



EASTER

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED.

LUKE 24:34

Columbia
United Church
Of Christ



April 9, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

"Resurrection"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

*The Journey Begins with Palm Sunday

Pastor Rick

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
(Mark 11:7-10)

*Palm Sunday Hymn - **FIRST** verse only

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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*The Journey Continues Through Good Friday

Pat Forward

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the Temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.
(Luke 23:44-46)

*Good Friday/Passion Hymn – **SECOND** verse only

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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*The Promises of Resurrection are fulfilled

Pastor Rick

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised! He is not here! Look, there is the place they laid him."
(Mark 16:2,5-7)

*Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Easter Praise Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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(Congregation will join Celebration Singers at parts directed by Brandon Brown)

*Call to Worship

Pat Forward

Christ the Lord is Risen today!
The tomb is empty, our grief relieved!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

As the beloved disciple Mary received the message of Salvation,
We receive your message, as well. Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

The women at the tomb were awestruck and faith-filled.
Believing God's message from the angel,
They went to Galilee to proclaim the Resurrection!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Let us do likewise, proclaiming the Resurrection for all to hear.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

God of Hope, we confess that often we are like the guards at the tomb that Easter morning, filled with fear. We are sorry for the times we have neglected You and Your will in our lives choosing death over life, fear over faith. On this Easter morning, we pray that You will fill us with courage, so like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us. Come into our lives, God, and bring us Resurrection, as well! In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Prayer Response

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Hallelujah! Halle-lu-ja!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

Pat Forward

The Gospel attributed to Luke tells of the empty tomb, but in this recollection Jesus does not appear until later that evening. (page #860)

Easter Anthem

Arranged by Brandon Brown

Offered to God's Glory by the Celebration Singers and the Chapel Ringers

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

"Jesus Shall Reign"

arr. by Omar J. Dickenson

"Worthy is the Lamb"

Reginald McCracken

Easter Homily

"An Easter Faith"

Pastor Rick

***Invitation to Communion**

Throughout his ministry, Jesus was one who reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. In like manner, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, coming to Christ's table to partake in altar communion.

Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer; Invocation

Blessing the Children "The Day of Resurrection"

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In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special Easter blessing.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

You will be invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive Communion from the Communion Stewards.

Communion Music "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Amy Crousore
Maker/arr. Hayes

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor Rick

Thank You, God, for renewing us at Your table. Thank You for the Bread of Life, that sustains us all and for the cup of blessing, promising New Life and Resurrection. May we continue to love You by testifying to others and proclaiming our faith fearlessly, as the women did at the tomb that day. Make our whole lives faithful to Your ministry, shown to us through Jesus Christ, and may our lives embody the Resurrection promises given to us this day in Your sacred meal.

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Brandon Brown)*

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Amy Crousore
Handel/arr. Young

*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com*

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Rick

*Benediction

*Response "Let There be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude "Toccata on Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Amy Crousore
Gordon Young



*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's People;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

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Greeters: Susan Dunham
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Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Kristy Hayward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Danielle Dreier,
Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson
Ushers: Christine Staelens & Don Helmerich
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CLEAN UP COLUMBIA – 4/15

In celebration of Earth Day, we will be working to clean up our section of Columbia on April 15! Meet at church at 9:00, and we will work down I-70 Drive picking up trash. You may have noticed, the need is great! Many hands make the workload light. For more information, talk to Mark Duncan.

LODO SUNDAY – 4/16

Next Sunday is LODO Sunday! In recognition of the 20th anniversary of LODO, we will be celebrating in worship, and there will be fun and games after worship! We will have lunch, prepared by the LODO Ministry Team, yard games, face painting and more! Please RSVP so we know how much food to purchase. You can RSVP by talking to Lorry Dreier, MJ King in the Church office or Erika Maltsbarger. Stick around after worship next Sunday to celebrate!

ALPHA HART LEWIS CARNIVAL – 4/22

Our next chance to serve with our Partnership Friend will be 4/22 at the annual Alpha Hart Lewis Carnival! They are looking for volunteers to staff the booths so the parents and teachers can participate with the children. The carnival runs from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help, talk to Llona Weiss!

