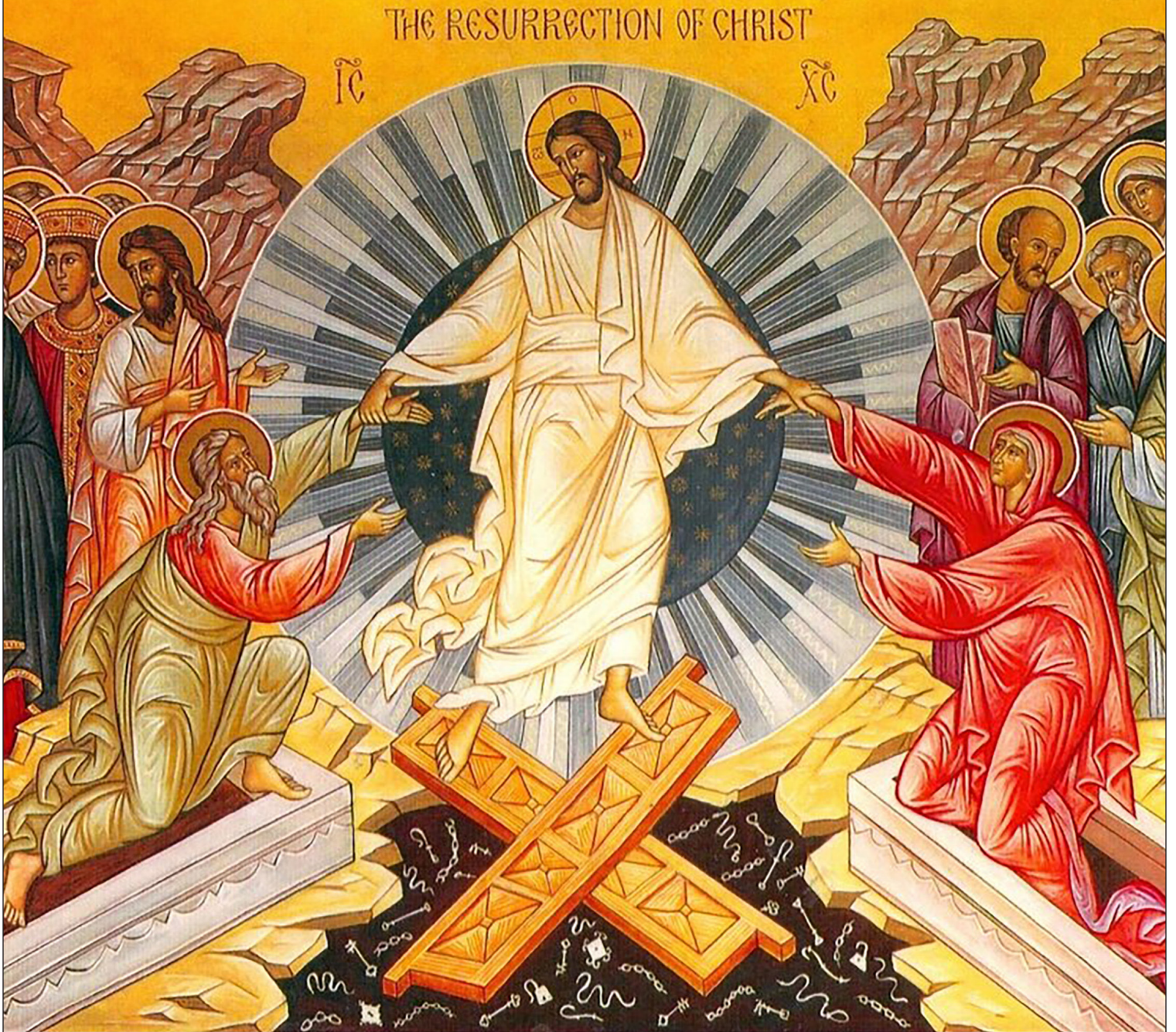


# EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026 - 8:30 AND 10AM

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



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