

Doubting Thomas - Mary Jane Miller, 2008

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA
Walking in love. Welcoming all.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025 | 10:30 AM

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Your presence is truly a blessing to our church family.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Worship begins with a moment of silence and the music of the prelude. Please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome & Announcements (*beginning at 10:20*)

Moment of Silence & Prelude

The Acclamation (*from the back of the Church*)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession: Hymn 421

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
 praise him with lyre and harp.
 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
 praise him with strings and pipe.
 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
 praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
 6 Let everything that has breath *
 praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

All stand

Gospel Procession Alleluia #1 Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Message

The Rev. Seldon M. Walker

A period of silence for reflection will follow the Message.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he

became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are offered this morning in celebration of Earth Day.

The People stand or kneel as able and respond to each petition using the following form

Intercessor ...Creating God,
People **help us change our ways.**

The Concluding Collect

God of All Life, we give thanks for Earth, our common home, and ask forgiveness for all the unreasonable demands we have made on it. As our Earth, its many peoples, its oceans, wild life and ecosystems are struggling to survive. Help us to change our ways and guide us to live a life which is not centered on ourselves, but on all you have created. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Thanksgivings

The Thanksgiving Basket for April will go to THRIVE Peninsula. Altar arrangements are given to the glory of God by Virgie & Jerry Twigg in memory of Evie Twigg; Marlene Bryan, in loving memory of Laura and Lynette; and Elizabeth Wash in loving memory and gratitude for John Sim.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table not of the Church, but of the Lord and all baptized Christians are welcome to come to the table. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. If you are not baptized and would like to come forward for a blessing, please know that you too are welcome.

The Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Offertory

At the Reception of the Offering (sung by all) Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-130 *setting: Schubert (music found in the front of the Blue Hymnal)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

Then the Presider continues

Celebrant *People*

A-men.

Presider and People

The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace,
give us your peace.

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Communion practice. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy administering the bread. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Thank you.

Communion Music

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 209

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The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Postlude

Service Assistants

Acolytes

William Jaskoski
Christopher Seiter
Caitlin Tant

Lay Assistants

Rose Field
Andrew Seiter
Gerry Smelt

Usher

Vance Field

Vestry

Megan Jaskoski

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I-CHURCH
9:45 A.M. PRE-SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH
11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM
11:45 A.M.-1 P.M. GRACE MOMS-RIVERVIEW

MONDAY, APRIL 28

7:30-8:05 A.M. CENTERING PRAYER-ONLINE
10-11:45 A.M. AGING WITH GRACE-PARISH HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

8:30-9:30 A.M. CENTERING PRAYER-RIVERVIEW
10:30 A.M. STAFF MEETING-PARISH HALL
11 A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:45-10:10 A.M. DAY SCHOOL CHAPEL-CHURCH
NOON HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II WITH HEALING PRAYERS-CHURCH
6-8 P.M. ORIGINAL MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW

THURSDAY, MAY 1

11 A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN
4-5:30 P.M. GRACEFUL KNITTERS-RIVERVIEW
6:30-8 P.M. THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW
7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SATURDAY, MAY 3

7:30-9 A.M. MEN'S BREAKFAST-PARISH HALL
9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. CURSILLO-RIVERVIEW
7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I-CHURCH
9:45 A.M. PRE-SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL-PARISH HALL
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-PARISH HALL
11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM
11:45 A.M. PRESENTATION ON BOYS' HOME OF VIRGINIA-PARISH HALL



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Pope Francis, Jim Carson (friend of The Rev. Pam Webb)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Brendon Baez, Erica Baez, Adrian Bogart III, Adrian Bogart IV, Meghan Collins, Bryce Everette, James Gouger, J.J. Jones, Thomas Lopez, Justin Mowery, Max Poelker, Andrew Sainsbury, Alex Szlamczynski, Donald Washburn, William Washburn