TRIVIA NIGHT – 5/13

Save the date! This is a fundraiser for the New Century Sanctuary. More details were in the Friday email. RSVP ASAP!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 4/13

Join us for Women's Fellowship on 4/13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area for breakfast and a devotional.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/9	<i>EASTER</i>	
		Sunrise Service	6:30 a.m.
		Easter Breakfast	7:30-9:30 a.m.
		Easter Egg Hunt and Games	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	4/10	Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Tue	4/11	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Wed	4/12	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers Rehearsals	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thu	4/13	Women's Fellowship	9:30 a.m.
		LODO Literacy Night	6:00 p.m.
Fri	4/14	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sat	4/15	Clean Up Columbia	9:00 a.m.
Sun	4/16	<i>LODO Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		LODO Sunday Picnic	11:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Hannah Duncan and Ben Bashinski . . . congrats on the birth of their new baby!
Congratulations to grandparents Mark & Jane Duncan!

The congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee,
as well as, the families of the six victims in 3/27 school shooting

Kitty Rogers . . . recovering from knee surgery
Lynne Tsapelas . . . Recovering from back surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer, Levi Markway, Christine Mseke, Joan Bentlage,
John Adams, Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew), Cliff Beckman

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson,
Aaron Dachroeden, James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney

CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.



Christ Risen

Easter morning

Bright and fair

Tells me of God's

Loving care.

Flowers that were

Gone from view,

Now awakening,

Bloom anew.

Though God's face

I do not see,

I will trust God's care

For me.

-Jennifer Hayden

The Easter Lilies that decorate our Sanctuary this morning were donated in memory of . . .

Mary Marsh Rinne
by Donna Marsh & Larry Noxon and the Williams/
Piersee Family

Parents and Grandparents
Martin & Esther Wilmsmeyer
Don & Virginia Pyle
Henry Lasley
by Chuck & Audrey Lasley

Parents and Grandparents:
Delores Lorber Hackman, Steve Lorber,
Otto Hackman, Rowena & Arthur Solt
by Mary Lorber-Solt & Tom Solt

Our Parents
by Fred & Carolyn Malicoat

Lester & Melba Mosberger
Richard & Melba Oberle
Christine Marie Oberle
by the Oberle Family

Mike & Margaret Wittich
Al & Til Knobbe
Christie O'very
by the Oberle Family

Parents & Grandparents
by Jim & Connie Loveless

Our Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, & Bisham Tolani
by the Muench Family

Our son Wes and our daughter Rachel
by Barry & Jolene Kirchhoff

Paul Rogers
by Sharon Elliott

Jim & Dorothy Schaefer
by Sue Ann Schaefer

Dorothy Kyger & Shirley Lawler
by Helen Schultz

Cathy Buesing
by Jim Buesing

Family & Friends
by Glenn & Carol Duermeier

Bill Graves, Virgil & Neva Schupp, Carla
Helmerich, & Andrew Helmerich
by John, Linda, & Carissa Graves

Carla Helmerich & Andrew Helmerich
by Lauren Helmerich, Don
Helmerich, & Linda Simmons

...and in honor of:

