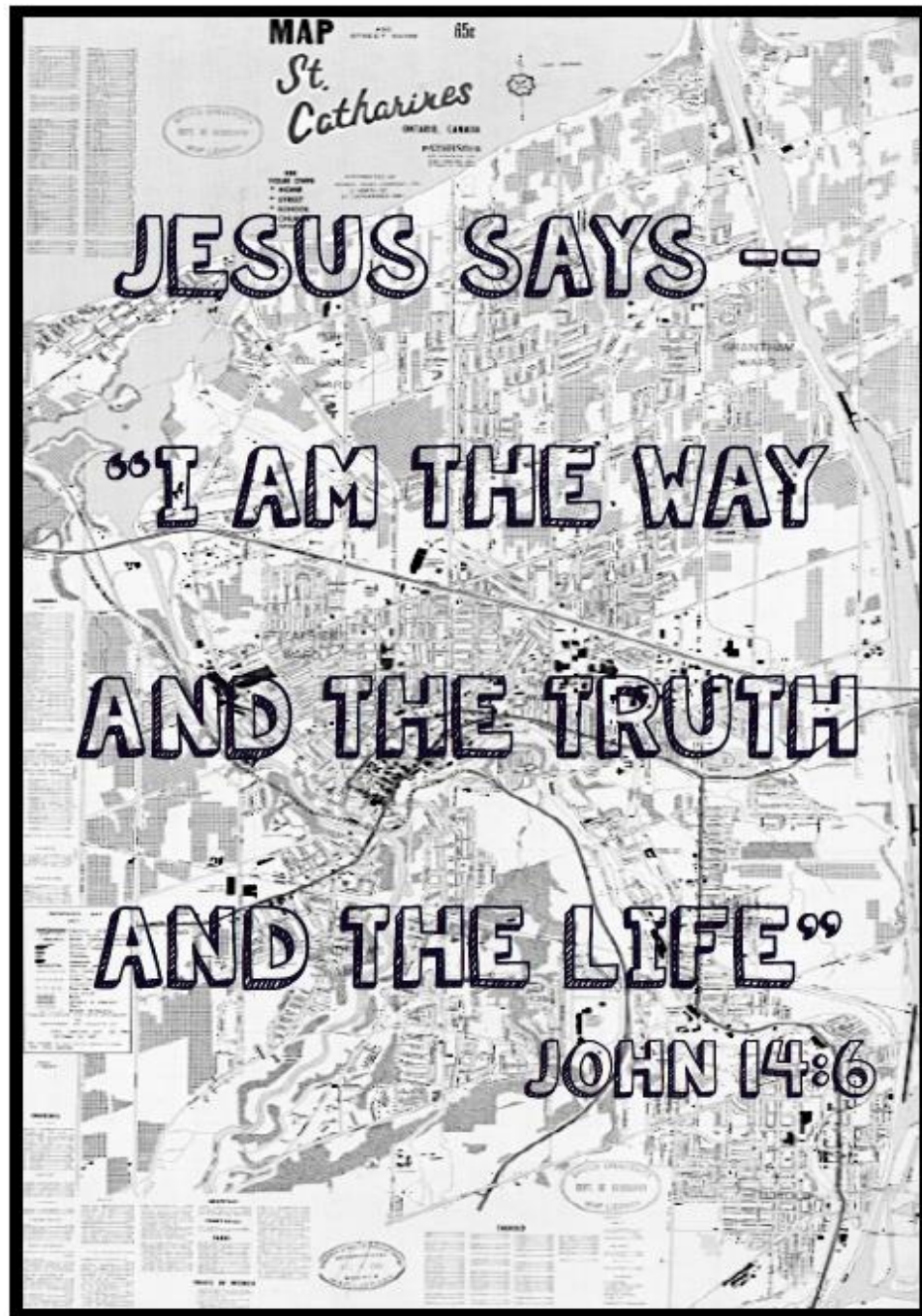


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7th, 2023



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKT19c_OIBbMqGwLw

Prayer: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to Your people that they may love what You command and desire what You promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Eph. 5: 8-14 Wednesday: Col. 3: 16-24 Friday: 11 Tim. 2: 8-13
Tuesday: John 6: 66-69 Thursday: Matt. 21: 12-17 Saturday: 1 Sam. 16: 14-23

Musician: 10 a.m. – Louise Gondosch
Reader: 10 a.m. – Fran Porteous
Greeter: 10 a.m. – Judy Slingerland

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
NO Confirmation Class until May 28
10:00 am – Worship - **WE THANK** Pastor Makey for leading our service today.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. – Choir
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL
Saturday: Youth Lazer Tag
Next Sunday: Mother's Day

PRECIOUS MOMENTS: If you or someone you know would benefit from friendly conversation, a time for kids to play & sing; hear a Bible story and make a craft - please join us Tuesdays in the nursery area from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Coffee and tea are always on.

