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April 17, 2022
EASTER SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Prelude — "Christ is Risen" — TRADITIONAL

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

***Gathering Words** — **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

This day is not like any other day.
Today we slow down.
Today we take it all in.
Today we rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day.
Today we are singing.
Today we are full to the brim.
Today joy cannot be contained.

This day is not like any other day.
Today the stone was rolled away.
Today the women saw the empty grave.
Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day.
Alleluia! Amen.

***Opening Prayer** — **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Holy Spirit,
you show us the meaning of hope—that after tragedy, after death,
there is more meaning to be lived.
There is more beauty to witness, more intimacy to experience,
more relationships to delight in,
more liberation to embody.

Embolden us to be a people who practice this hope. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Family of faith,
it is our tradition to have a prayer of confession each week—not to harp on ourselves or to drum up guilt, but because we believe God is not done with us yet.
So please join me in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening, and God's grace is always full to the brim.

Prayer of Confession **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

God of new life,
we are a mixed bag.
We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy,
but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.
We want to embody the resurrection,
but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again.
We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning— to run and speak truth,
but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices.
Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged.
Break into our hearts.
Overflow here.
With hope we pray, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Family of faith,
if there is life after death,
then you can be certain—
there is life after mess.
There is life after mistakes.
There is life after doubt.
There is new life freely given,
and that life is for you.

You are forgiven, loved, and claimed.
May we live full to the brim in response.
Thanks be to God, and let it be so.
Alleluia! Amen.

Musical Response Hymn Prelude on "Engelberg" (GTG No. 485) CHARLES STANFORD /ARR. ROBERT POWELL

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading **Luke 24: 1-12** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had
prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in, they did not find the
body.

4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. **5** The women
were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living
among the dead? He is not here but has risen. **6** Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that
the Son of Humanity must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

8 Then they remembered his words, **9** and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the
rest. **10** Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who
told this to the apostles. **11** But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. **12** But
Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went
home, amazed at what had happened.

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

*** Hymn** (Printed music at end) "Expansive Life" Text: Anna Strickland
(tune to "All Creatures of our God and King GTG 15) Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Prayer of the People **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

We ask through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn No. 485** "We Know That Christ Is Raised" ENGELBERG

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude Fantasy on "St. Kevin" GILBERT MARTIN

The service continues with refreshments and fellowship.

Easter Lily Dedications

Linda Houston	In Memory of Dan Houston and Eric Houston
Dawn Kridel	In Memory of Joseph & Eleanore Lawecki
Judy Mowrer	In Memory of Al Mowrer
Ferenc & Candy Relle	In Memory of Bill & Edith Clark and Ferenc & Trudi Relle
Bill & Cheryl Weiss	In Memory of our parents



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Note: The Opening Prayer is from *Enfleshed: Liturgy That Matters*. The other prayers were adapted from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

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	Recorder	Chris Kovach
	Organ	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant		Juli Douglass-Gillespie
Flowers		Juli Douglass-Gillespie
Refreshments		