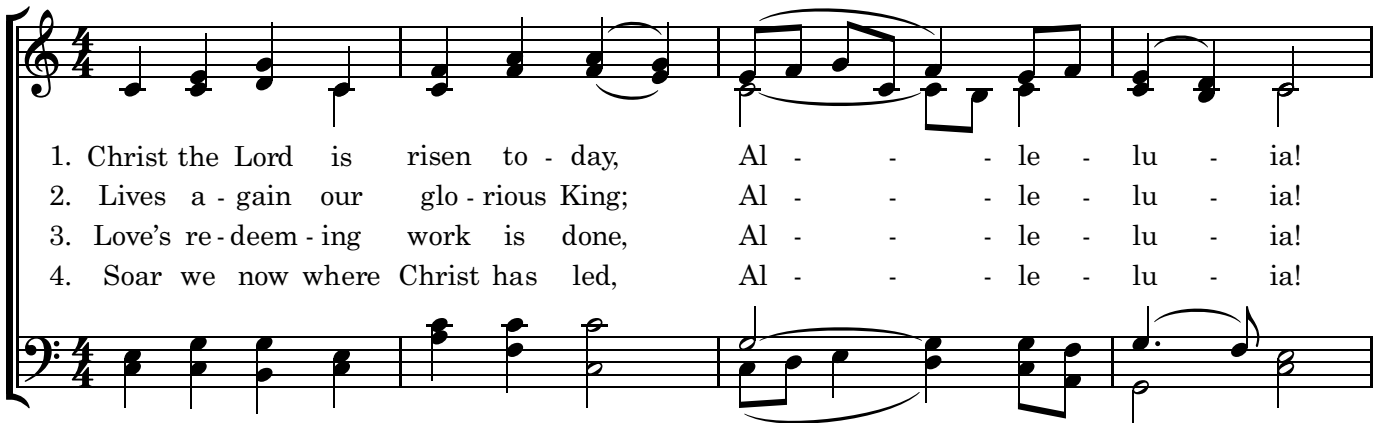
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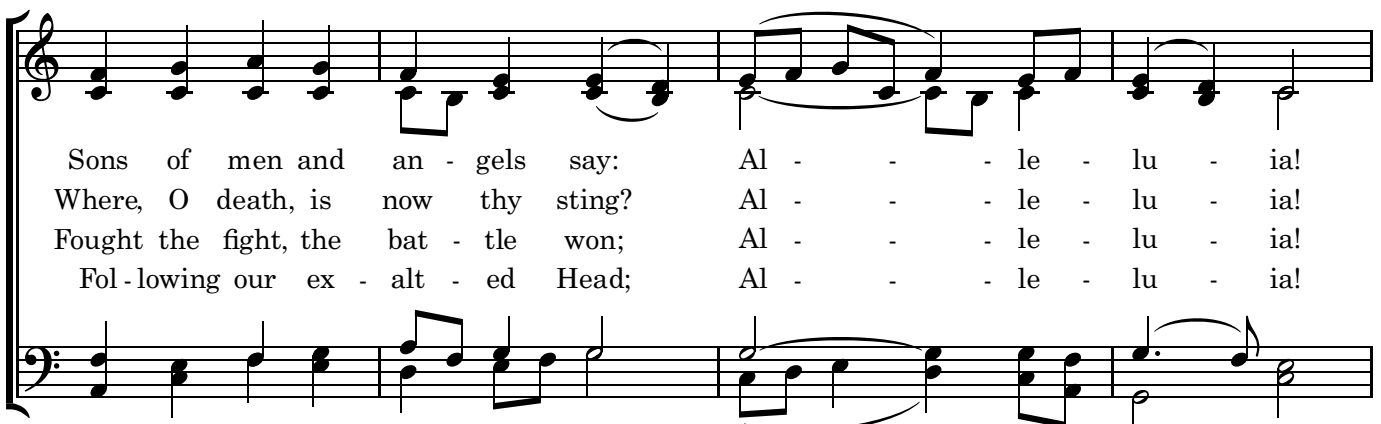
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# Christ the Lord is risen today

