



Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY / SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 / 10 AM



Rooted in Love, Lighting the Way
Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home!

Please silence your cell phones.

*Indicates all who are able may stand

GATHER

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Help me, dear Lord, to see my brother with the eyes of Christ, to hear my sister with the ears of Christ, to taste my neighbor's hunger with the mouth of Christ, to smell creation's beauty with the nose of Christ, to touch the world's pain with the hands of Christ, and to love life, each life, every life, with the heart of Christ. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

One: The Lord is risen!
Many: **He is risen indeed!**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Sing Out With Joy Mark Patterson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather here today, All-Living God, because we can be nowhere else.
Many: **We must praise you for your mighty works and commit ourselves to your eternal purposes. May we give ourselves more fully to living out the truth of the resurrection, not only on Easter, but every day of our lives, even into the life everlasting.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

"Your procession has come into view, O God, the procession of my God and my King into the sanctuary. In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them are ones playing tambourines... there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: **Almighty God, we give you thanks that on this grand day of days you resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead. You thereby defeated death and established your reign over all things, including sin and death.**

We confess that we continue to live in fear, and doubt or even deny the very grace you've given us. Grant us courage and grace

to celebrate your resurrection victory so that we might see your power made real in our world. While we may doubt, deny or forsake you, your ever-present grace surrounds us and keeps us together.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love is deeper than the deepest ocean and higher than the sky!
 Many: **We have confidence today because this God who makes resurrection possible is the same God who loves us into life and calls us into service. These are words we can trust: in Jesus Christ we all are forgiven! Alleluia!**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus my Sa - vior, Wait - ing the
co-ming day, Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave He a-rose, With a
might - y tri - umph o'er His foes; He a-rose a vic - tor from the
dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a-
rose! He a-rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

Children's Choir & Festival Choir

At the conclusion, we look forward to welcoming all children through 8th grade to the nursery or their Sunday school classes, as the congregation prepares to hear the sermon.

PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO THE OFFERING

We invite you to make an online donation or by placing a check or cash in the collection plate. Envelopes are available in the pews for specified giving. The gray envelopes are for our Roots & Rays Fund, which goes to creative outreach projects in the community.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Laudate Dominum

Mozart

*Praise the Lord, all you nations and all you peoples!
His mercy is upon us and the Lord's truth remains forever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, and is now, always, and forever.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

Halftime

Rev. Dr. Phillips

SEND

*HYMN 238

Thine is the Glory

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Marcello



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Elyse Blaier, Children's Choir & Festival Choir, *Music Ministry*
Zimo Liu, *Trumpet*; Ben Andrews, *Timpani*; Deena Andrews, *Violin*

Mark Cozine, *Usher*
Steve Armstrong, Christine Fischer, John Gast, Barbara Sowden, *Greeters*

Join us outside near the Memory Garden for refreshments, fellowship
and the flowering of the Cross following the postlude.

The artwork featured on the front of the bulletin is titled "The Empty Tomb"
by watercolorist Jennifer Greene ([https://render.fineartamerica.com/images/
rendered/social-media/6703665?domainId=1](https://render.fineartamerica.com/images/rendered/social-media/6703665?domainId=1)) (2009).

Through a series of in-person messages, devotionals, and worship opportunities,
we hope to keep you connected to—and nurtured by—the Red Clay Creek
Presbyterian Church community. Make sure you're signed up for our Thursday
eNews, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. Visit www.rccpc.org.





The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary today are given:

In Loving Memory Of:

Bill & Doris Green

Bill Keay

Bob & Thelma Smee

David L. Tintle, Sr., my brother

Dollyne Schork Bohn

Doris & George Price

Doris R.K & Bill Green

Dot Archer

Fraser Bouck

Frederick R. Meyer

George & Rosemary Sausen

Glenn, Nancy and Robert Geshner

Grover Hale

Harry Meyer

Helen Sedita

Henry & Mary Fleury

Herbert & Elizabeth Freed

Jack & Leona Hedden

Jack Robert Bulk

Jim Pando

Joanne S. Davis

Joe Tronto, father of Greg Tronto

From:

