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Easter Dawn



*Without the Resurrection, Faith is Futile*



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## *Welcome to Holy Trinity*

We're glad you came today to join us in worshipping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a **visitor** with us today, please sign the "GUEST" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Members of Holy Trinity, please fill in the side marked "MEMBER."

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HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

### *A Note to All Our Guests:*

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

## EASTER DAWN

### *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

#### Greeting

**P**ASTOR *Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."*

**P** *Christ is risen!*

**C** **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Hymn** • 354 sts. 1,2,5,10, "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

[Tune: CW93 147]

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| <p><b>1. Like the golden sun ascending,<br/>Breaking through the gloom of night,<br/>On the earth his glory spending<br/>So that darkness takes to flight,<br/>Thus my Jesus from the grave<br/>And death's dismal, dreadful cave,<br/>Rose triumphant Easter morning,<br/>At the early purple dawning.</b></p> <p><b>2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!<br/>Thanks to Thee, O Lord of life!<br/>Death hath now no power o'er us,<br/>Thou hast conquered in the strife.<br/>Thanks because Thou didst arise<br/>And hast opened Paradise!<br/>None can fully sing the glory<br/>Of the resurrection story.</b></p> | <p><b>5. Thou hast died for my transgression,<br/>All my sins on Thee were laid;<br/>Thou hast won for me salvation,<br/>On the cross my debt was paid.<br/>From the grave I shall arise<br/>And shall meet Thee in the skies.<br/>Death itself is transitory;<br/>I shall lift my head in glory.</b></p> <p><b>10. For the joy Thy birth doth give me,<br/>For Thy holy, precious Word;<br/>For Thy baptism which doth save me,<br/>For Thy blest Communion board;<br/>For Thy death, the bitter scorn,<br/>For Thy resurrection morn,<br/>Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,<br/>And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.</b></p> |
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## Invocation

☞ *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

☞ **Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

☞ *Let us confess our sins, knowing that our risen Savior has defeated death and won forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.*

☞ **O Lord, as we leave the darkness of night we are reminded of our sins. Too often our thoughts, words and actions are full of darkness and disobedience. Because of them, we deserve only eternal darkness and death. But as we enter the light of day, we are reminded of Your love for us, which caused You to bear the darkness of the cross and rise to life at the dawn of the first Easter, so that we might be forgiven. We come to You, our dear Light, and plead for mercy.**

## The Absolution

☞ *Lift up your hearts! Our Lord Jesus has paid for all your sins by His innocent suffering and death. His triumphant resurrection proves that God the Father has accepted His perfect life and death on our behalf. Our resurrected Lord said, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven." Therefore, as a called servant of the living Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

☞ **Amen.**

**Hymn • 348, “He is Arisen! Glorious Word!”***[Tune: TLH 189]*

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!**  
**Now reconciled is God, my Lord;**  
**The gates of heav’n are open.**  
**My Jesus died triumphantly,**  
**And Satan’s arrows broken lie,**  
**Destroyed hell’s direst weapon.**  
**O hear What cheer!**  
**Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth—**  
**He was dead, but see, He liveth!**

**Psalm 30**

**P** *Sing to the Lord, you saints of his;*

**G** **praise his holy name.**

**P** *For his anger lasts only a moment,*

**G** **but his favor lasts a lifetime;**

**P** *weeping may remain for a night,*

**G** **but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

**P** *To you, O Lord, I called;*

**G** **to the Lord I cried for mercy.**

**P** *Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me;*

**G** **O Lord, be my help.**

**P** *You turned my wailing into dancing,*

**G** **that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.**

**A** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Prayer of The Day

☞ *Let us pray:*

*Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

☩ **Amen.**

-Be seated-

**Hymn** • 341, sts. 1,2,3, “*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*”

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| <p><b>1. Awake, my heart, with gladness,<br/>See what today is done;<br/>Now, after gloom and sadness,<br/>Comes forth the glorious Sun.<br/>My Savior there was laid<br/>Where our bed must be made<br/>When to the realms of light<br/>Our spirit wings its flight.</b></p> | <p><b>2. The foe in triumph shouted<br/>When Christ lay in the tomb;<br/>But, lo, he now is routed,<br/>His boast is turned to gloom.<br/>For Christ again is free;<br/>In glorious victory<br/>He who is strong to save<br/>Has triumphed o'er the grave.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3. This is a sight that gladdens—<br/>What peace it doth impart!<br/>Now nothing ever saddens<br/>The joy within my heart.<br/>No gloom shall ever shake,<br/>No foe shall ever take<br/>The hope which God's own Son<br/>In love for me hath won.</b></p>              |  |

## First Reading • Isaiah 25:6-9

*The prophet foresees the resurrection reality. The Lord would destroy the shroud of death and dry every tear from the faces of his people.*

On this mountain  
the Lord of Armies will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food,  
a banquet of aged wines,  
with the best cuts of meat,  
and with the finest wines.