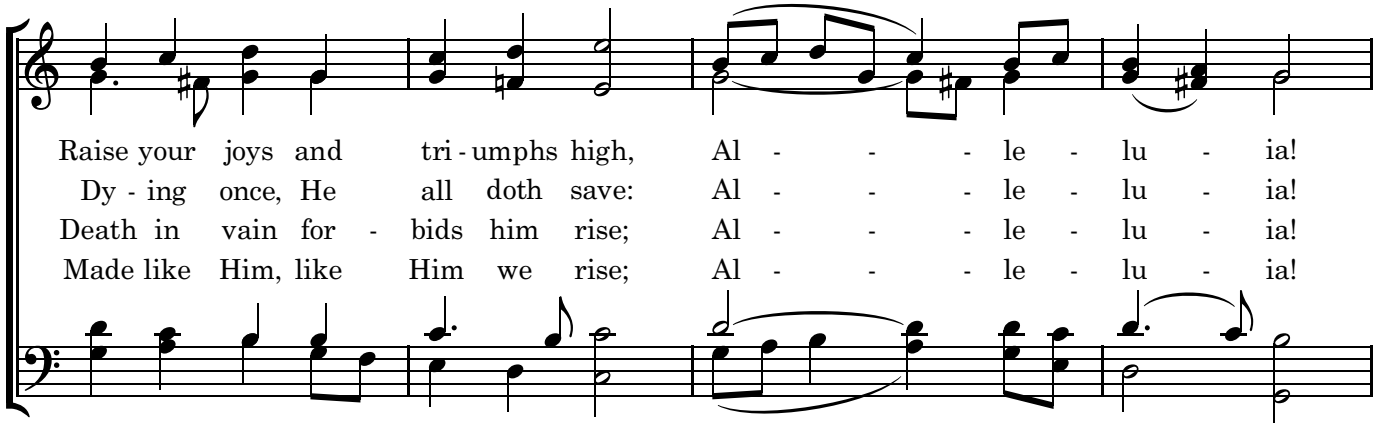
Easter hymn



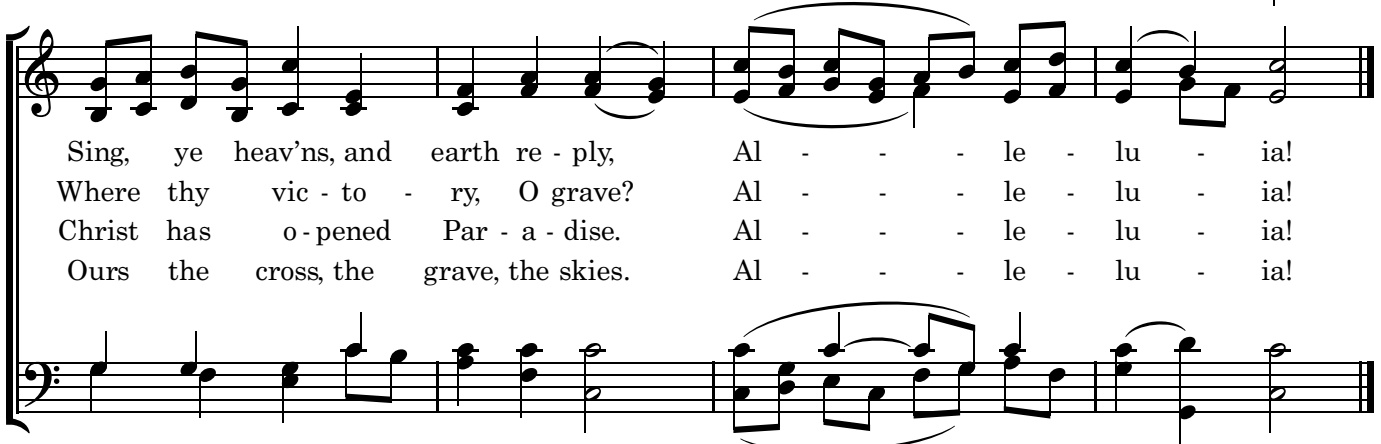
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Dy - ing once, He all doth save: Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth re - ply, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Steve Schibsted

**Words of Christian Greeting**

**Prelude**

**\*Church Bell** (\*The congregation is invited to stand)

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: God of joy and life and promise,  
**People: We come to you this day to celebrate the renewal of life in the joys of this Easter season.**

Liturgist: May that joy fill all our days,  
**People: And may the resurrection of Christ inspire us to work for love and peace.**

Liturgist: May we be renewed in our time with you and with one another today!  
**All: As we worship you in spirit and in truth.**