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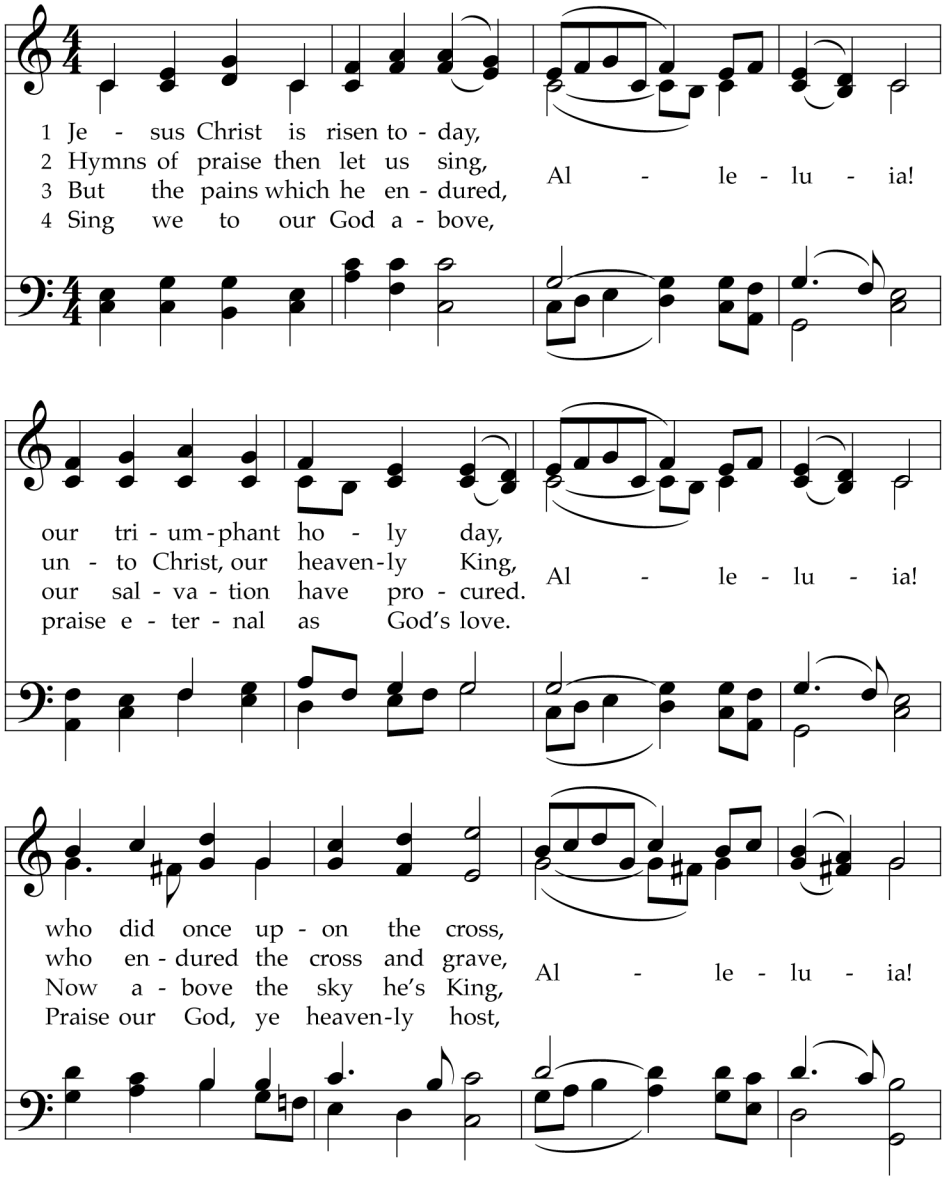

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, *Lyra Davidica,* 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica,* 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmodist,* 1749
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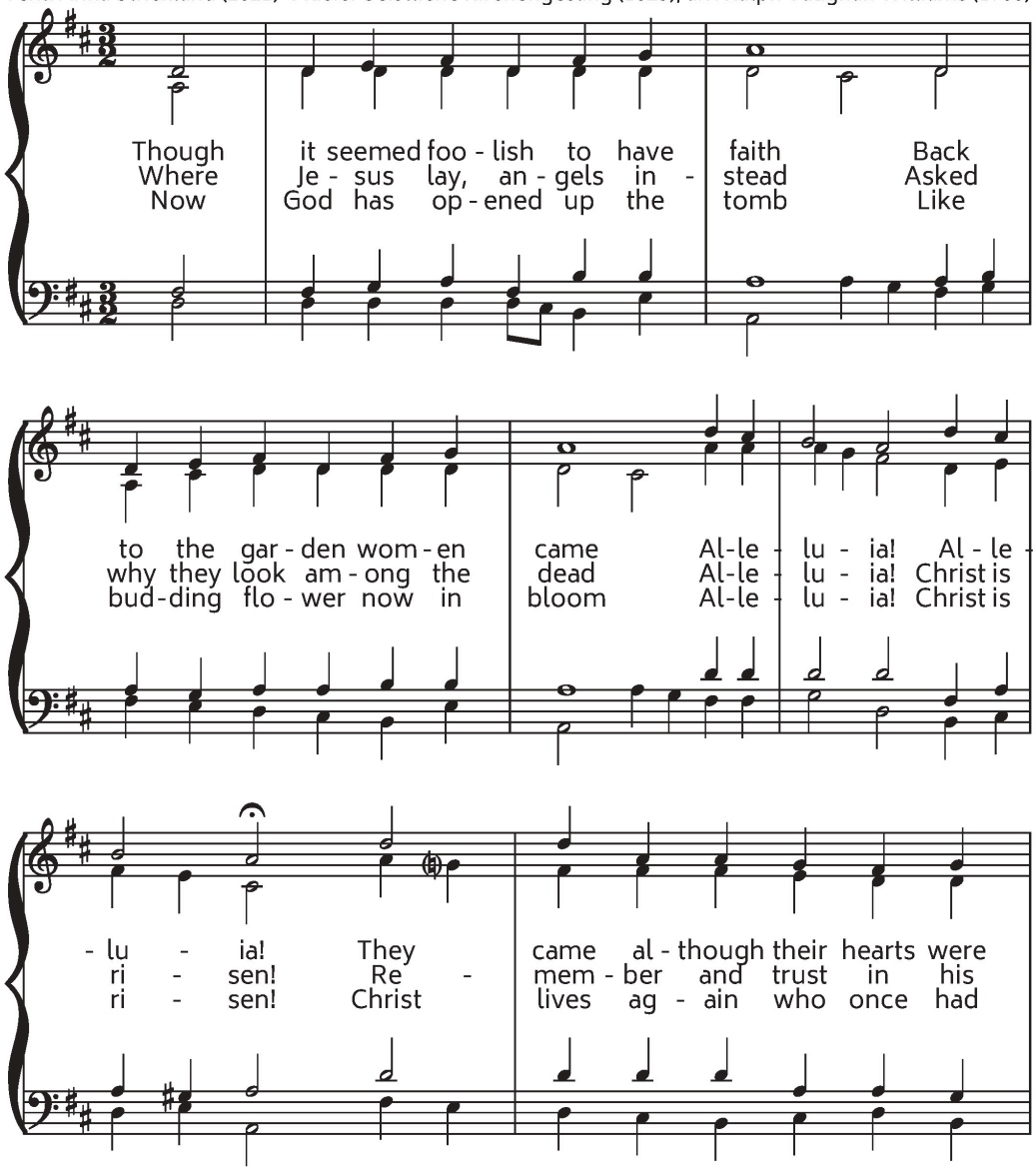
EASTER HYMN
7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Expansive Life

