



*Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith
by connecting to God and others
while reaching out with love*

Pentecost – Proper 20

September 24, 2023

Welcome, one and all!

It's so great you're here! Church of the Resurrection is a welcoming place for families to develop a relationship with God together. We strive to be a spiritually nourishing place for people of all ages. And in a time in which many people live quite a distance from their extended families, we hope to be a church family, sharing our love of God with one another.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Children are a gift from God. Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we! We welcome the 'joyful noise' that children bring at Church of the Resurrection. We are excited you're here and believe children's voices are the sound of vibrant life in church.

We understand that children do not instantly know how to take part in worship, and we also acknowledge that things have changed a lot since most adults were children in church. Maybe when you were a kid you were expected to be mini-adults or to be seen and not heard. We don't feel that way here. We want to help both parents and their children feel welcome and affirmed just as they are, whether they're seasoned churchgoers or first time visitors. We also know that when children feel truly welcomed, they are happier to be in church.

And, just as adults have different ways of engaging at church, we believe the same holds true for children. Your child is always welcome to be in worship service with you. Always! But sometimes, kids might want to participate in other ways as well. Here are a few ways to be "at church" for kids:

- There are two colored rugs — one facing the altar in the front row, and one at the front of the church — each with some activities for kids. Your child is welcome to sit on the rugs and use any of the activities, books, and art supplies there or can take some of these back to their seats. *One request: The two rocking chairs are for adults with small children only. Please don't let your older children rock in the chairs as we don't want anyone hurt if they tip over.*
- There is also a nursery room available, through the hallway near the entrance of the church. There is not any supervised childcare offered but you are welcome to take your child in there and they can play with any of the toys.
- There is Sunday School offered almost every Sunday during the traditional school year. Children from preschool through 5th grade are welcome to participate for as little or as much of the class as they wish. It is held in the Parish Hall (the larger building right across the plaza from the sanctuary) and begins at 10:15am. Your child will then return to you during the "passing of the peace" mid-way through the worship service.
- If your child is 2nd grade or older, they can volunteer to be an acolyte or a reader during the church services. Ask one of the clergy about how to connect with these wonderful ministries.
- If your child might be interested in playing a musical instrument during worship, our musical director Jack Barben is always looking for new ways to incorporate kids into our music program.

Welcome to Church of the Resurrection!

Please note that this service is livestreamed on Facebook. If you do not want to appear on the livestream, please let an usher know and you will be seated outside the range of the cameras.

The Ministry of the Word

A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria

Circle Song

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

When God saw what the Ninevites did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

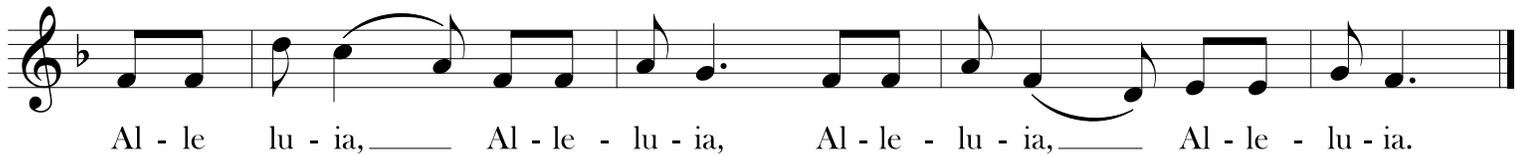
Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Alleluia



Composer: Dumisani Maraire; Trad. Zimbabwe

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Assisting Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Assisting Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Donald Schell

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed* *standing*



We be - lieve in God__ al - might - y Au - thor of_____ all
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged__ and scorned__ and
We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit bond - ing all_____ the



things that be,_____ Ma - ker of__ the earth__ and heav - ens,
cru - ci - fied;_____ tak - en from the cross,__ was bur - ied.
saints with - in_____ one Church cath' - lic, one__ Church ho - ly



Keep - er of_____ the sky__ and sea._____ We be - lieve in
True__ Life there__ had tru - ly died._____ We be - lieve that
where__ for - give - ness frees__ from sin;_____ in the bo - dy's



God's Son, Je - sus now__ for us_____ both Lord__ and Christ__
on the third day Christ__ was raised__ up from__ the grave,__
re - sur - rec - tion for_____ the break - ing of__ death's chain__



of the Spir - it and__ of Ma - ry born to bring__ a - bund - ant life.___
then as - cend - ed to__ God's right hand. He__ will come__ to judge and save.___
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith__ that we__ have claimed.

Sylvia Dunstan
Traditional Irish

The Prayers of the People *Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

Assisting Clergy Loving God, you have promised to hear when we pray. Therefore in confidence and trust we lift up our prayers for all your people.

Leader We pray for the church:
(please add your own prayers aloud)

Leader We pray for this community, and your presence among us. We give thanks for the ministry of our Ushers, and their faithfulness in guiding us into worship.