Their Family

Peggy K. Germain

Keith & Carolyn Fleury

Lynette T. Gravatt

Paul Jann & Suzanne Courter-Jann

Nancy, John, Emily and Evan Hanke
& Price Family

Their Family

Lisa Nichols

Beryl Bouck

Kate & Bob Davis

Steve & MaryCay

Carolyn Geshner Diehl

Sharon Meyer

Sharon Meyer

Sedita Family

Keith & Carolyn Fleury

Diane Freed

Paul & Marie Bazzoli

The Wood Family

Blanche Pando

Kate & Bob Davis

Karen & Greg Tronto

In Loving Memory Of:

Joseph & Dorothy Jann

Judy, Kathleen, Michael, Richard &
Eileen Diehl

Kenny Haggerty

Kyle Anderson, cousin of Karen

Leon L. Thompson

Leonard Nowak

Linda Kocher

Loved Ones

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Lynn & Darden Rodden

Marc Klair

Margaret K. Kissell

My brother, Hart Rufe

My brother, John

My cousin, Henry Eby Herr

My Mom, Melissa Spencer

My parents and brother

My parents, Jean & Ray Nichols

My parents, Richard & Edith Clement

Our Daughter, Melissa Spencer

Our Loved Ones

Our Parents

Our Parents

From:

Paul Jann & Suzanne Courter-Jann

Carolyn & Robert Diehl

The Haggerty Family

Karen & Greg Tronto

Arlene Thompson

Paul Jann & Suzanne Courter-Jann

Her Family

The Galinat Family

Tosh & Norm Carlson

Rev. Emily Schwenker

Rodden Caldas Family

The Klair Family

The Brown and Kissell Families

Bob Rufe

Holly Martinez

Jane Wood

Noah

Vicki Smith

Lisa Nichols

Marcia Kelly

Bruce & Jane Spencer

Mim & Ray Krout

Beth & Everett Fitzgerald

Dave & Jane Conly



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In Loving Memory Of:

Our parents, Betty & Harold Behringer

Our parents, George & Opie Cottrell and
John & Elizabeth Taylor

Our parents, Maxine & Lawrance Furbush

Pamela Leonhard

Parents, Vance & Eleanor Ross

Paul Weldin

Richard & Barbara Klair

Richard B. Frieze

Robert J. Gravatt, Jr., my son

Roger McClellan

Steve & Virginia Armstrong

Steven Yamazaki

Tom & Pat Bazzoli

William Courter & Eleanore Courter
Snyder

From:

Betty & Al Behringer

Jon & Ginnie Cottrell

Betty & Al Behringer

Allen Leonhard

Steve Ross

Mary Jane Weldin

The Klair Family

Barb Vanderkraats & Nancy Moul

Lynette T. Gravatt

Joyce, Pam, Heather, Stephanie and Lily

Their Family

Gail Bouck-Yamazaki

Paul & Marie Bazzoli

Paul Jann & Suzanne Courter-Jann

In Honor Of:

Baptism & confirmation of granddaughter,
Madison Elizabeth Yarborough

Bill Scott

Grandchildren - Andrew & Emma Lynn

Grandchildren - Reagan, Logan &
Emma Rose

Grandsons, Ean & Brayden

My wonderful grandson, Dominic

Uncle Bob & Uncle Ron

Virgil & Frances Irick

From:

Barb Vanderkraats

Judy Scott

John & Susan Welsh

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Barb Vanderkraats

Nancy Colvard

Holly Martinez

Sonny Irick

To the Glory of God, From:

Ann Thomas

Barbara Fox

Brandon & Diane Wallace

Ellen Hinrichs

Lisa Nichols

Lorraine & Richard Gilmore

Mary & Dave Young

Rev. Emily Schwenker

Shirley Tielleman

The Galinat Family

The Gast Family



Red Clay Creek Presbyterian invites you to
its *Signature Services & Events* during the coming year.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — May 18th, 2025 | 10AM

Kirk is the Scottish word for church, so a church celebration and blessing of the tartans in our Presbyterian church honors both local and church heritage since it was the Scots who brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC — June 1st, 2025 | 10AM

Join us in the back meadow for worship and our annual picnic.

