
Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



Pantocrator, God the Son, as the Creator of the Universe, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58411>

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*‘Hallelujah!
For the Lord God
the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory.*

– Revelation 19:6b-7

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Larghetto

Ignacio Cirri (1711-1787)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND INTROIT

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Luke 1:68

ONE: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ...

ALL: ... for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

ONE: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ...

ALL: ... for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.

ONE: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ...

ALL: ... for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

*** HYMN 363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DRAW NEAR TO GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

Prince of Peace, we confess that we build barriers to protect ourselves from the hard realities of our world. We numb ourselves to gain distance from the pain and suffering we see in our neighborhood, our community, and on TV. We harden our hearts to injustice and are not as kind as we could be. Soften us, Jesus. Humble us with the compassion you exhibit from the cross. Guide us to live open and wholehearted lives as we attend to the needs of others, confident in your life-giving care for us. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Restore in Us, O God

1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;

re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

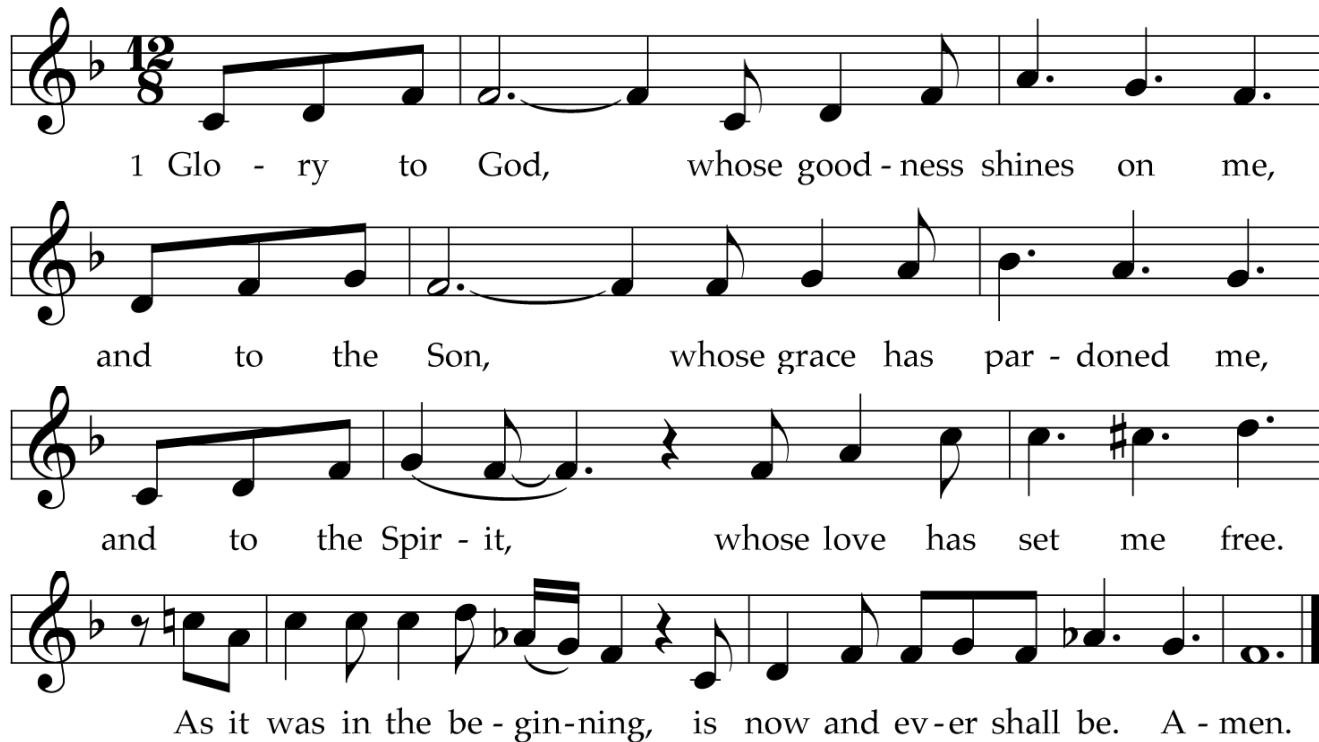
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** Please stand in body or spirit*

RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE, GRACE, AND PEACE

* SING GLORY TO GOD



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

* PASSING THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Children ages 4 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in room 59.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung twice)



1 Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.
2 Give us life; give us life; give us life, O Lord.