People God, enliven your Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Leader We give thanks especially this day for Theresa and Hugues; Carolyn and Robert; John; Jeff, Natasha, Lorelei and Rhiannon, members of our parish family, and all the blessings they share with us.

People Holy Spirit, breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us courage to reveal Christ in word and action.

Leader We pray for the world:
(please add your own prayers aloud)

People Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader We pray for our wider community:
(please add your own prayers aloud)

People God of truth, inspire with your wisdom
those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Leader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader We pray for those in need:
(please add your own prayers aloud)

People God of hope, comfort and restore
all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Leader Make us willing agents of your compassion.
People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Leader We remember those who have died:

(please add your own prayers aloud)

Give comfort to those who mourn.

***People* Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader We praise you for Bobby Gleiter, John Mooney, and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

***People* May their example inspire and encourage us.**

Presider Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Assisting Clergy Let us confess our sins to God.

***All* God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Announcements

Thanksgivings and Concerns

The Hands of God

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chords above are C, F, G, C, F, G, C. The second staff has notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. Chords above are F, C, G, C, F, C, E, Am. The third staff has notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1. Chords above are F, C, G, C, F, F/G, C. The lyrics are: To-day, to-mor-row, and al-ways we re-joice in the hands of God. May God's pow-er-ful hands sup-port you. May God's guid-ing hands lead you. May God's lov-ing hands en-fold you. We re-joice in the hands of God.

Words and Music: Paul Crabtree

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Presider Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:19-21*

For those gathered in person, if you wish to make a gift you can do so when an usher brings the offering plate to your row. If you would like to make a gift online, you can securely do so through PayPal using the QR code below. You can also mail checks to the church at 399 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill CA, 94523. Thank you!



Hymn

Do Not Be Afraid, Jesus Said

D D7 G/D Gm/D D A7sus4 D D7 G/D Gm/D A7sus4 A

1 Do not be a-fraid, Je - sus said,
 2 When a-round you strife and un - rest
 3 I am the good Shep - herd who goes

I have con-quer'd sad - ness and death.
 fill your hearts with grief and dis-tress,
 with you through the val - leys of woe.

Em A A/GF#m B Em7 A7 D Refrain

In the shad-owed night I will be your light. Rest in my arms, be not a - fraid!
 I will car - ry you, I will see you through. Rest in the warmth of my ca - ress. Have no
 Com-fort I will give so that you may live. Safe in green pas-tures, rest your souls.

A D G A A/C# Bm D7/A

fear, I am here. Fear no e - vil, I will give you rest. Mer-cies

G G/F# Em7 A7 F#m Bsus4 B Em7 A7sus4 A7 D

brim-ming in your cup, I will raise you up. Come, dwell with me for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: Gracia Grindal
 MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

Presider All things come of you O God.
People And of your own have we given you.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

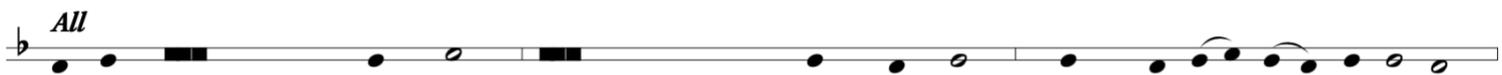
We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,



We ac - claim you, O God:



Dy - ing, he destroyed our death. Rising, he re - stored our life. Christ Je - sus, come in glo-ry!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Mary the God-bearer and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Ho-ly Spi - rit,
we worship you, our God and Cre-a-tor,
in voic-es of un-ceas - ing praise:
All:
Bless-ed are you, now and for ev - er. A men.

Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the Bread.



This is the true bread which comes down from hea-ven And gives life to the



world _____ who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall not hun-ger or



thirst for I give my life for the world. _____

Music by Jack Barben

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Communion. When you come forward, the ushers will guide you in making a half circle around the rug at the altar. Place one hand on top of the other to receive the bread. After you receive the bread, a chalice bearer will come to you with the chalice of wine, which you can help guide to your lips. If you would like grape juice, just let them know. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you can cross your arms over your chest.

In an effort to minimize the spread of germs at communion we ask that you please not dip (intinct) your bread in the communion cup. Not only does the bread tend to fall apart when dipped in the wine, it also introduces more germs from your hands into the cup. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice please cross your arms against your chest, and when the chalice is offered with the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," affirm and acknowledge Christ's gift with your "Amen". Please know that the church has long held that to receive communion in "full" one need not receive both the bread and wine.

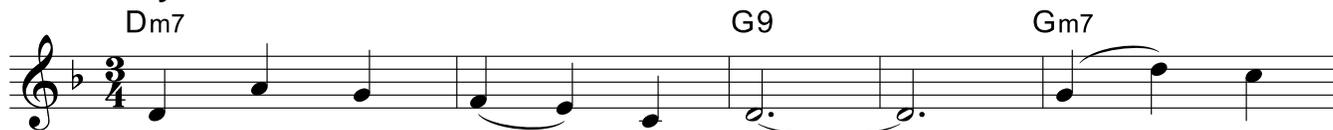
Gluten free wafers are available; please ask if that's your preference.