Darren Lasley
by Chuck & Audrey Lasley

Everleigh, Grayson, & Harper
by Rev. Rick and Kim Oberle

Our Children & Grandchildren
by Fred & Carolyn Malicoat

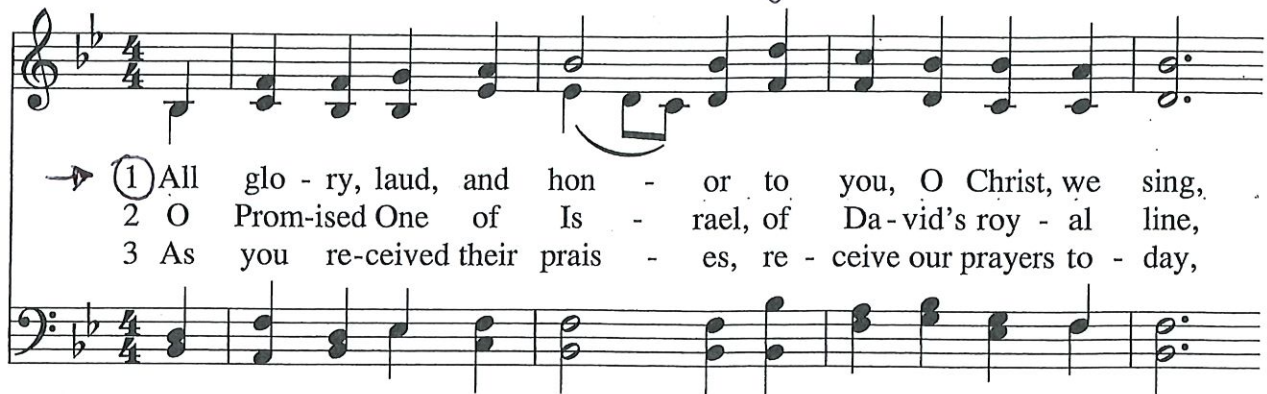
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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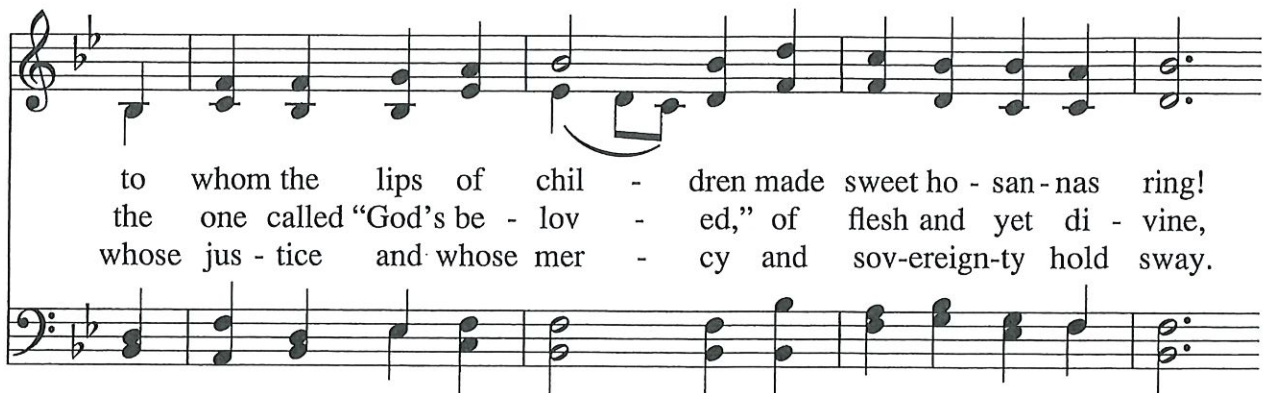
Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

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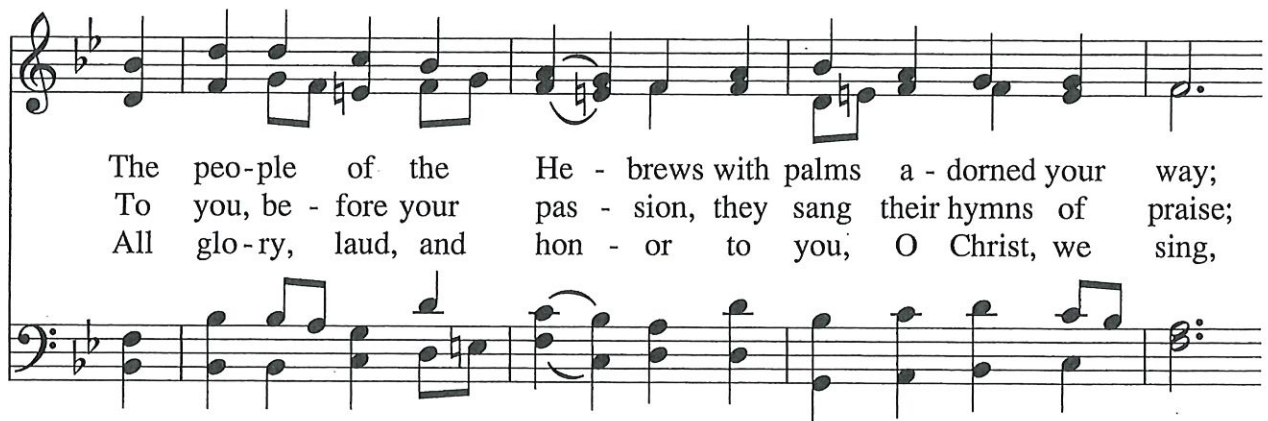
Matt. 21:8-9