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Linda & Bill Chambers (parents of Laura Dover), Jill Brown, Kevin Campbell (friend of Kim Lenz & Matt Poelker), Monica Thompson and family, Linda Crane, Rachel, Josh & Cassie Dutro (family of Karen & John Dutro), Teresa Haskin (family of Ellen & Scott Thacker), George Thomas (brother of Peggy Lansinger), Erin Tschida (niece of Marlene Bryan), Nichele Browne Cooper and Lisa Browne (daughters of Sylvia & Ivar Browne), June Howard, Sue Greene (friend of Judith Rheinstrom), LeAnna Brunson, Laura Boice, Jimmy Bevelacqua, Christine Mahan, Gary (family of Lou Stack), Leland Barnett (family of Caroline Griffith), Liz & Jerry Landgraf, Bob Spencer (brother of Lamar Hall), Kenita Carter (daughter of Gigi Carter), Margaret Simms (sister of Caroline Redpath), Martha Knight, Linda Jones (family of Judith Rheinstrom), Katie Forbes (friend of Grace), Sherri Brunson, Nicole Taylor (daughter of Aleyne Hamers), Scott Michaels (son of Kathy Michaels), Jennifer & Isaiah Felton, Melinda Reed, Dorothy Burke (sister of Marilyn Staton), Bruce Fisher, Donna, John, Dee Holland Brock & Melitta Holland (family of Sandy Armstrong), Ron Tschida (brother of Marlene Bryan), Virgie Twigg, Wayne Hall (family of Lamar & Warren Hall), Danielle & Tom Cannella, Dick Swift, Domick Earle, Kathy Archibald (sister of Alex Frisch), Kevin Ketchum (son of Avis & Harland Ketchum), Harland Ketchum, Lou Stack, Madeline Sell, The Rev. Peg Buelow (retired priest in the Diocese of Southern Virginia), David McAllister (family of Kathy Michaels), Dan Webb, Mr. Johnson (friend of Gigi Carter), Debra Clapp (friend of Bonnie Griffith), Joan Stewart-Altman, Foster Ryan, Todd Winegrad, the people of Myanmar, the people of Israel and Palestine, the people of Ukraine.

For inclusion on the prayer list please email: prayers@GraceChurchYorktown.org

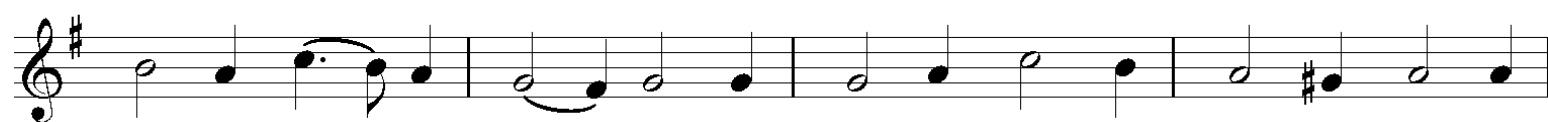
Hymn 421



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Hymn 324



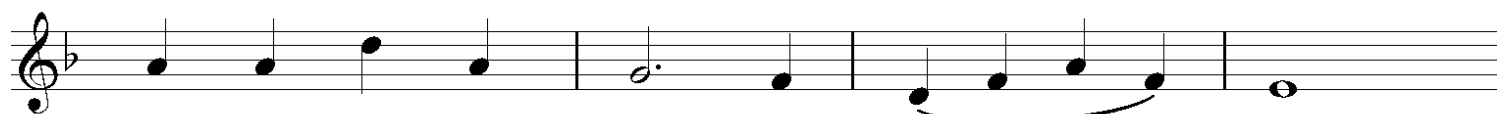
1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



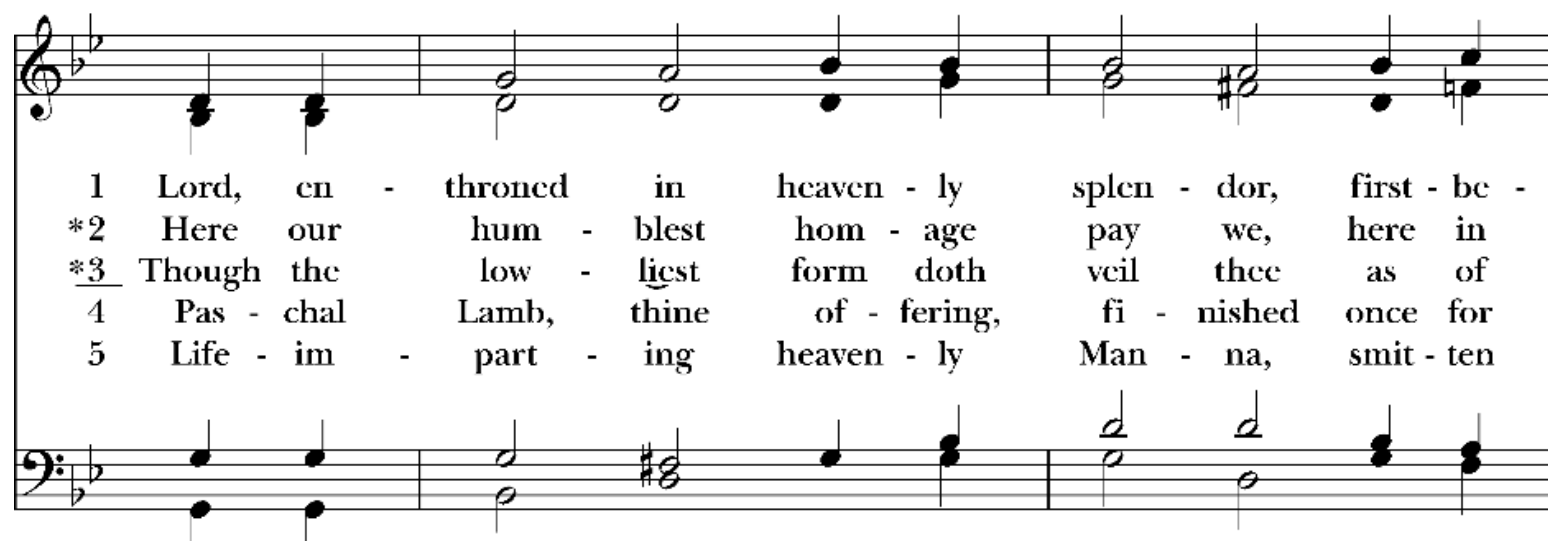
mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



