



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2014

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2014

9:30 AM

PRELUDE *In Quiet Joy: An Easter Triptych* John Ferguson

GATHERING SONGS

He Has Made Me Glad Purple Book #54
You Are My God Purple Book #159

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, in word, and in deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C **Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

(See next page for Hymn of Praise lead by cantor or song leader)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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HYMN OF PRAISE *(Continued)*

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we who have not seen have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Bible page 992-993

L A reading from Acts.

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him

among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Bible page 1103

L A reading from 1 Peter.

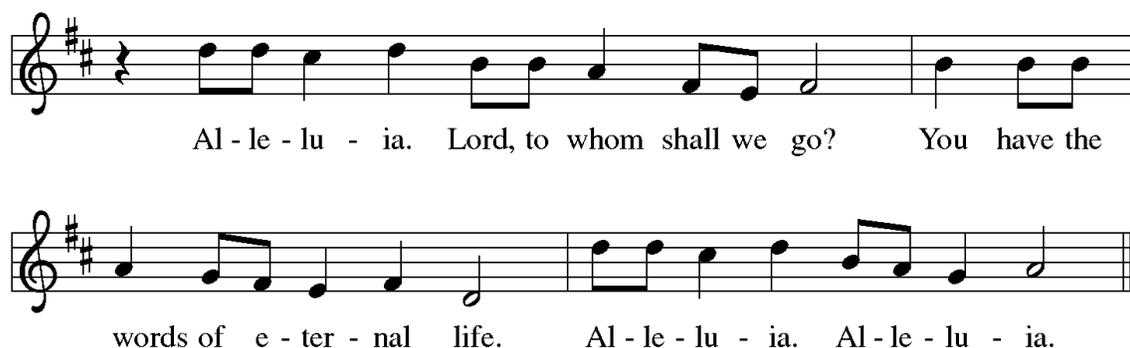
This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.



THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Bible page 989

P The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 20.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have

come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Bill Ruth

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith

Red Book #635

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of 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,
 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

A Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A Ever-living God, you awaken faith amidst our doubts and fears. Reveal your presence so that we recognize your power at work in your church and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy Creator, the earth receives your promise of new life: seeds die to bear fruit and plants decay to nourish the soil. Restore all living things as you intend. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Giver of peace, when you make your presence known, you do so by offering peace. Bring such peace to peoples and nations ravaged by war, violence, and natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Healing God, you breathe hope into rooms of despair. Be with the sick, the lonely, the grieving, and those in any need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of welcome, you are with this assembly as we worship. Bless all those who God draws to this community and be with those who cannot be present this day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of life, with you all things are possible. With the saints make us live in hope, trusting that though we do not see, we believe. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Trio

J. L. Krebs

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Bill Ruth

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, help us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ICET

Setting by David Haas

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er.

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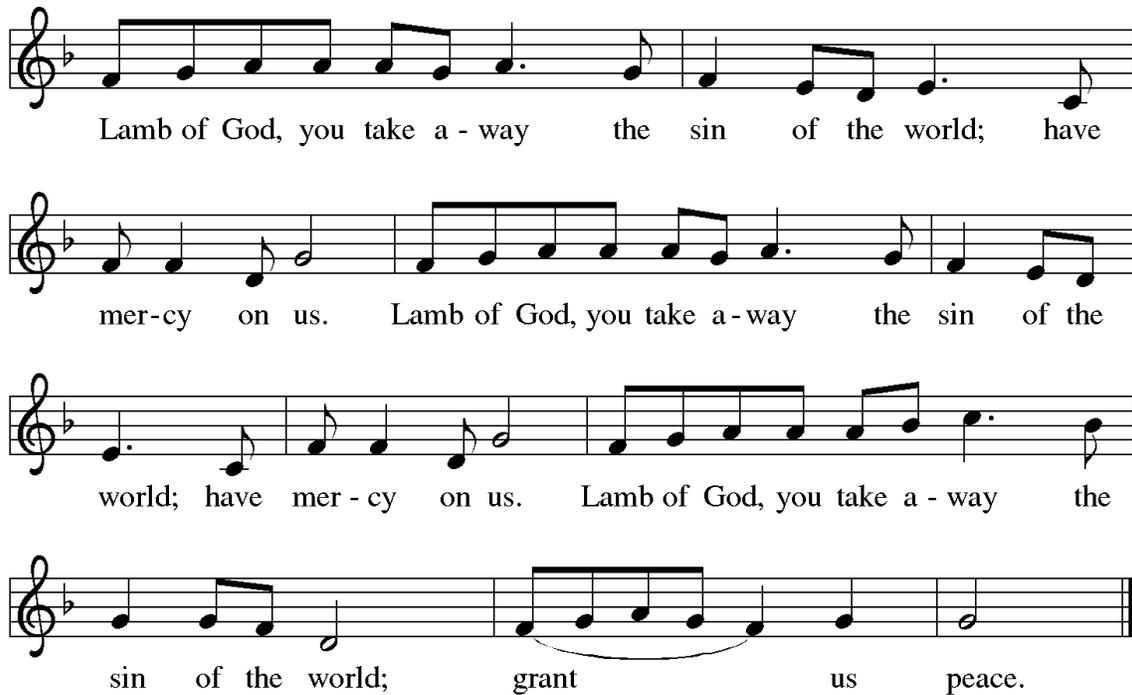
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table prepared for you. Taste the overflowing grace of God.

