

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 1, 2018

11:00AM - TWICHELL AUDITORIUM, CONVERSE COLLEGE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

The Resurrection
of the Lord (or
Easter Sunday) is
the center of the
Christian year.
On this occasion
the church
joyfully proclaims
the good news
that is at the
very heart of
the gospel: that
Jesus Christ is
risen from the
dead.

Please sign and
pass the Ministry
of Friendship
Pad, note the
names of those
around you,
and greet one
another after
worship.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
One: This is the good news by which we are saved:
All: On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.
One: Christós Anésti!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: ¡Cristo ha resucitado!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: Yesu asore!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: Christus ist auferstanden!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: Let us worship God!

† HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel: the tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave! That which has been dead is alive! No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God! I announce to you this day that our sins are forgiven!
All: Alleluia! Amen!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 248, VERSE 1

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you! Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
All: and also with you.
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Eleanor Daley

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:11-18

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Jeremy Bankson

SERMON

And the Body was Gone!

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

All children are invited to the front of the auditorium during The Word for Children. Afterwards, they will return to their seats.

Parents: Please feel free to accompany your child, if you think they will need help finding you when returning to sit with you.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

† EASTER LITANY

One: Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. For your victory, we worship you:

All: Praise to you O Christ.

One: Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. For your victory, we worship you:

All: Praise to you O Christ.

One: Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

One: O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your church, and ruler of the universe. By your goodness we pray:

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

One: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Today's Easter Litany has been adapted from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUDEN

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 238

This hymn perfectly displays the glory and brilliance of Christ's resurrection. The first stanza discusses the power of the resurrection, the second verse tells Christ's people to shed their doubt now that Christ has conquered the grave, the third verse tells us to quench our fear now that the Prince of peace reigns. The powerful lyrics and the universally-liked tune no doubt led to the hymns' enormous popularity.

† HYMN 238

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

G. F. Handel

*Hallelujah,
for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
and He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Hallelujah!*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata for Organ

John Weaver

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Chancel Choir

Many thanks to today's instrumentalists: Thomas Cotter and Matthew Gill, trumpet; Kaci Cotter, horn; Jeff Kuntz and John McAllister, trombone; Matt McDaniel, timpani and percussion.

Easter Flower Memorial Booklets are available today at Twichell and at the church office this week.

Large-print bulletins and large-print Bibles are available from the ushers upon request.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, April 1	Joshua 1-3 / Psalm 37
Monday, April 2	Joshua 4-5 / Romans 10
Tuesday, April 3	Joshua 6-7 / Romans 11
Wednesday, April 4	Joshua 8-9 / Romans 12
Thursday, April 5	Joshua 10-11 / Psalm 38
Friday, April 6	Joshua 12-15 / Romans 13
Saturday, April 7	Joshua 16-19 / Romans 14

LIFE @ FIRST

APRIL 1, 2018

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Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

SIGN UP FOR DIRECTORY APPT

We need you to make our new Pictorial Directory complete! **Additional** photography sessions are now available.

Sign up Online (see the event on the church homepage), or contact Didi Terry in the Church Office.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 4

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Lima Beans, Bread, Dessert.* Dinner costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - with a limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. **Dinner Reservations** need to be made prior to noon on Monday.

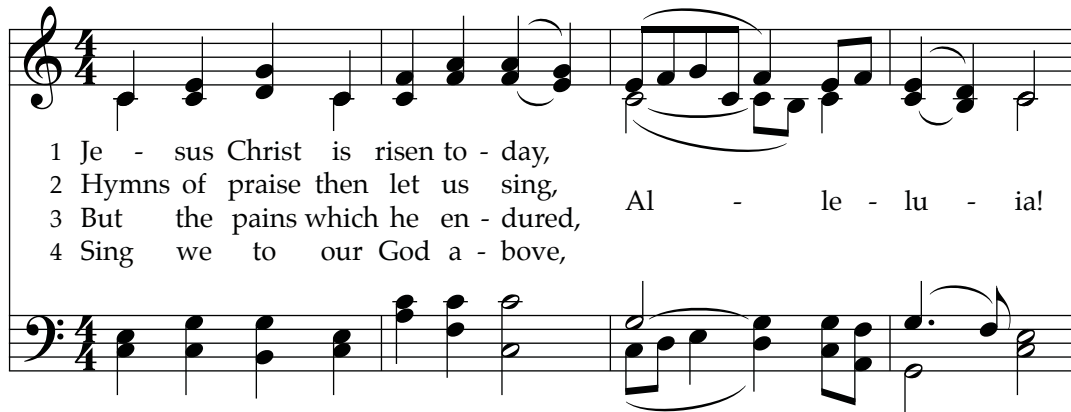
CRC (Christian Recreation for Children) starts at 6:15pm in the Activity Room.

