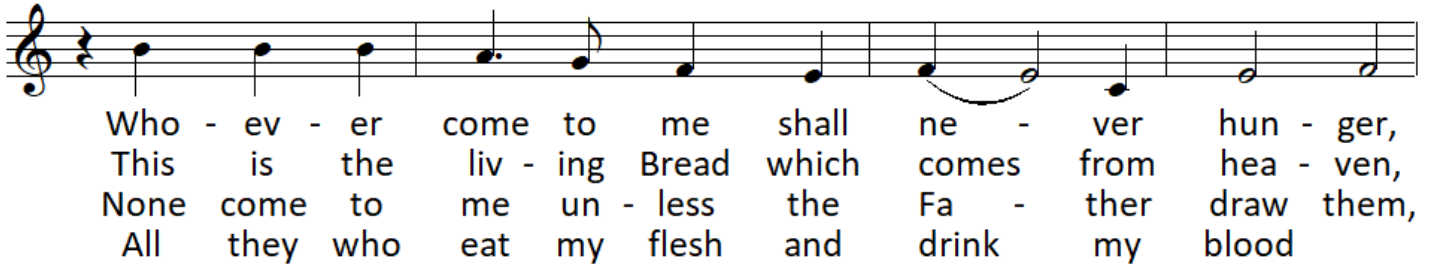
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Communion Hymn

Refrain:



Verses:



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Communion Anthem: If ye love me Thomas Tallis (c1505–1585)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

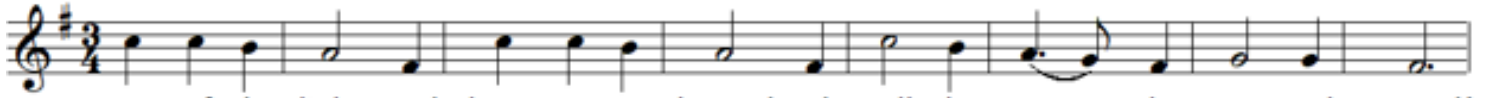
Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

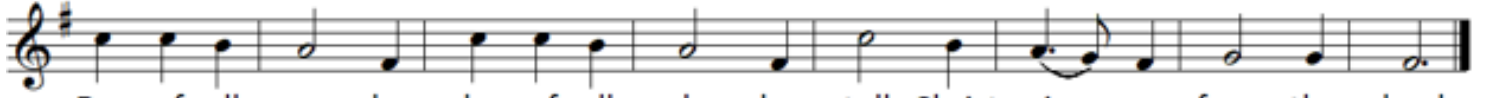
Recessional Hymn:

Refrain is sung before, between & after verses.

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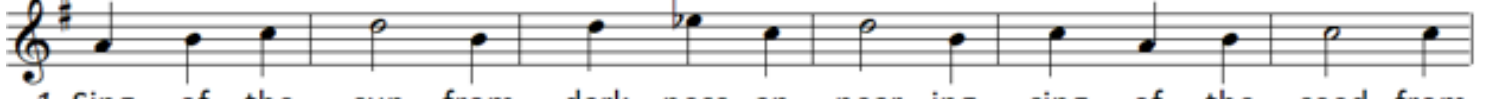


Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the Gos-pel spread!



Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor, tell Christ ris - en from the dead.

Verses



1. Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap - pear - ing, sing of the seed from

2. Sing now of mourn-ing turned in - to danc-ing, sing now the mys - t'ry,



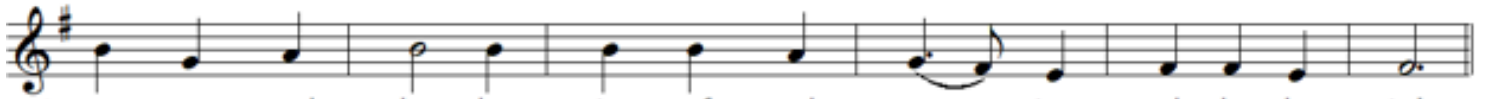
1. bar - ren earth green - ing, sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

2. hope of our glo - ry, sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



1. Sing of the stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in

2. Sing now of fast - ing turned in - to feast-ing, sing the Lord's fav - or



1. wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

2. last - ing for - ev - er; sing all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: Giovanni Gastoldi, (1556-1622)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, **ALLELUIA.**

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, ALLELUIA**

Postlude: "Day of Delight" J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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