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.4.8.8 with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021) Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng (1623), arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)



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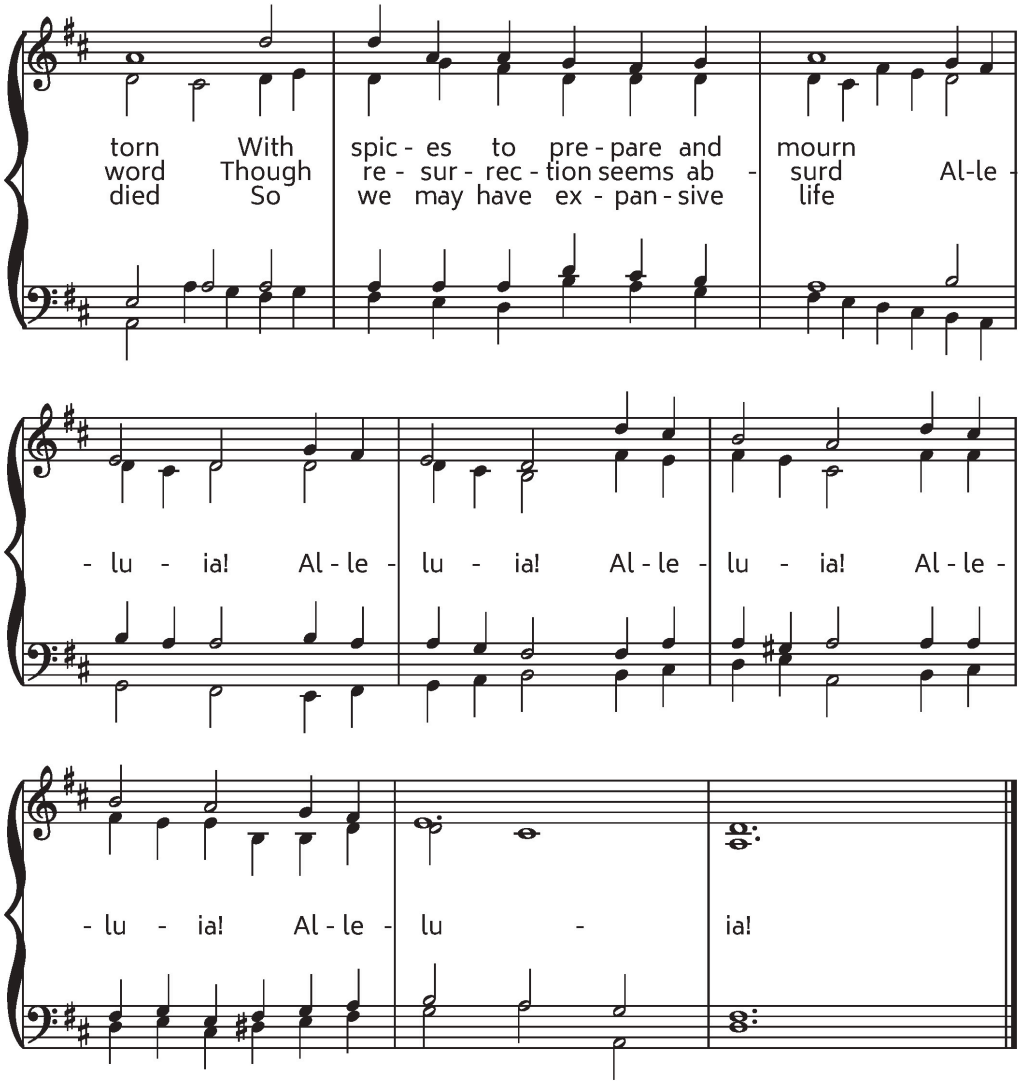