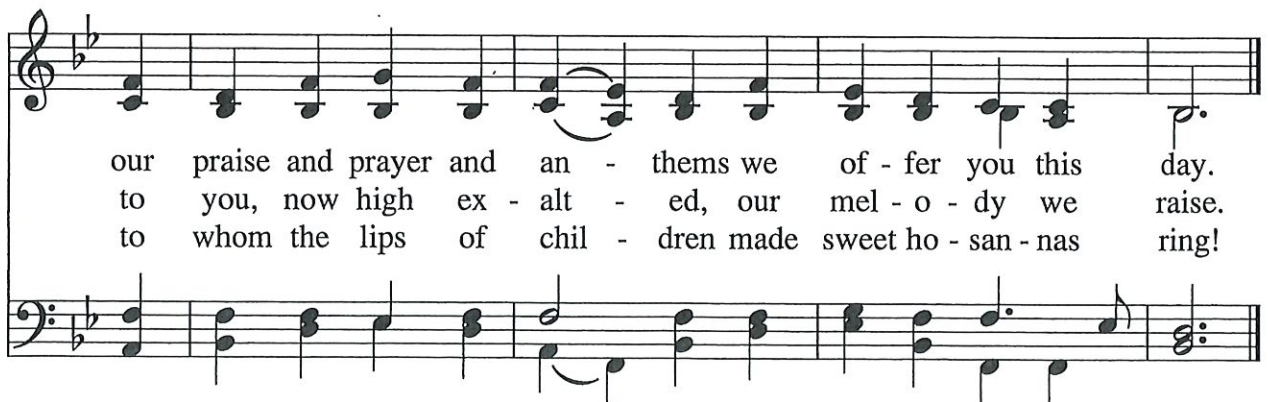
→ ① All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.



The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,



our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became
 bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's
 successor. According to legend, he was released when the

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
 Melchior Teschner 1615

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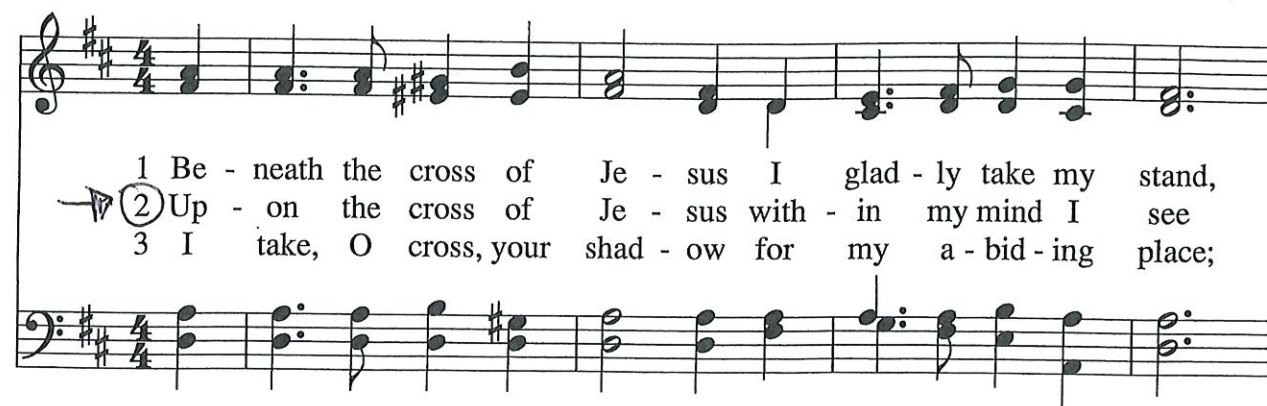
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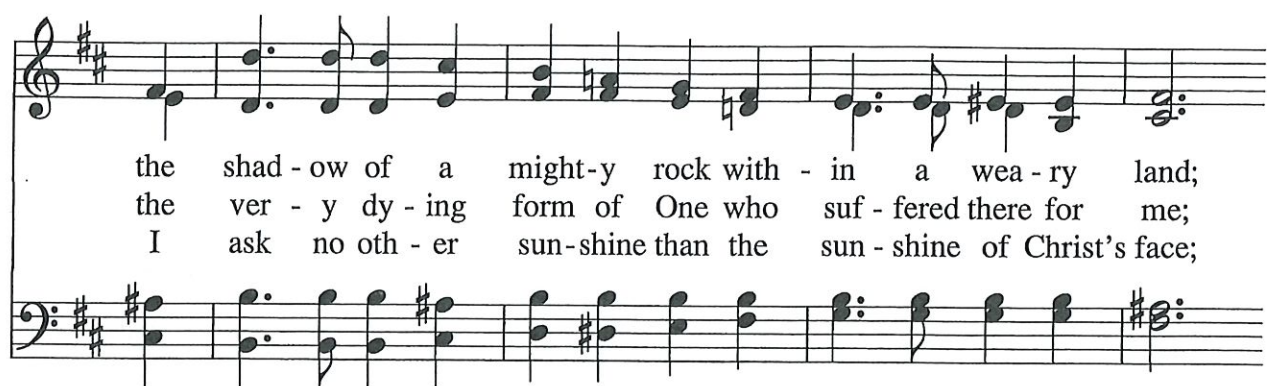
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Isa. 32:2; Gal. 6:14