Sit 'n Stitch: Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF dinner calories on the walking track.

FPC - A Closer Look: 6:30pm. Winnie Walsh, Elder and Church Archivist, will present a closer look at the FPC Campus, including both historical and current photographs.

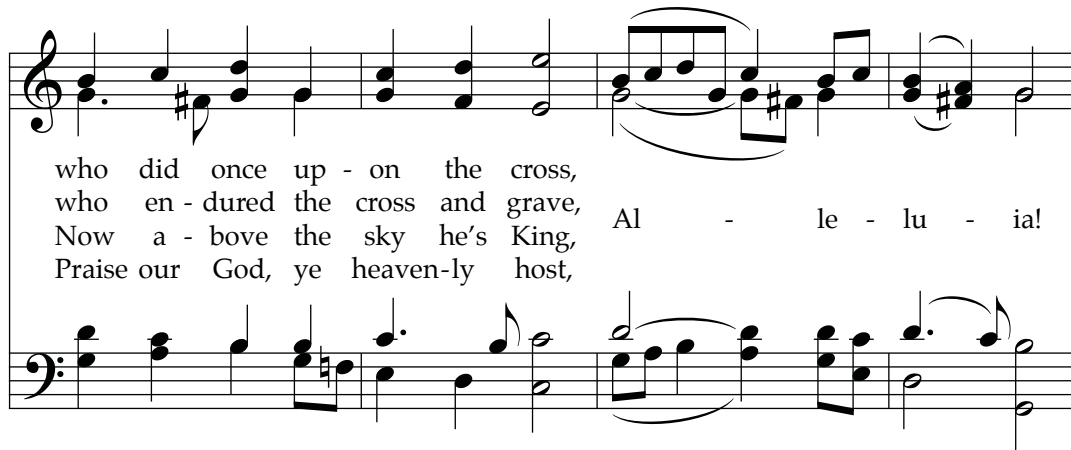
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



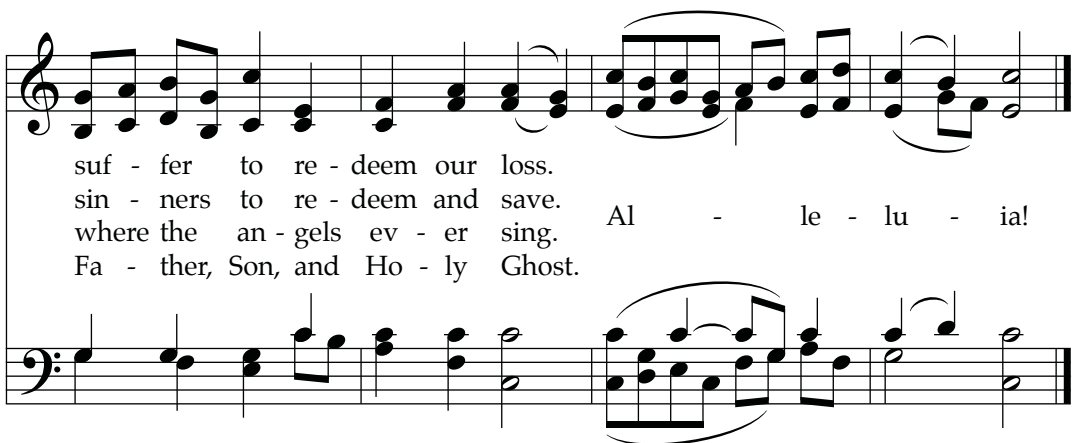
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King,
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured. Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

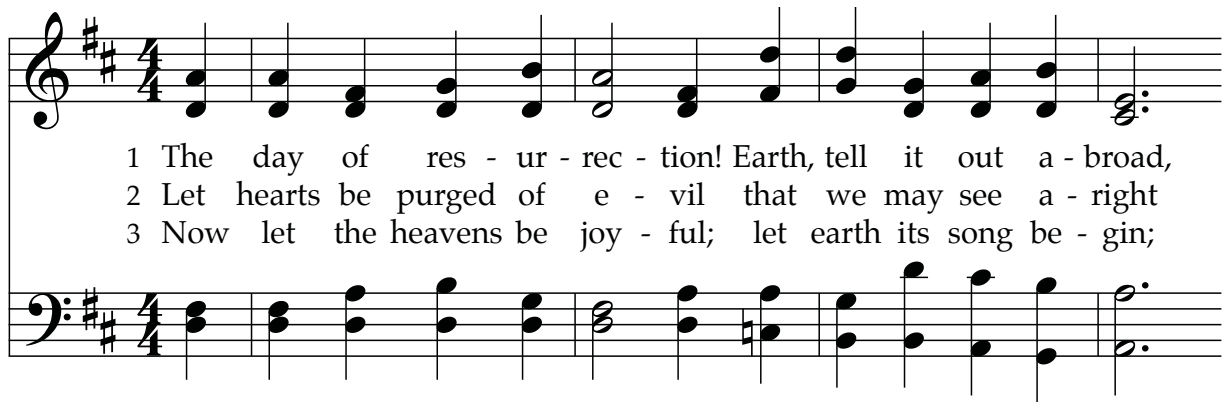


who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave,
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