TEXT: Charles Vas
MUSIC: Charles Vas, alt.
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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

NT, page 58

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORD IN MUSIC

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 19:1-9, 22:17

NT, page 257

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

* HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

* RESPONSE OF FAITH

adapted from Brian McLaren

We believe that God the Father, Good Creator and giver of life, calls us to love all creation and care for it as respectful stewards, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. We believe that Jesus Christ is God come to save and lead us, who teaches us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We see Jesus in the poor, oppressed, condemned, and forgotten, and so we embrace all people with God's true compassion. We believe that by the Holy Spirit, God unites us in the eternal dance of love, empowers us diversely to serve and love, and fills us that we may overflow with grace, truth, beauty, and life as Christ's agents in this world.

CLOUD OF WITNESSES STORY

Diane Maloney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jon Wiant

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council) or other members of the congregation.

Prayer Concerns

Cameron Brown on the death of his uncle, John Drinkell

Miss Latifa, in failing health

Continued Prayers

Kris Barth, Sarah Barth, Allan Capon, Neill Ferill, Mike Hugo, Nora Long,

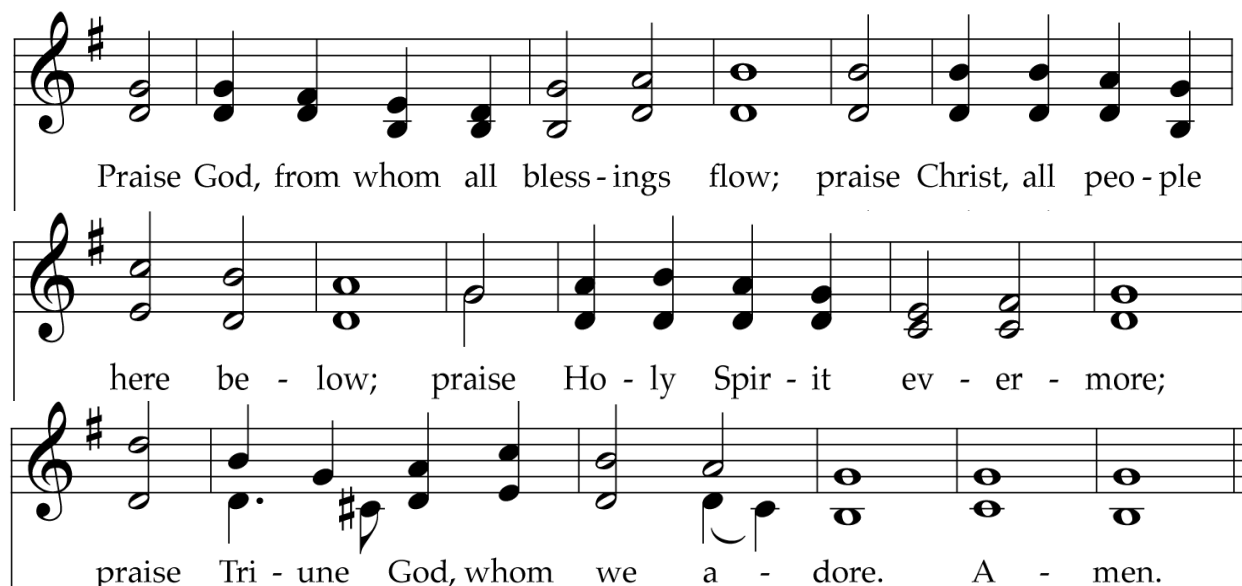
Rusty Lynn, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Sharane Patek, Cort Peret,

Dick Rowberg, Ken Waugh, Christa Young

Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors James and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

* DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

* HYMN 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

* OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Ignacio Cirri

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leaders

Diane Maloney, Jon Wiant

Usher

Jay Campbell

Audio/Video

Alex Hess

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our wonderful Chancel Choir, our Cloud of Witnesses, by Marsha and Lowell Schuyler.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please visit www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Masks in Worship

Masks are strongly recommended but no longer required in worship. Please consider those who are immune compromised or unable to be vaccinated and continue to mask up.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Child care is available for **children up to age 4 in Room 201**. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time. For children **4 years of age and older**, Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

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First Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Second Scripture Lesson

Revelation 19:1-9, 22:17

¹ After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God, ² for his judgments are true and just; he has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her prostitution, and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” ³ Once more they said, “Hallelujah! The smoke goes up from her forever and ever.”