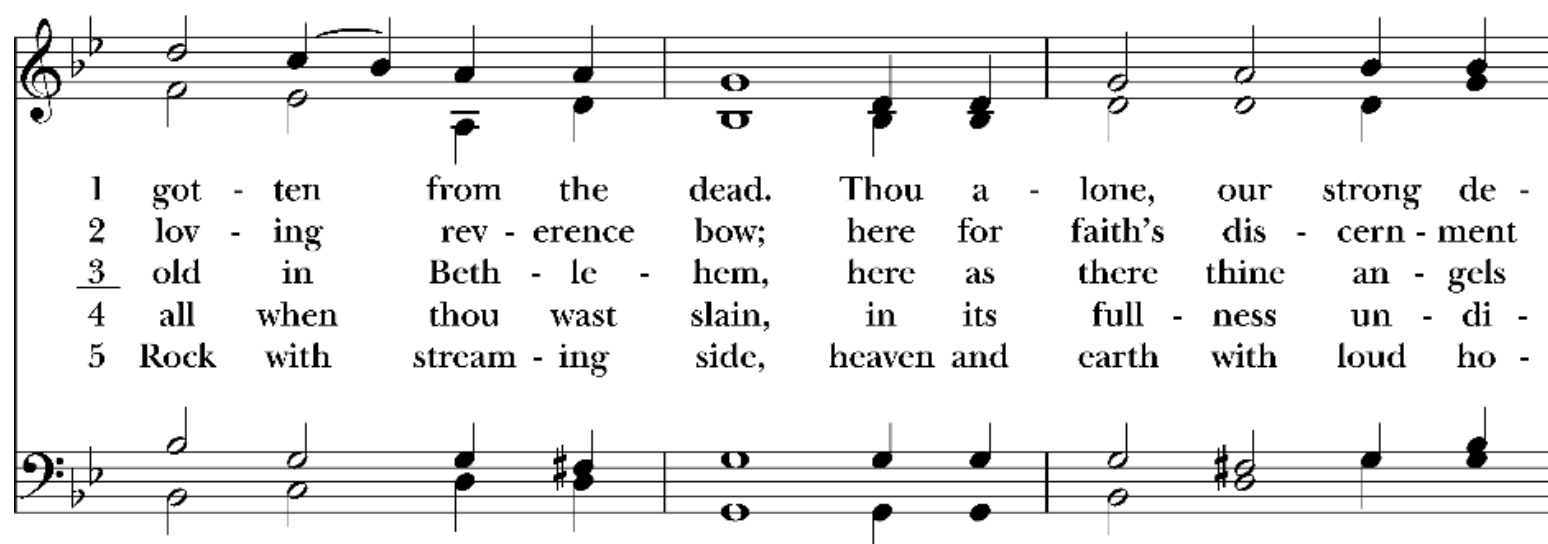
Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"



1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten



1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -



1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jcs - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