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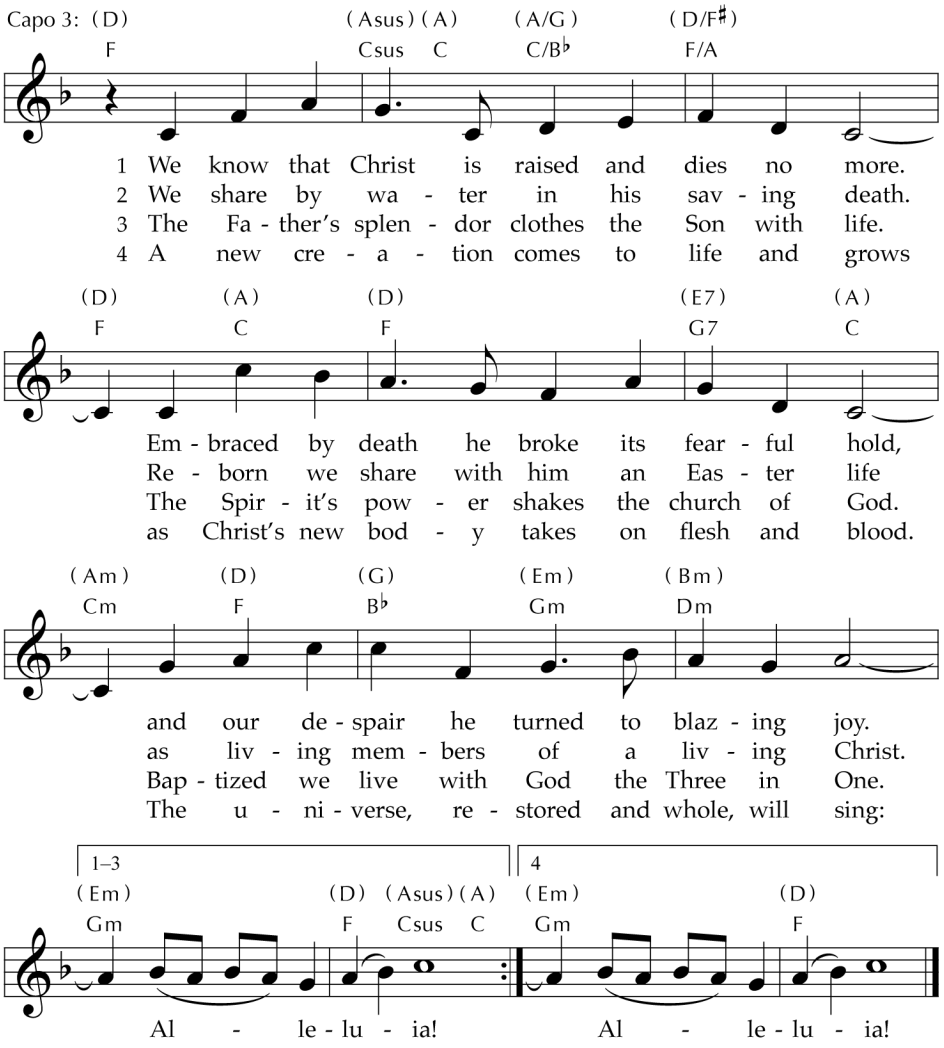
We Know That Christ Is Raised 485



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967, alt.
MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904
Text © 1972 John Brownlow Geyer

ENGELBERG
10.10.10.4
(this tune in a higher key, 641)