<sup>7</sup>On this mountain  
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,  
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He has swallowed up death forever!  
The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face.  
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.  
For the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>On that day it will be said,  
“Look, here is our God!  
We waited for him, and he saved us!  
This is the Lord!  
We waited for him.  
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

## Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

*St. Paul explains that if Christ has not been raised our faith is futile.*

Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too. <sup>15</sup>Then we are even guilty of giving false testimony about God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise, if it were true that the dead are not raised.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ perished. <sup>19</sup> If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>21</sup> For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive.

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## Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 15:22

☐ *Alleluia. For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. Alleluia.*



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel • John 20:1-18

*The women and the disciples were crushed, because a dead savior is no savior at all.  
Christ's resurrection changed everything.*

☐ *The holy Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the first verse.*



☐ Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she told them, “and we don’t know where they put him!”

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first.



<sup>5</sup> Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in.

<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. <sup>7</sup> The cloth that had been on Jesus' head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.)

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She told them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him."

<sup>14</sup> After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and replied in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means, "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup> Jesus told her, "Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" She also told them the things he said to her.

**P** *Here ends the Gospel.*



**C** Praise be to You, O Christ!

## Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

**☒ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

-Be seated-

### Chief Hymn • “Christ Has Arisen”

[CWS 719]



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear.  
 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 And in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

**Sermon • 1 Corinthians 15:17-22**

**Christ's Resurrection: Our Faith Depends on It**

## Offertory Psalm



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it



with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your presence and take not Your



Ho-ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.

-Be seated-

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

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## Preface

**P** *The Lord be with you.*



**C** And with your spir - it.

☐ *Lift up your hearts.*



☑ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

☐ *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



☑ It is good and right so to do.

## Preface for the Season

☐ *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:*

### Sanctus • “Holy, Holy, Holy”

[Tune: CW93 166]

#### 1. O holy, holy, holy

Lord God of pow’r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

#### 2. Hosanna in the highest!

How truly blest is he  
Who in God’s name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

## Lord’s Prayer

☐ *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.*



**A** For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er A - men.

## Words of Institution

**P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## Pax Domini

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



**G** A - - - men.

## Agnus Dei

[Tune: CW93 106]

**1. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,  
Christ, who takes all sin away,  
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,  
hear us as we humbly pray:  
in our dire and desprate need,  
for your mercy, Lord, we plead.**

**2. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,  
Christ, who takes all sin away,  
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,  
hear us as we humbly pray:  
let your mercy still increase;  
grant us pardon, grant us peace.**

## Distribution

*Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.*

### Hymn • 351, sts. 1-4, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

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| <p>1. I know that my Redeemer lives;<br/>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br/>He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br/>He lives, my ever-living Head.</p> <p>2. He lives triumphant from the grave;<br/>He lives eternally to save.<br/>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br/>He lives exalted there on high.</p> | <p>3. He lives to bless me with His love,<br/>He lives to plead for me above.<br/>He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>He lives to help in time of need.</p> <p>4. He lives to grant me rich supply;<br/>He lives to guide me with His eye.<br/>He lives to comfort me when faint;<br/>He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.</p> |
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### Hymn • “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

*[TLH 210, sts. 1-3,5]*

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| <p>1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>The strife is o’er, the battle done;<br/>Now is the Victor’s triumph won;<br/>Now be the song of praise begun.<br/>Alleluia!</p> <p>2. Death’s mightiest pow’rs have done their<br/>worst,<br/>And Jesus hath His foes dispersed;<br/>Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.<br/>Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. On the third morn He rose again<br/>Glorious in majesty to reign;<br/>Oh, let us swell the joyful strain!<br/>Alleluia!</p> <p>5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,<br/>From death’s dread sting Thy servants<br/>free<br/>That we may live and sing to Thee.<br/>Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
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### Hymn • 350, “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

*[Tune: CW93 143]*

1. He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death’s prison, the Incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.

4. O where is thy sting, death? We fear thee no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.

**Hymn** • 351, sts. 5-8, *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

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| <p>5. He lives to silence all my fears;<br/>He lives to wipe away my tears.<br/>He lives to calm my troubled heart;<br/>He lives all blessings to impart.</p>                      | <p>7. He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>He lives, and I shall conquer death.<br/>He lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>He lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend;<br/>He lives and loves me to the end.<br/>He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;<br/>He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</p> | <p>8. He lives, all glory to His name!<br/>He lives, my Jesus, still the same.<br/>Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br/>"I know that my Redeemer lives!"</p> |

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**Nunc Dimittis**

[Tune: CW93 166]

1. O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised Incarnate, saving Word –  
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!
2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.



## Communion Verse

**P** *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



**C** And His mercy en - dures for-ev - er.

## Collect of Thanksgiving

**P** *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace †.*



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

**P** *Christ is risen!*

**C** **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Closing Hymn • “This Is the Feast of Victory”

[CW93]


*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  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

*Refrain*



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
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!

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