SUMMER ARTS CAMPS — JULY 2025 | 9AM-12PM

- ◆ Instrumental Music | July 7-11 | Completed 4th Grade and Up
- ◆ General Arts | July 14-18 | Completed K-5th Grade
- ◆ TV & Film | July 21-25 | Completed K-8th Grade

HOMEcoming SUNDAY — September 7th, 2025 | 10AM

We mark our return to regular church programming with the start of our fall sermon series and Sunday School kick off.

FALL CELEBRATION SUNDAY — October 26th, 2025 | 10AM

A joyous worship service where we give Bibles to our 3rd graders and dedicate our pledges, followed by outdoor trunk-or-treat and a flag football game.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY — November 16th, 2025 | 10AM

We give thanks for God's many blessings and our rich history of over 300 years.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2025

ROOTS AND RAYS SERVICE CHALLENGE 2026

A month-long service effort each year, that directs our intention to the needs of our community.

HOLY WEEK 2026

- ◆ Maundy Thursday — April 2nd | 7PM
- ◆ Good Friday — April 3rd | 12PM
- ◆ Easter Sunday — April 5th | 10AM

WELCOME TO RED CLAY

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.
Restrooms are available. Just ask!

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home! Rooted in God's abiding love for all, our church is lighting the way for friendship, compassion, and service. Please join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall after service, and stop by the welcome cart by the front entrance to learn more about our community. We hope you will worship with us again soon! If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Red Clay, it's time to think about membership! Contact Elder Karen Vordemberge at kvordemberge@gmail.com.

Here at Red Clay, we have numerous groups that are open and that welcome newcomers, including, e.g., Quilters, Crafters, "Friends and Fellowship" free luncheon for seniors, Bible study, ROMEOs ("Retired Old Men Eating Out"), Centering Prayer, "The Arcaders" social group for GenX and Millennials, Theology 101 with Pastor Nate, and Pickleball. Details can be found at www.rccpc.org!

Children: Nursery care is available from 9:45AM through the conclusion of worship in Room 305 (just down the hallway from the sanctuary). After the Children's Moment, Pre-K - 2nd grade will adjourn to Room 303 and Grades 3-8 will adjourn to Room 202/204.

UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

April 22 from 2-8 PM: OPEN GYM!!!

Kids are invited to come play in Founder's Hall from 2 pm until 8 pm on Tuesday, April 22 in Founders Hall as we open the ball closet and have fun with hula hoops, jump ropes, gaga ball, etc. Dinner will be served. An adult must stay.

RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN — MINISTERS, STAFF & CHAIRS

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, *Senior Pastor/Head of Staff*
Rev. Emily Schwenker, *Parish Associate* ❖ Rev. Dr. Philip Jones, *Parish Associate*

Jeffrey Miller, *Director of Music*
Deena Andrews, *Director of Children's Choir*
Lisa Nichols, *Bell Choir Director*

Rachele Gilmore, *Director of Community Life* ❖ Ben Andrews, *Director of Christian Formation*
Jamie Russell, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Barbara Vanderkraats, *Pastoral Care Coordinator*
Judy Lozier, *Nursery Director* ❖ Shelby Beattie, *Sunday School Teacher* ❖ Sofia Martin, *Nursery Support*
Quiara Smith, *Sunday School Support*

Julie Reeder, *Office Coordinator* ❖ Dinyar Vania, *Facilities Manager*
Kelley Norton, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Anthony M. Condoluci-Smith, *Financial Associate*

Charlie Hannagan, *Technology Support*
A. Leonhard, S. Armstrong, K. Barton, A. Bloom, D. Howarth, J. Schubel, P. Worrell, *Livestream Production*