YOUTH/CONFIRMANDS: We will gather at the church, Friday, May 12, 7 – 9 pm for a fun night & prep for Sundays Coffee Time. See you there!

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE TIME: In honour of '**Mothers & Mentor Mothers**', the Youth will host a special coffee time following the service May 14TH. We look forward to fellowshiping together with all our family. "*A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*"

MARY MARTHA: The following is our Mary Martha Schedule:

Tuesday, May 16th –7 p.m. – Bible Study—Sewing for Haiti
Devotion and Mission project work night. Please come out and help us cut out patterns (bring good cutting scissors, if you have them) and sew (we have some sewing machines at the church or you can bring your own) or assemble kits. There will be a basket for donations of packages of underwear (s, m, l) in the narthex. We will be preparing sanitary napkin kits for shipment to young girls and women where it is most needed through the Warehouse of Hope. Unfortunately, due to the unrest and insecurity in Haiti, at this time, we are unable to ship there. However, there is still a great need for them in other places.

June 10th – Potluck

Please feel free to attend any or all of our Tuesday night events!



Please Note—Granny Squares needed: We need everyone's participation for completed 6 inch knitted or crocheted Granny Squares in any pattern or colour. In the narthex there is a white cube with yarn and hooks that you are welcome to take (or donate). There is another basket for completed squares. Once there are enough, we will make a caring squares blanket for whoever may be in need of a hug. *Lorraine, on behalf of the Caring Squares* (If you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)



MARY MARTHA YARD SALE: Saturday, June 3, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (in coordination with the Fitzgerald Neighbourhood Association. Please consider bringing in items for sale, volunteering to help and inviting friends to attend!



FAMILY DAY BOWLING: Saturday, June 3rd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sign-up sheet is at back of church. Please sign up asap so committee can make final details for location, etc. You can also email: secretary@christlutheransc.ca



YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD

9 AM - 1 PM

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH &
FITZGERALD COMMUNITY SALE**

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING, BRINGING ITEMS
TO SELL, AND INVITING PEOPLE TO ATTEND!



Seminary Golf Tournament: Monday, June 5, 2023 at Conestoga Golf Club in Conestogo, Ontario (north of Waterloo). Registration is now open. \$125 per person registration fee includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, full dinner, and prizes. To register a foursome, go to: <https://concordia-seminary.ca/golf2023/> If you have questions, call the seminary at 905-688-2362. Deadline for registration is May 22, 2023.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21. Mark your calendars for **In-person VBS**. The program will run in the morning with an afternoon extended care for Grade 1-6. Registration forms and Volunteer forms are in narthex.

L.A.M.P. MISSION TEAM: If you are interested in joining a L.A.M.P mission team, please contact Pastor Jeff Swords (905-931-3165). L.A.M.P. is a frontline mission experience through the sharing of Christ's love, Grace, and Promise of resurrection. Our team strives to demonstrate these same attributes through a VBS program, community presence, and friendship. Our assigned community is Kingfisher Lake in Northern Ontario. The date is either July 25 - Aug. 3, or, a shortened trip of July 28 - Aug. 3. We are asking for your support in various ways: by either joining our team (there is always room for your love), through prayer to combat Satan's disruption, or, through financial support (the cost per person is approximately \$1,500).

<u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u> April 30th, 2023 Attn: 10 a.m. – 94 SOUL:					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current:	297,841.00	5,840.02	2,636.00	78,170.97	(24,927.84)
LCC Missions	17,000.00	333.33	120.00	5,353.00	(531.62)
Property Improvement:			49.00	2,098.00	

EFT Donations: Beginning June 1, Christ Lutheran will assume responsibility from Lutheran East District for processing monthly Electronic Fund Transfer donations. If you are a current EFT donor, you will receive paperwork (please check your CLC mailslot). If you have ever considered making your donations via EFT, forms and instructions are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Your new contact for EFT service will be Karen McCumber.

GREETERS: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and we would ask that anyone who is interested in assisting for the coming year to please sign up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone in the congregation.

SOUL is in need of nail polish. If you have any bottles that didn't suit you, are older, or nearly empty, we would appreciate them for an upcoming craft project on May 11th. Feel free to reach out to Jenn Hoeffs. Any donations can be placed in our mailbox or Pastor's office.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? We are setting up a schedule to take meals to Eduardo and Daniela to help them out during Daniela's very challenging recovery from surgery. (*along with having a new baby*). If you would be interested in helping with a meal, please speak to, or email Carole (carolepink121@gmail.com) Thanks :)

SCRIPTURE & SONG SERVICE

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023 + 10 AM Worship

GATHERING

BEGINNING SONG: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
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WE BEGIN IN GOD'S NAME

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

Amen.

I was glad when they said to me,

Let us go to the House of the Lord!

Unless the Lord builds the House,

In vain do the builders labour.

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is the House of God, this is the Gate of Heaven!

You are gracious and merciful, O God,

Slow to anger, rich in love.