Healing Prayers During Communion

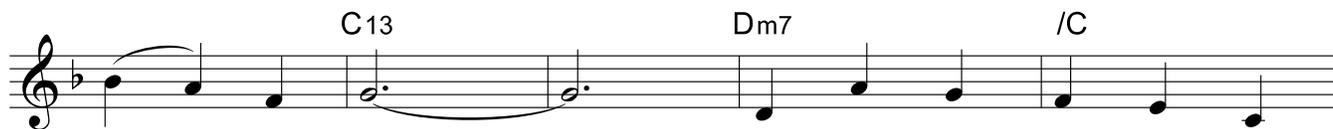
Those desiring prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit may go to the healing station by the Tree of Life mosaic next to the doors at the side of the church. Members of the healing team will anoint you with healing oil, making the sign of the cross on your forehead, and pray with you. You may name a specific need or simply ask for a prayer of healing. You may kneel, sit, or stand. Everything said at the healing station is held in confidence – if you would like additional support, please contact Rev. Liz or Rev. Whitney.

Communion Hymn

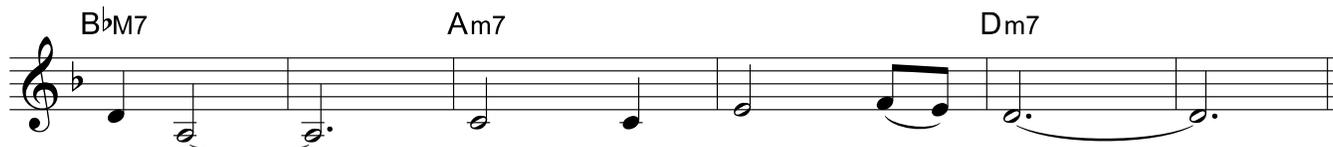
Blessed Are You Who Are Poor



1 Bless - ed are you who are poor— yours is the
 2 Bless - ed are you who now weep— laugh - ter will
 3 One day you will re - joice, you will
 4 Woe un - to you who are rich— for you pos -
 5 Woe un - to you who re - joice— soon you will
 6 Give your whole heart to God, love and



king - dom of God. Bless - ed are you who are
 sure - ly come. Bless - ed are you who are
 leap for joy. Bless - ings a - bun - dant will
 —sess your re - ward. Woe un - to you who have
 weep and mourn. Woe un - to you who are
 serve the poor, Al - ways treat one an -



hun-gry— for you will be filled.
 hat - ed— hat - ed for my sake.
 fol - low as you dwell in God.
 —plen-ty— you will feel your want.
 fol-lowed— pop - u - lar, but false.
 oth - er kind - ly and with grace.

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending forth the Lay Eucharistic Ministers (as needed)

Presider *N.*, in the name of this parish family, I send you bearing these holy gifts to ____.
Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Blessing

Presider The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Have You Heard of a City

Verse



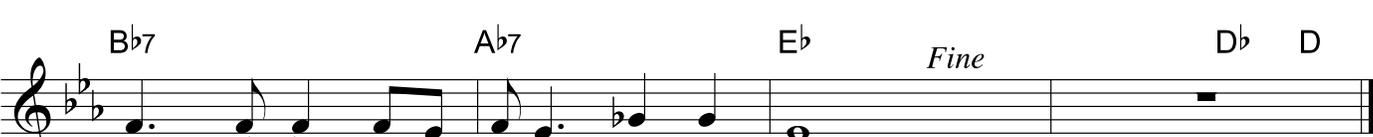
Have you heard of a cit-y— the streets are paved with gold. Have you



heard of a cit-y— the streets are paved with gold. Have you

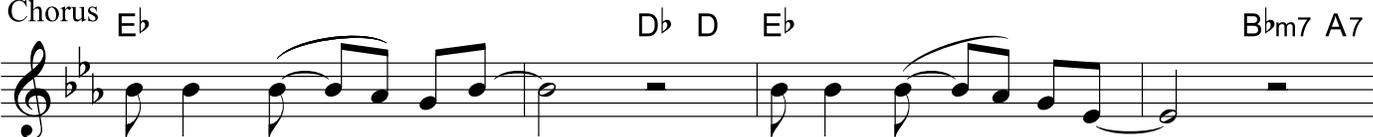


heard of a cit-y— the streets are paved with gold. There are



twelve gates to the cit-y— Hal - le - lu!

Chorus



Three gates in the east, three gates in the west,



three gates in the north, three gates in the south, mak-ing it



twelve gates to the cit-y, Hal - le - lu!

WORDS and MUSIC: African American spiritual;
arr. Daniel Charles Damon

The Dismissal

Assisting Clergy
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
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