Please be seated.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune with us. Children who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please come to the first available place at the altar rail, where you are invited to kneel if you are able. We receive the elements by intinction: please keep the bread when you receive it, and dip it in either the red wine or the white grape juice to receive the cup. The ministers will serve you as they pass, after which you are welcome to remain at the rail and finish your prayers. When you are ready, please return to your seat so that the next person in line may take your place.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Now the Green Blade Rises

Red Book #379

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Red Book #548

BLESSING

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

C Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

P Let us Pray...

C **O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are *homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

P Let us pray:

C **God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.**

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

Red Book #376

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thine is the Glory

Gordon Young

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Bill Ruth
Assisting Minister	Barbara Crawford
Song Leader.....	Kathleen Reuter
Communion Assistant	Bill Reinheimer
Home Communion Ministers.....	Suzanne Wilke & Pat Smith
Acolyte	Allie Shank
Usher/Greeter	Petersen Family
Altar Team.....	Lois Silva

Announcements

Today's Events

8:30 AM – Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM – Communion Service

10:45 AM – No Choir Rehearsal

The flowers on the altar are given by
William Teaney in loving memory of
Kathleen Forsythe Wysong



Give Freely of What You Have

The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

The life of Jesus was a life of giving. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, restored hope to the hopeless. Though He had little money, He was generous—lavishly so—with those in need. He gave what people needed most and could not obtain for themselves. And He gave without thought of reciprocation.

Are you willing to be that kind of giver, the God kind? The Bible teaches that by the Holy Spirit's power in your life, you can be that kind of giver too! You can be generous in your prayers, words of encouragement, and your smiles. There are needs at Emanuel: Family Promise, Fellowship, Worship, Property, Emanuel's Youth Group, etc. And you can share what you have of a material nature as God leads you.

As you learn to give as God gives, you will be sharing His heart of compassion and love for hurting, struggling humanity. It's hard to be any closer to God than that.

George Sweeting says: "For the Macedonian Christians, giving was not a chore but a challenge, not a burden but a blessing. Giving was not something to be avoided, but a privilege to be desired."

To whom can you be a generous giver today? ~The Stewardship Team

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study Group will begin studying The Book of Colossians. Please come and join us in Katie's Room. We meet every Thursday morning at 9:30 am. All are welcome!



Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. in Luther Hall for Adult Bible Study.

The six week study of Tim Keller's book, **The Prodigal God: Finding Your Place at the Table** begins **TODAY**. This short but insightful book deals with the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Louise Thurston
Memorial Service
Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 am
followed by a luncheon
In Luther Hall

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 Communion Service
6:30 pm Confirmation Class						10:45 No Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ J. Hardin's						

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Time	Lay Assistant	Lector/ CA	Comm. Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
May 4	9:30	Garry Hayes	Alice Hoaglund	Mary Lou Dieterich		Marquez Family	Obermeyer
May 11	9:30	Suzanne Wilke		Lori Skustad	Emily Cline	Clark Family	Obermeyer
May 18	9:30	Sergio Alvarado	Beth Rokaitis	Dave Henke		Owen Family	Obermeyer

Weekly Bible Readings

May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter	May 11 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

Prayer REQUESTS



New Prayer Requests: Helen Deve—health (Crawford); Ali Moraitis—health (Watkins); Pam Forrette—healing (Salonen); Mary Christopherson—healing (O’Hare)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Dee Woodbury; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana

Our Homebound Members: Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson

Our Family: Steve & Nancy Jeske (B. Norquist); Melody Saldivar (Saldivar); Joyce Shockley (Nelson); Sharon (Owen); Sarah Robertson (Murray); James Sullivan (Hollmann); John Smith (P. Smith); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Jack Peterson (Peterson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Boyce and Norma Lutes (Teaney); Julia Polillio (Silva); Jason Odoms—surgery (Castleberry); Tami Garza (J. Johnson)

Our Friends: Devon (Fritts); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Barbara (Owen); Rosie Egesdal (Nelson); Jeanne (Watkins); John Turner (Turner); Nancy (L. Owen); Tim O’Roerk (Murray); Bud Stone & family, Marc Weiss & family (Reinheimer); Keith & Lenny (Schmidt); Jennifer (Watkins); Donna Thayer (Peterson); Linda and Dave (Watkins); Kent and Sarah Walton, Wayne and Beverly Knox (Teaney); Shawn Knutson (Wilke); Rev. Benny and Regina Bush; Lynn Ferrini (Crawford); Jordan (K. Dailey); Irene Whitmore—healing (Rowland); Karen & Michelle (Watkins)



We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.



Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland’s grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes’ brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

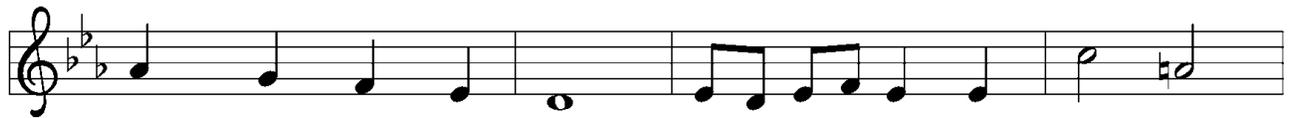
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759