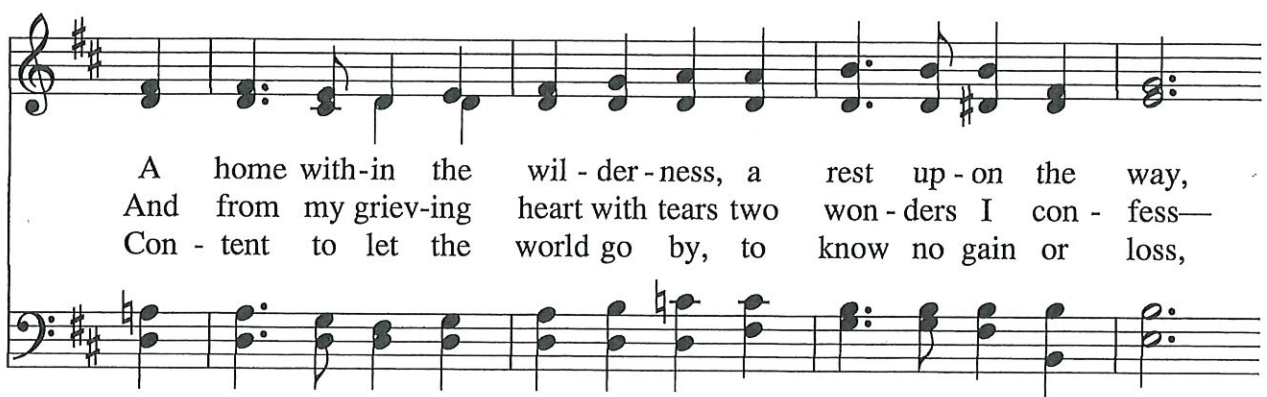
Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; alt.



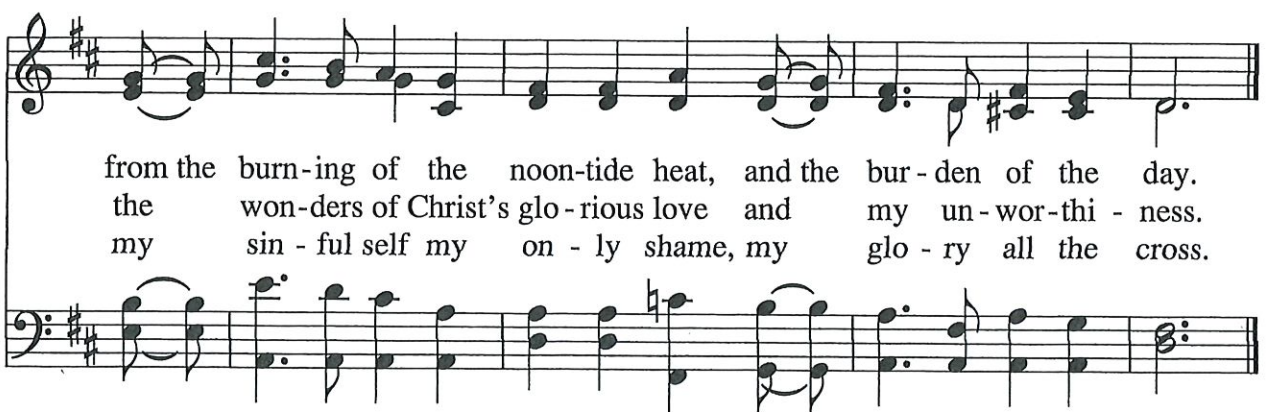
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;



A home with-in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my griev-ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess—
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,



from the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won-ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth Clephane was known during her short lifetime for her charitable work in her hometown of Melrose, Scotland. After her death, this hymn was compiled from several stanzas of a longer poem that had appeared in a popular Scottish religious

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1881

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of *Lyra Davidica* wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

5 How blessed are they who have not seen
and yet whose faith has con-stant been;
for they e-ter-nal life shall win,
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

6 On this most ho-ly day of days,
our hearts and voic-es, Christ, we raise
to you in ju-bi-lee and praise.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! (*Antiphon*)

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836