**\*Hymn** Christ the Lord is risen today *Easter hymn*

**\*Prayer of Confession** Dr. Don Ashburn

Great God and Lord of life, sometimes it is so hard to believe. We find ourselves like the disciple Thomas, who needed to see the risen Jesus clearly and fully with his own eyes. Sometimes it is hard to believe that the resurrection of Christ really happened. So, forgive our doubt and slowness of heart. Help us to believe! Help us to renew our faith in the great power of Easter. And may that transform us body, mind and spirit to serve you and all your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Choral Response and Words of Assurance**

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain;  
Love lives again that with the dead has been.  
Fields of our hearts renewed in love like wheat that springeth green.*  
—music by Sylvia Sudat

**Scripture Reading** **Luke 24:1-8** Dr. Ashburn

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with 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; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.

**Anthem***Great day*  
**Chancel Choir**arr. Warren Martin  
(1916-1982)

Great day, the righteous marching, God's going to build up Zions walls.  
 We want no cowards in our band, we call for valiant-hearted men. *Great day...*  
 Chariot rode on the mountain top, my God spoke and the chariot did stop. *Great day...*  
 This is the day of Jubilee, the Lord has set his people free. *Great day...*

*-Traditional American spiritual***Scripture Reading****John 21:15-19**

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

**Sermon****CHANGED LIVES**  
Rev. Dr. Steve Schibsted**\*Hymn** (see *NEXT* page)

Crown him with many crowns

*Diademata***Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Dr. Ashburn

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 for ever. Amen.

**Offertory***O clap your hands*  
**Chancel Choir**

Stephen Main

**Owen Miyoshi and Tyler Graves, trumpets, Erika Miras, horn**  
**Becca Burrington and Todd Weinman, trombones**  
**Norman Peck, Don Baker and Sean Arietta, percussion**  
**John Wilson, organ, Kymry Esainko, piano**

O clap your hands all ye people. Shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is great in majesty; he is a great King over all the earth.

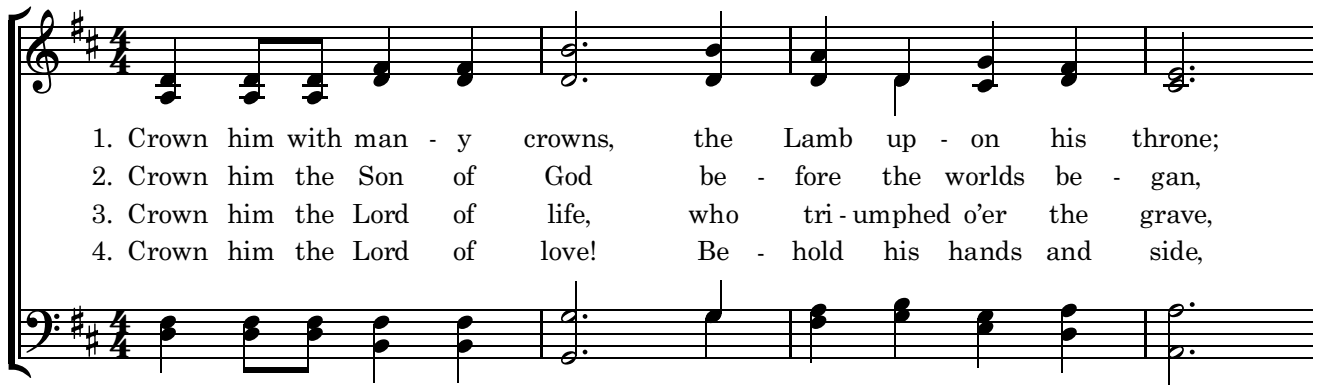
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the nations; God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