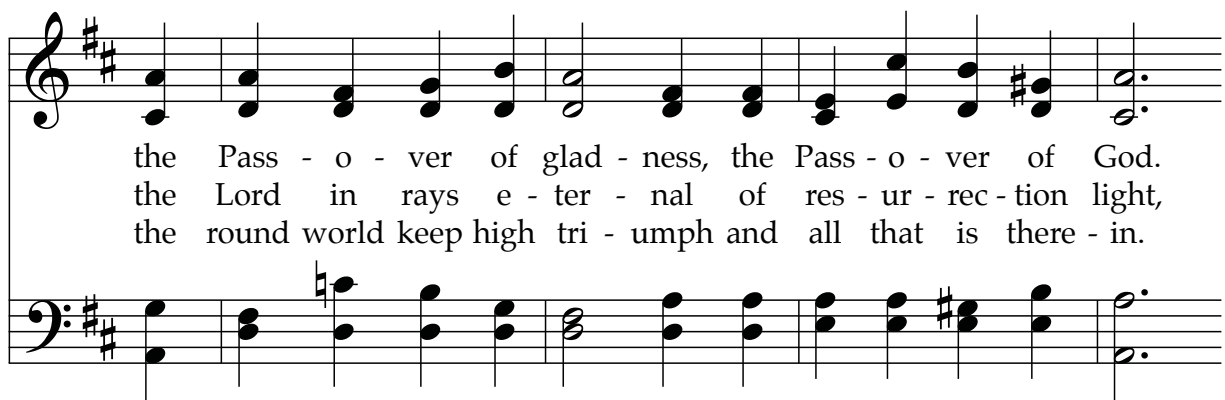


suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

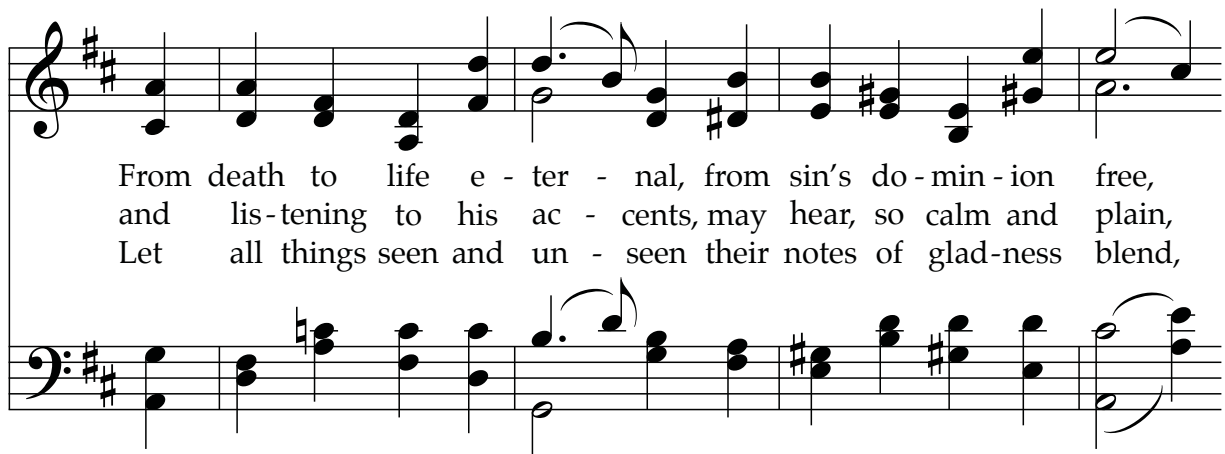
233 The Day of Resurrection!



