



**3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024 8am and 10:15am  
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
Ramsey, New Jersey**

## **PRELUDE**

Consolation      Sanders

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## **GATHERING SONG   ELW 391**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **GLORIA ELW p.195, S 195**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

<sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 4**



Psalm 4:3

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- <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. R**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1st John.

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW p. 198, S198a**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

<sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 470**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS**

**OFFERING SONG ELW 181**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Risen One,**

**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

**May the gifts that we offer here**

**be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**

**through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS ELW p. 200, S 200**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **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 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, forever and ever. Amen.**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

## **LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 201, S201**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*[If you wish to receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines by the center aisle. Then proceed across the front of the chancel to the communion assistant and take a cup of wine or juice from the tray. As you return to your seat, put your empty glass in the tray at front of each side aisle. If you cannot come forward, stay in your seat and Pastor Linderman will bring communion to you. If you only wish to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest, and Pastor will give you a blessing.]*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### **ANTHEM: CHOIR**

**Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God**

**Handel**

### TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

**C: Shepherd God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG    ELW 361

### DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Orientis Partibus      Ferko

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **Quilt Sunday!** Today we give thanks for the work of our Redeemer Quilting Group over the past year. We ask that God may bless these quilts they have made, and those in other countries who receive these quilts through the outreach ministry of Lutheran World Relief.

**Altar flowers** are given in honor of Nicole Schaffer Somma, Jon, Nathan, Julian and Jeannie Somma.

Join us for **coffee hour** hosted by Karin Pralle after the 10:15am service. Sign-up to host a future coffee hour with the sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study** is this Wednesday at 10am in the lounge.

A **Progressive Dinner** will be held on June 22. Sign up [here](#) or use the signup in Fellowship Hall to sign up to host and/or attend and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Contact [April Pacenza](#) with any questions.

**Vacation Bible School** is from August 5-9 from 9:30am-12 noon for children ages 4 (by Oct 1, 2023) to grade 5. All details can be found on the registration page. Register [here](#).

**Social Ministry** –April 2024 envelope collection is Ramsey Responds.

**Give your OFFERING** online at... <https://www.redeemerramsey.org/give-now.html> or use the QR code. Automatic weekly or monthly offering from a bank account or credit card can be set up by using the “Give Now” function on our website and choosing the “Recurring Giving” checkbox. Or mail your check to the church office as well.



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We dedicate ourselves to nurturing the awareness of God's presence in our world, and to sharing our blessings with others.

### **REDEEMER STAFF**

The Rev. Dr. Michael C. Linderman, Pastor  
Fran Morton, Director of Music  
Kim Desmond, Office Manager  
Annie Gesualdo, Faith Formation Director  
The Rev. Dr. Carol L. Brighton, Pastor Emerita

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,  
and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” 1 Timothy 2:1*