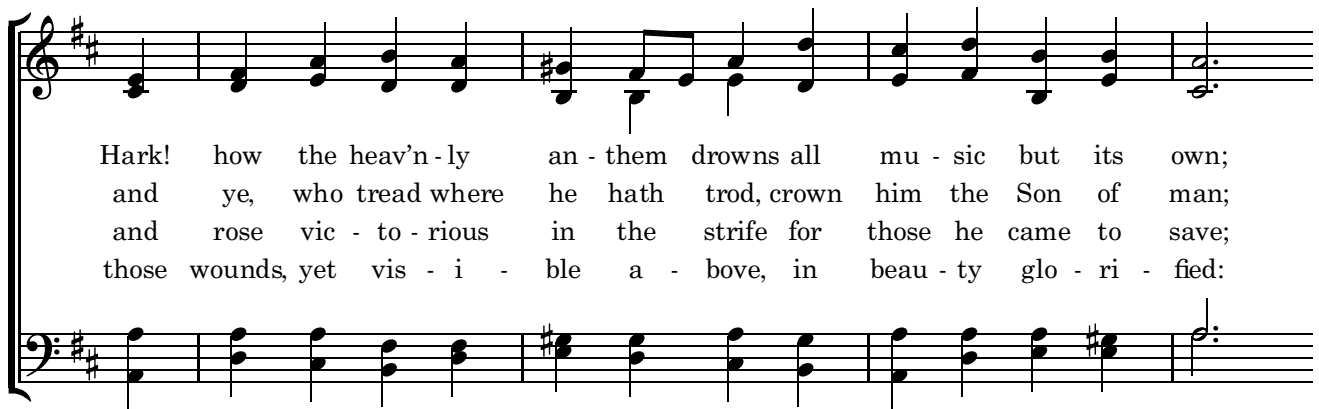
*-Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8*

# Crown him with many crowns

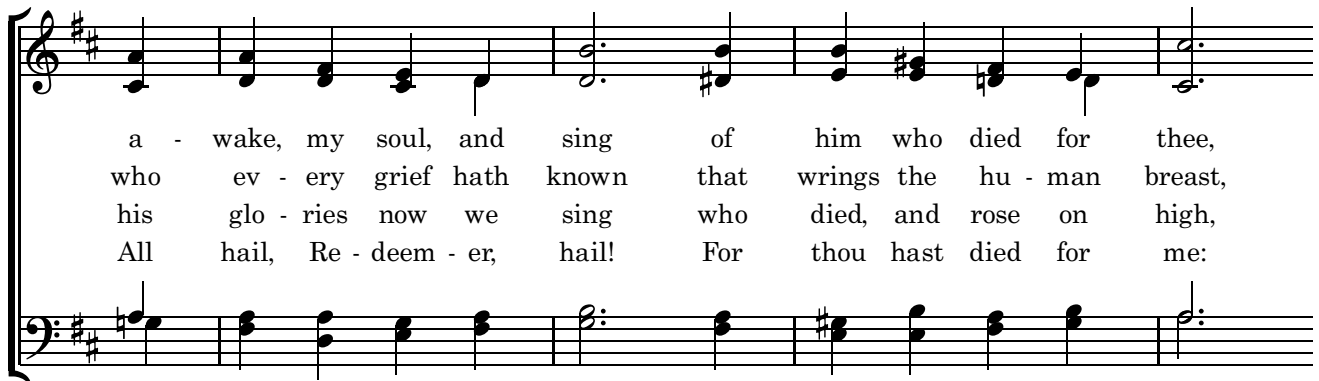
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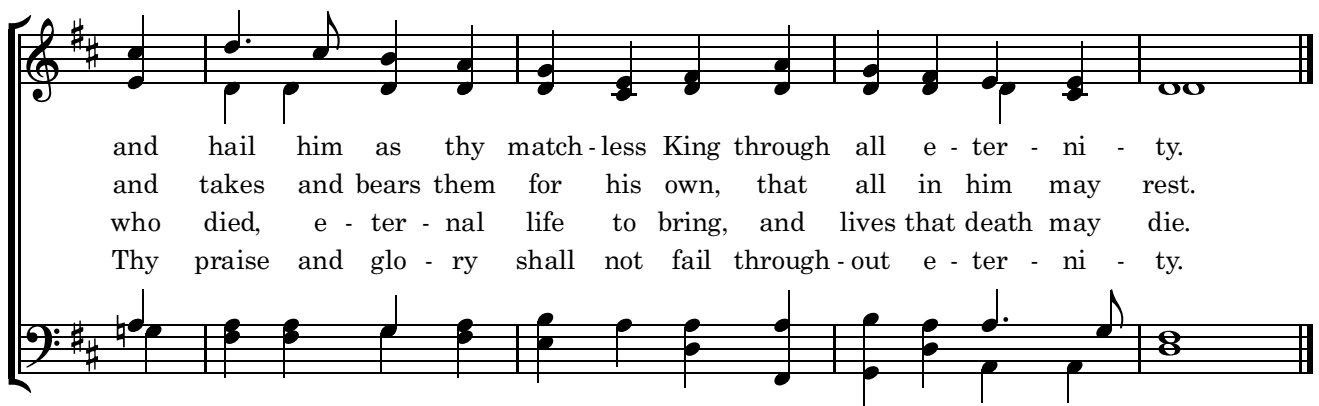
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2. Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan,  
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
4. Crown him the Lord of love! Be - hold his hands and side,



Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own;  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;  
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
who ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast,  
his glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
Thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

**\*Doxology**

(Hymnal, p. 572)

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. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Dr. Ashburn

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you reign among us and within us. So, transform these gifts we give to bring about your realm of peace on this earth. Bless them. Bless us. And send us out from this time of worship to bless the world – to be your channels of peace and care, especially to those who are in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**\*The Hallelujah Chorus**

G. F. Händel

*(The congregation is invited to rise and join the choir in singing)*

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.

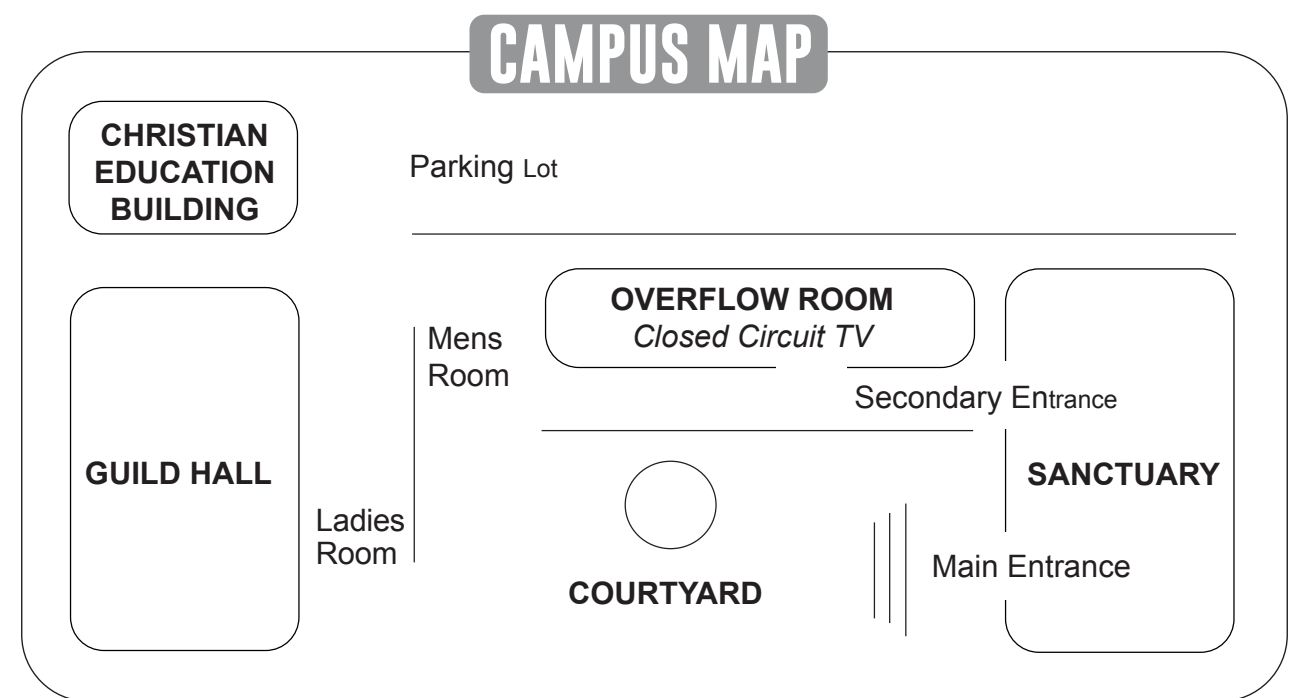
**\*Commission and Benediction**

Dr. Schibsted

**Voluntary**

*Improvisation*

*Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship in the Courtyard*



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