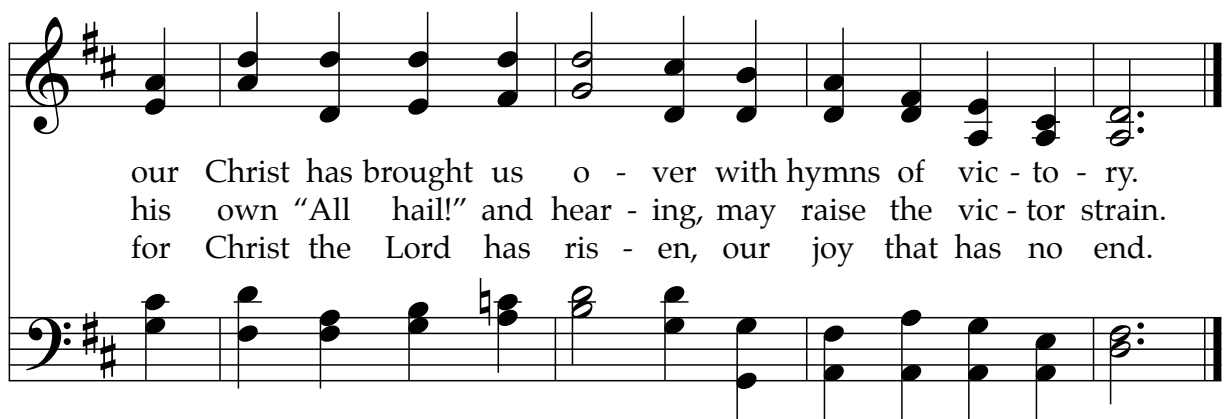
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

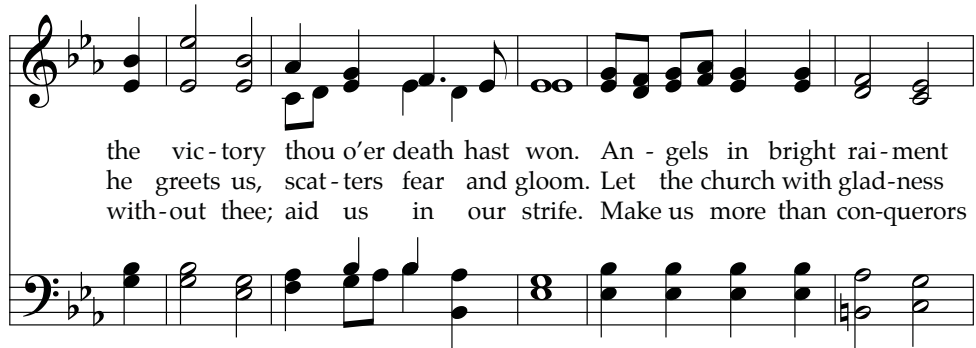


our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

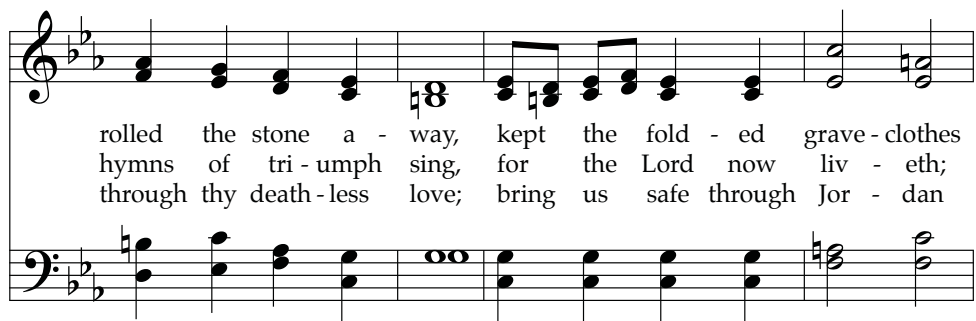
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

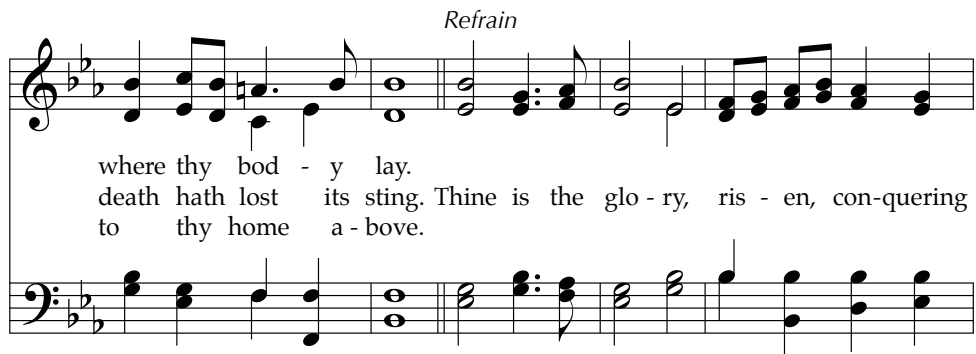


the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.