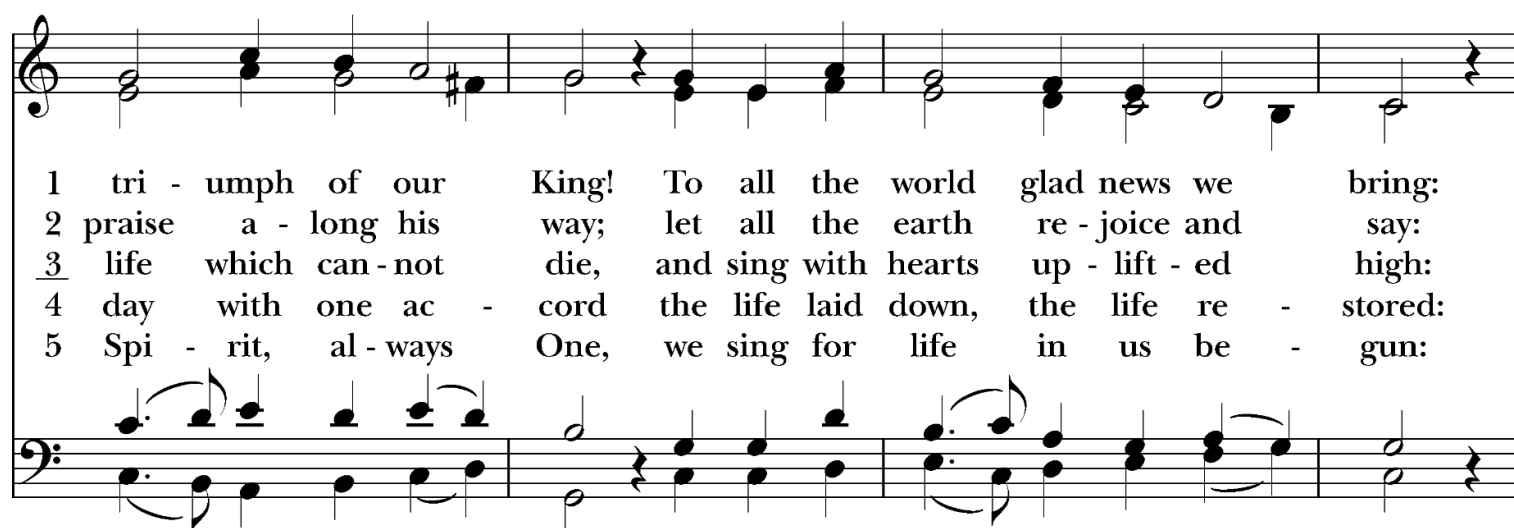
1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Hymn 205



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

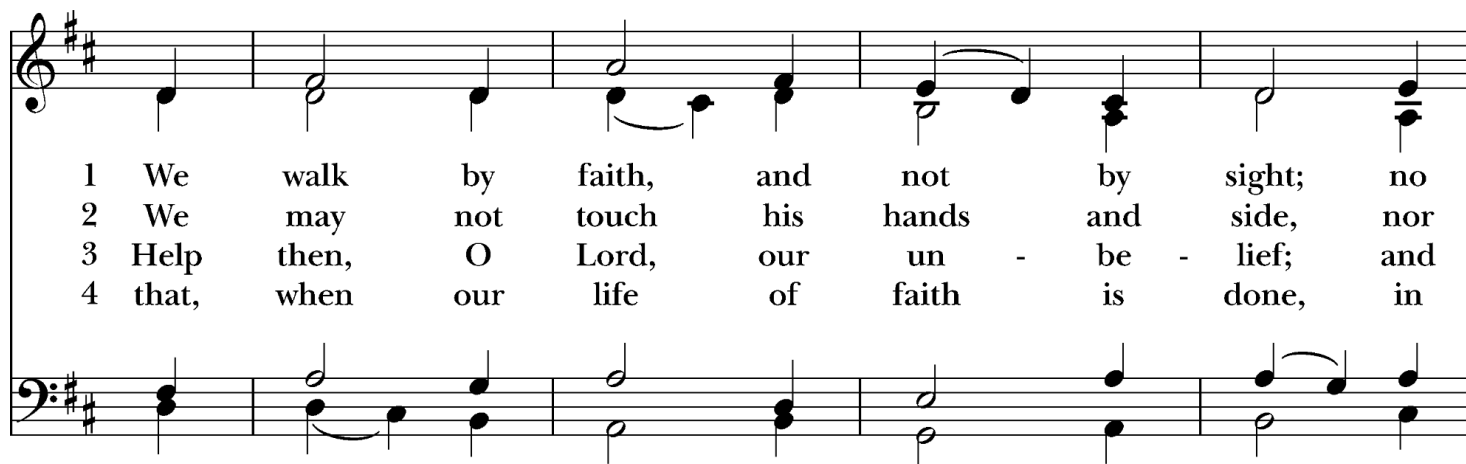


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

Dismissal Hymn 209



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.



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