Nancy James, *Clerk of Session* ❖ Kathy Ciabattoni, *Deacon Moderator*
Bill Ciabattoni, *Belong Chair* ❖ Darlyn Green-Kocher, *Nurture Chair*
Linda Reisor, *Reach Chair* ❖ Lois Galinat, *Rejoice Chair*
Brandon Wallace, *Finance Chair* ❖ John Gast, *Personnel Chair*
Mark Cozine, *Home Chair* ❖ Scott McHenry, *Administration Chair*
Andrew Bloom, *Community Partners* ❖ Marcia Kelly, *Memory Garden Chair*

* For a complete list of all Session Ruling Elders and Board of Deacons members, please refer to <https://www.rccpc.org>.*

A NOTE ON THE LOGO

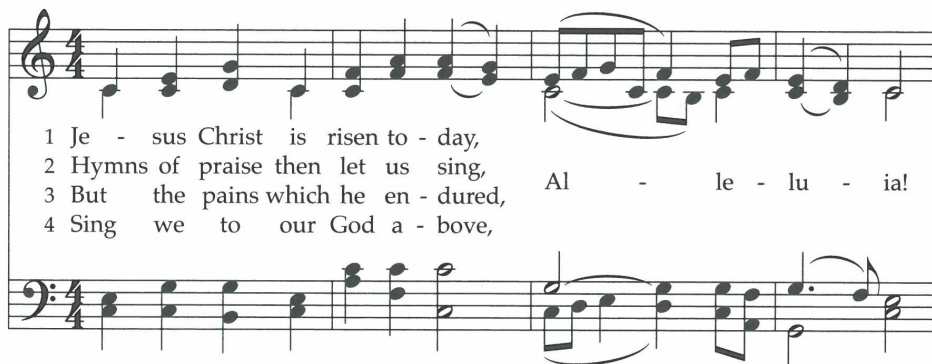
Our church has "**roots**" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope to be a sign that this kind of community can still exist. We also believe that, in order for that community to exist, we need to stay "rooted" in the Good News that God has chosen to love us - not because of who we are, but because of who God is. We call that grace.

That is where the "**rays**" come in. We hope to extend our love, and the love we know from the graciousness of God, in many ways today. This means engaging in friendships with those that Jesus would have made friends with - those that feel isolated for any number of reasons. We know we will never be perfect at that, but we will try! We are especially aware that churches have long held back from friendship with others based on age, economics, sexuality, race, disability, and the list goes on. We seek to be something different than that. There are so many stories about how Jesus entered into life-affirming friendships with those that others wouldn't. We seek to be like Jesus.

Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder of God's transformative presence.



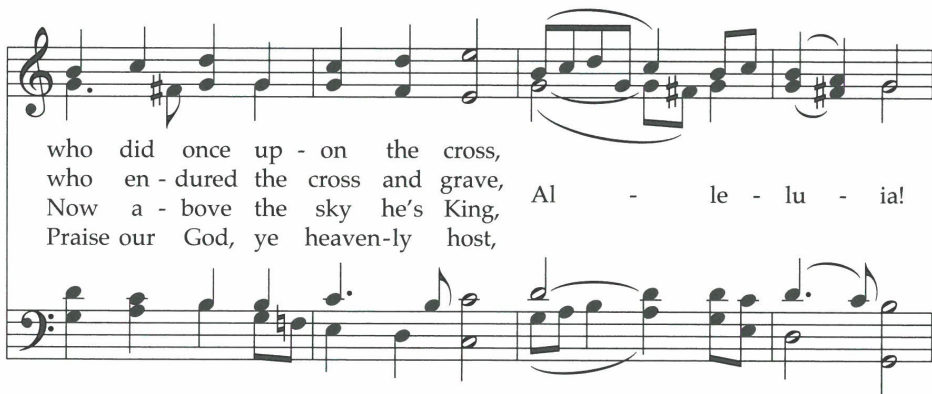
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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