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God all you his servants and all who fear him, small and great.” ⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready;⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

^{22:17} The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.

MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.

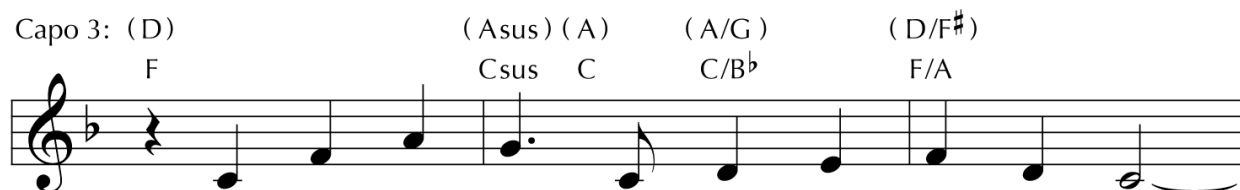
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We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

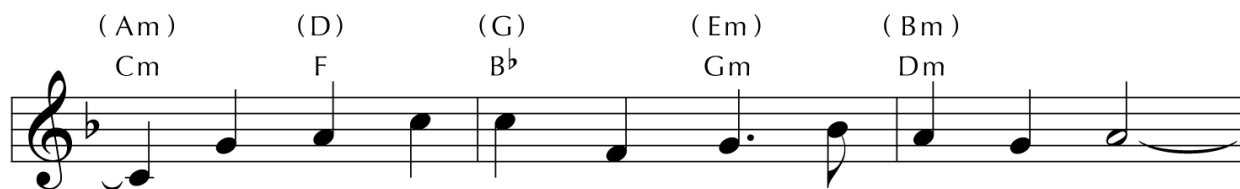
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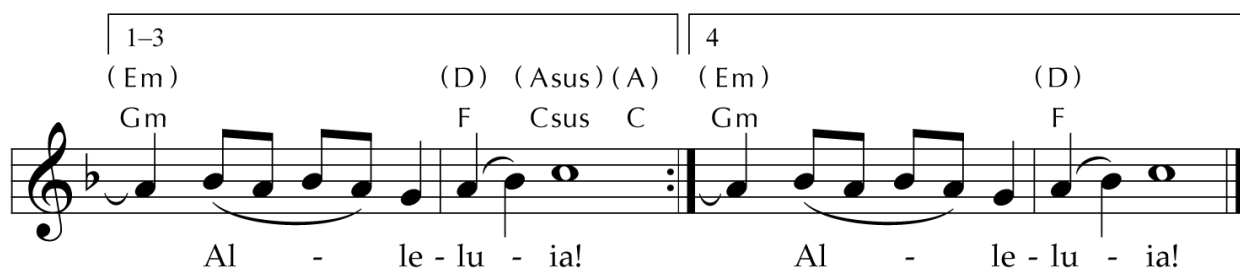
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:



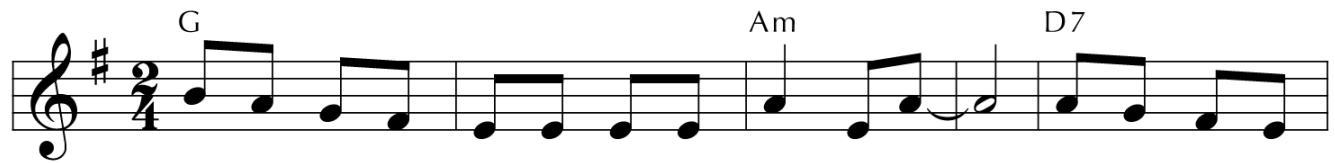
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.