

# The Holy Eucharist

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at Heilige Familie



## The Church of the Ascension

*Munich*

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Angela Schneider □ Tonda Kimmerling  
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*Intercessor*

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Carol Adeney □ John Adeney (online)  
*Tech Team*

Sue Knowles □ Amy Jordan (back-up)  
*Key Duty*

PRELUDE

All are invited to stand

Processional Hymn | Lo, the fair beauty of the earth

Hymn 175

*Refrain*

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for -

ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

king - dom of death. death.

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the  
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the  
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the  
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good  
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her  
 earth with - out, the hea - vens, guard us from  
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

Repeat Refrain

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:  
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:  
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:  
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the  
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of  
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our  
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on  
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of  
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -  
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:  
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:  
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:  
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

*The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.*

**Celebrant** Alleluia! Christ is risen! (3x)

**People** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! (3x)

*The Celebrant and People together*

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 Savior. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

**People** Amen

*All are invited to be seated, as able.*

## **The Lessons**

**The First Reading** | Acts 10:34-43 *Read in German by Rolf Schneider*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24** Confitemini Domino      *Led by Deirdre L. Tincker*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Read by Deirdre L.  
Tincker

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in

accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

We will sing (vs 1,4 & 5)

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
 \*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
 \*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King;  
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,



1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

*Refrain*

## The Gospel | John 20:1-18

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Flowering of the Cross

Music | "Zu dieser österlichen Zeit"

Johann Eccard

## The Sermon

*The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow*

*Silence may be kept.*

*All are invited to stand*

## The Nicene Creed

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 world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Led by Maria Ramadori-Volker*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

### *Intercessor*

Let us join our prayers with those of our Savior Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit. Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world  
Lord, hear us.  
*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

*Intercessor*

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. Let justice roll down like waterfalls and peace like a roaring river. May our common life reflect goodness of your kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

*Intercessor*

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow. We especially pray for the people of Ukraine and for all victims of senseless violence.

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

*Intercessor*

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises. Help us to follow their good examples.

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

*Intercessor*

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. We pray for all deacons, priests and bishops. We pray especially for Mark, our bishop, and for Michael, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for our priests Ali and Dan. May their life and witness bring glory to you.

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

*Celebrant*

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; Give us strength to love as you love, to give as you have given, and to

bless as you have blessed. For you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* Amen.

## **The Peace**

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

*People* And also with you.

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.*

**Welcome and Announcements**      *The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow*

## **The Offertory**

Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. —*Ephesians 5:2*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Offertory Anthem**

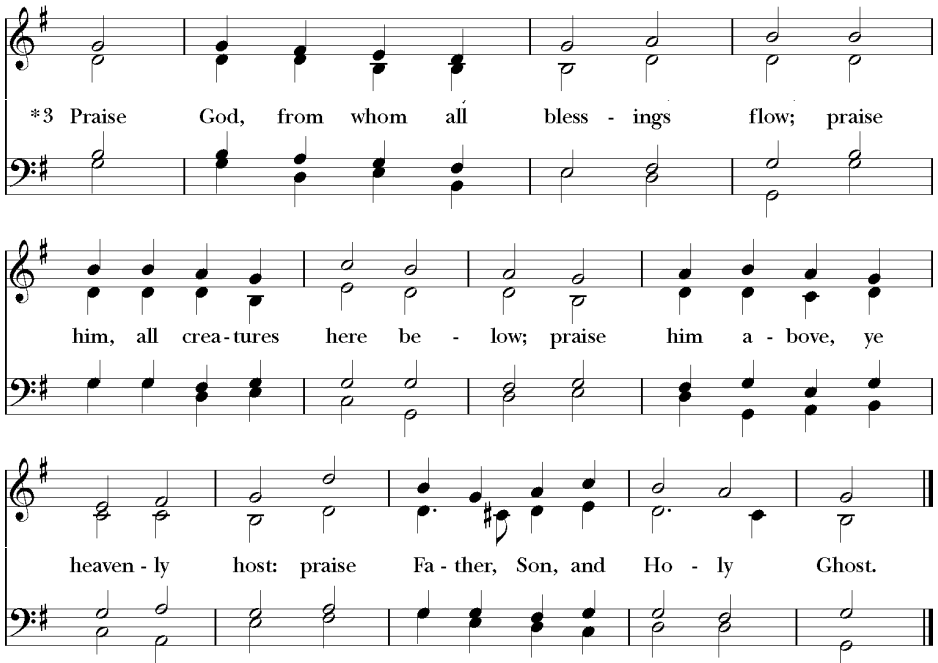
Easter anthem / W. Billings



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Doxology | “From all that dwell below the skies”

Hymnal 380



\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361*

*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 God thanks and praise.

*The celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 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:

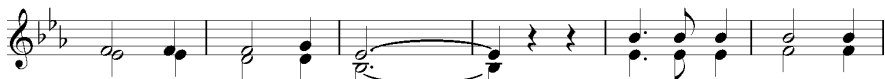
Sanctus | *Holy, holy, holy Lord* (from "Deutsche Messe") Hymnal S130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



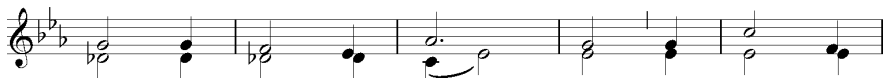
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



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

*The celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People (muted)*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.



*The celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and People*

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.

Vater unser im Himmel  
    geheiligt werde dein Name.  
    Dein Reich komme.  
    Dein Wille geschehe,  
    wie im Himmel so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
    wie auch wir vergeben  
    unsern Schuldigern.  
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich  
und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit  
    in Ewigkeit. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

## The Invitation to Communion

### *Celebrant*

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

## ***A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online***

### ***Celebrant and People***

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

### **Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion**

- *Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you come forward. Form one line for the host, then move right or left for the cup.*
- *For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.*
- *Following convocation guidelines, intinction will not be allowed at this time. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply return to your seat, stop and bow to the chalice or simply touch the chalice as a sign of reverence.*

### **Communion Anthem**

When I survey on the cross / G. Martin

I know that my redeemer liveth / G. F. Handel

Communion Hymn | "The strife is o'er, the battle won" Hymn 208

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

The image shows a musical score for an antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is present at the beginning of the bass staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*All are invited to stand, as able.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

***BCP p. 365***

*All are invited to stand, as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn | "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Hymn 207

*Descant*

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

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Sending and Blessing

*Celebrant*

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant*

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant*

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant*

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain always.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*People* Amen.

**Choral Postlude**

Hallelujah / G. F. Handel