Receive our prayers and worship as You have promised

And uphold us by Your Spirit,

Until all things, mended by Your mercy,

Are made whole and well in You,

Through Jesus Christ

Our healer and our hope. Amen.

KYRIE--PRAYING FOR MERCY

John Newton, 1779 *arr. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921), alt.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Have mer - cy on Your peo -- ple, Lord; have mer - cy Je -- sus Christ; have mer - cy on Your peo --- ple, Lord; have mer - cy grant us peace.'

t: Kyrie text; A. Meade, 1975 © Creative Communications for the Parish
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CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

To You, O Lord God,

All hearts are open, to You all desires are fully known. We come to You, moved by Your Word and Spirit, as sinners, confessing our sins. Forgive us in Your mercy. Remember us in Your love. Show us Your way, teach us Your path, lead us in truth and faithfulness, for the sake of our neighbour and for Your sake, O Lord God, in the hope of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

By water, Word and Spirit, our God gives you new birth and through the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in His name and in His stead, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed! **Praise be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Shout To The Lord”

**My Jesus, my Saviour -- Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter --Tower of refuge and strength
Let ev'ry breath all that I am -- never cease to worship You**

Chorus

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth -- let us sing
Power and majesty --Praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

Chorus repeat

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth -- let us sing
Power and majesty --Praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
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I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
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Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear my prayer O Lord, **Listen to my call for help.**

We pray: Loving Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to bring back the entire world to Yourself. Strengthen our faith, so that we remain united with Him and bear the good fruits of love. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

The New Testament Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60*

And Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG GOSPEL VERSE: *"He Lives!"*

**I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today,
I know that He is living, whatever people say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near:
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today,**

**He walks with me and talks with me along the narrow way;
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart---
You ask me how I know He lives, He lives--- within my heart!**

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The Holy Gospel: *St. John 14: 1-7, 12*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 14th chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him..." "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess the faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG

"How Deep The Father's Love "

S. Townend

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held_ Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His_ re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

TURNAROUND

9 D G/B D/A D G² D.C. al Fine

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 -ished. 3. I
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MESSAGE

OFFERINGS are gathered

OFFERING SONG:

“Give Thanks”

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks,
because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks,
because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks...give thanks-----!**

<https://www.music-ministry.org/hymns/give-thanks-with-a-grateful-heart/>

PRAYERS

Our Lord Jesus said, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.’ Let us come to our heavenly Father with all our troubles and concerns, and pray for the church and the world.

O Gracious Lord, be with your whole church on earth, and the church in this land. Keep her faithful, and let your message of forgiveness through Christ be heard and believed.

We pray, Risen Lord: **hear our prayer and answer us. Alleluia!**

Be with our Synod and her regional leaders. We commend to you all men and women, young and old, who serve You in as the living Body of Jesus within the community. Uphold all in their daily callings with true faith and a godly life.

We pray, Risen Lord: **hear our prayer and answer us. Alleluia!**

Bless our country, Canada, and help those in authority to strive for harmony, honesty and justice. Remember all those given the responsibility and authority of peace, justice and well-being for all. Uphold those in our local government, and all who maintain order and safety.

We pray, Risen Lord: **hear our prayer and answer us. Alleluia!**

We pray today for our new King Charles III. Grant him your peace as he commits himself again to your service. Give him strength and perseverance as he promises to serve us all as King. May he know you are walking with him day by day. Help him to fulfil his vows and promises. May he follow the example of Jesus – the ultimate King of Kings. God bless the King.

We pray, Risen Lord: **hear our prayer and answer us. Alleluia!**

Guide our industry, our education, our arts, culture and leisure activities, our mass media, our science and technology. Be with the unemployed and the overworked, the sick and the aged, the poor, the needy and the lonely. We especially remember today (*names added here...*).

We pray, Risen Lord: **hear our prayer and answer us. Alleluia!**

Protect our communities from hatred and violence, from arrogance, discord and confusion, and from all evil. Bring unity among the different peoples of our land; those born here and those from overseas; the rich and the poor, the creative and the pragmatic, the visionaries and the planners.

We pray, Risen Lord: **hear our prayer and answer us. Alleluia!**

Since You have given us grace at this time with one faithful voice to make our common concerns to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will give help in Your own time and fulfill the desires and prayers of Your servants.

Open our eyes that we may see You in Your Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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. 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

CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WORD:

Blessed Lord God, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Help us so that we may hear, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Who with the Father and Spirit You rule and reign as one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep. May you hear His voice and keep His Word.

Amen, thanks be to God.

⁴ Jesus is the Pathway that leads to life. May You follow in His narrow way.

Amen, praise be to God.

Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. May you be rooted and grounded in His Word and love.

Amen. Glory to our God.

May the Almighty God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today! Alleluia!"

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'n - 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 you heav'n - 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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God Save the King

**God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King,
 God save the King! Send him victorious,
 Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us,
 God save the King!**