For the Family/Friends of	Elaine	Leo	Our sister
Al Boehm	Eliana	Linda Conboy-Schall	congregation,
Alice Kohler	Elizabeth Ernst*	Lio Ortega	St. Stephan's
Alice Pallom	Ellen Joyce	Lis Conboy	Grace
Aliece	Eric	Lois Berger	Community;
Allen Bron	Frank	Lola Scala	
Alvin	Frank Terrizzi	Mariann M	Daudi
Andrea	Gail	Marika	Msseemmaa
Ann Slingland	Gary H	Mary Certoma	and his wife
Anne Mae Estep	Ginny	MaryJane	Kellen (our
Ardizzone Family	Griffin	Matthew	ELCA
Ashlin Klev	Grundy Family	Maureen Kopinski	missionaries
Audrey Maune	Gus Hess	Melina	in East
Betsy	Hans Kleipool	Michelle Owens	Africa)
Betty Dicker	Jack Kaiser	Michelle	
Beverly Klingler	Jan Greten	Nancy Kaiser	
Bill Schaeffer	Jane	Nico Benesch	
Brenda Morelock	Jane Donlon	Nora S.	
Bob Sheldon	Jared Guarino	Norman Duprez	
Burri Family	Jeanne Candal	Pat	<i>To add or</i>
Carl	Jeanne Longo	Pat Mulhall	<i>remove a</i>
Carla Backhaus	Jeannie Sarreshtedari	Patricia	<i>name from the</i>
Carol H	Joan B.	Peter Johnson	<i>prayer list,</i>
Carol Pope	Joan Piercy*	Priti Patel	<i>please call or</i>
Carol Weber	Julie Spreen	Rachel Antorino	<i>email the</i>
Caroline Featherstone	June	Richard & Barbara	<i>church office.</i>
Charles Genovese	Jurgen Gustowarow	Strazdus	<i>Your devotion</i>
Cheryl Ruocco	Kasey Z.	Roger Walz	<i>in praying for</i>
Christopher Daniel	Kate	Ryan Kirkby	<i>people listed</i>
Christy	Kathryn	Sheri & Joe Roddy	<i>is sincerely</i>
Cindy DeYoung	Kathy	Sherry	<i>appreciated.</i>
Dave	Ken Young	Shirley H.	<i>(“*” denotes</i>
Dawn	Kim Daehnke	Sheryl Van Duzer	<i>a homebound</i>
Debra Wright	Kimberly	Sophie	<i>member)</i>
Dee Duncan	Kimmie	Spoerl Family	
Diane Berger	Krista Kyle	Susan Turner & family	
Diane Shurina	Gauweiler	Tara, Jake & Ryan Kramer	
Donna Dunkerley	Landon Wilson	Travis Knyfd	
Dorothy Kinzelmann	Larry	Wendy	
	Laura	Wendy C	

## Music for Sunday Easter 3

April 14, 2024

### Gathering Hymn ELW 391

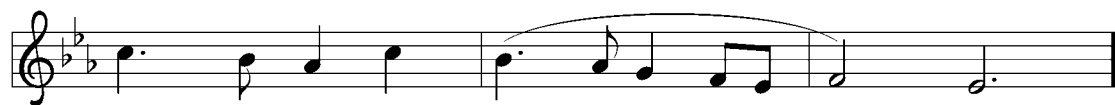
#### This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

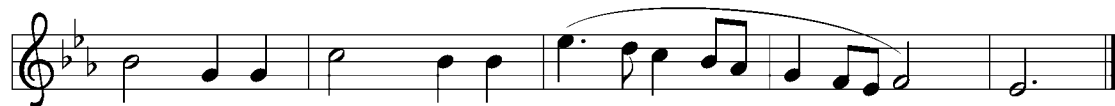
#### *Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

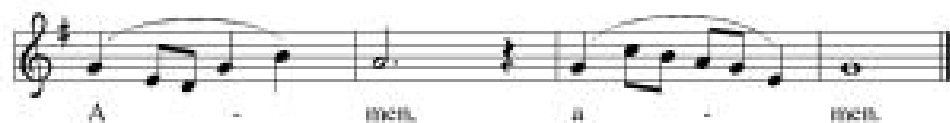
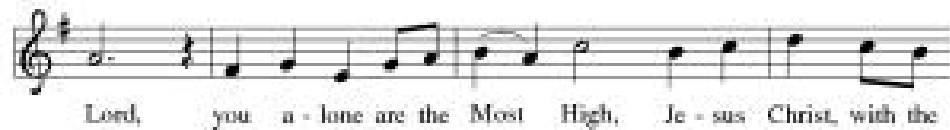
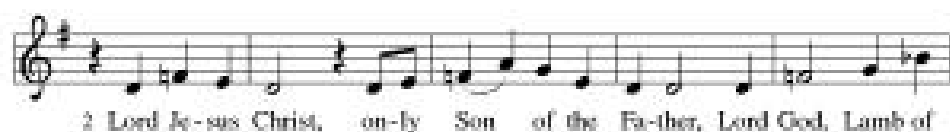


ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

### Gloria



## Psalm Response



Psalm 4:3

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## Gospel Acclamation



## Hymn of the Day ELW 470

### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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## Offertory Song ELW 181

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.'

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## Sanctus -- Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav-en and earth are 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 image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Sanctus -- Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff contains 'might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff contains 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth staff contains 'san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Sending Hymn ELW 361

### The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833