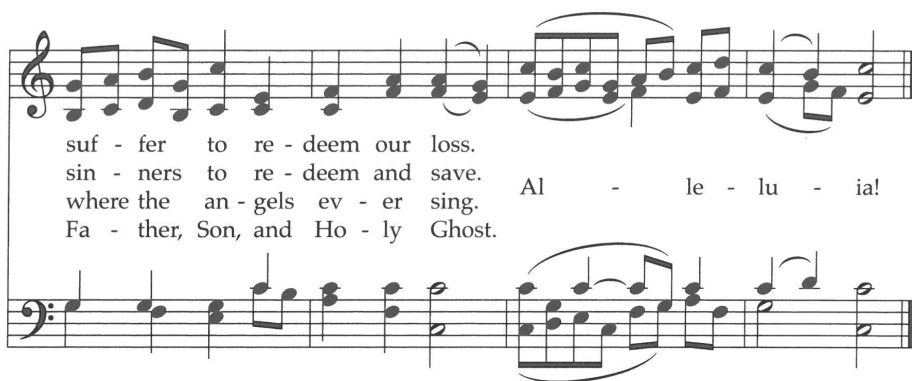


our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



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

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.



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and contains a series of chords and single notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and contains a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The lyrics are: "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." The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The music is written in a simple, sans-serif font. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

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I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) Gm (A) C



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (G) Bb (D) F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

Refrain (F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

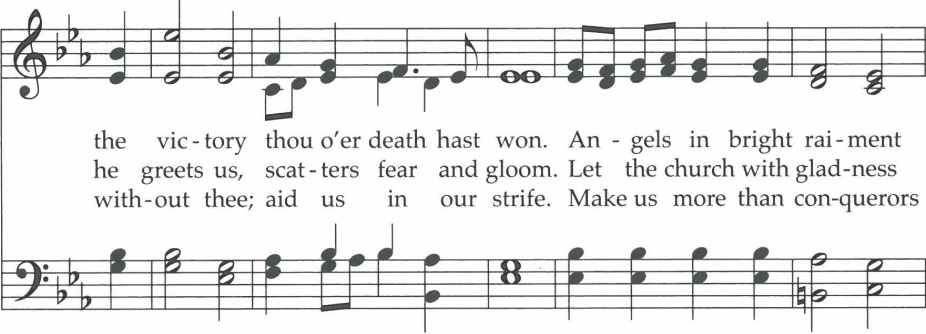
(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

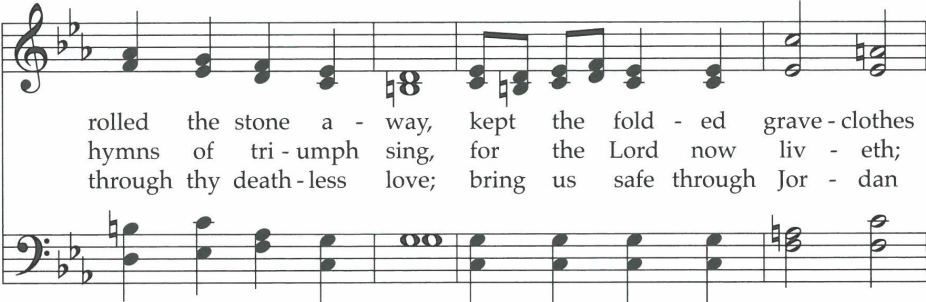
Thine Is the Glory



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

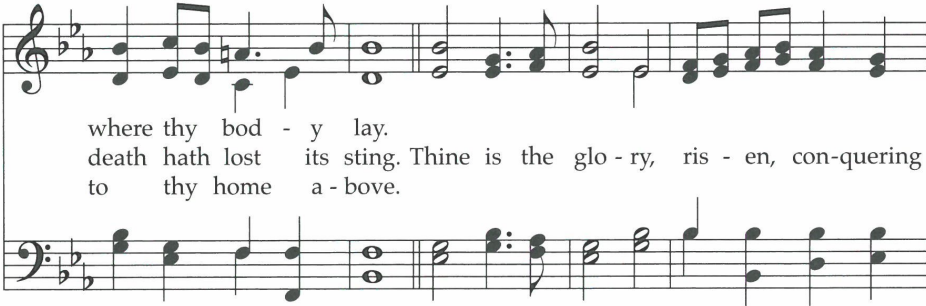


the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



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.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Josua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

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