



April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.

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

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

Christ the Lord is Risen Again!

Anthony Foster (1926-2012)

*He, who gave for us His life, Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal lamb today! We, too, sing for joy, and say: Alleluia!*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

ALL: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.

ONE: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

ALL: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.

ONE: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty, this is the day that the Lord has made. Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad.

*** HYMN 238**

Thine Is the Glory

** Please stand in body or spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: We are called to tell the truth. Those who are perfectly loved need not fear their shadows. When we speak what we fear and what we hope, silence cannot trap us and lies cannot hold us. Honesty, confession, and forgiveness restore us to one another. The literal words matter less than the contrite hearts who speak them. Trusting that God loves us, and we love and are loved by each other, let us pray.

ALL: Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love. Amen.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

ONE: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

* GLORY TO GOD 583

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each staff, indicating specific liturgical uses.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

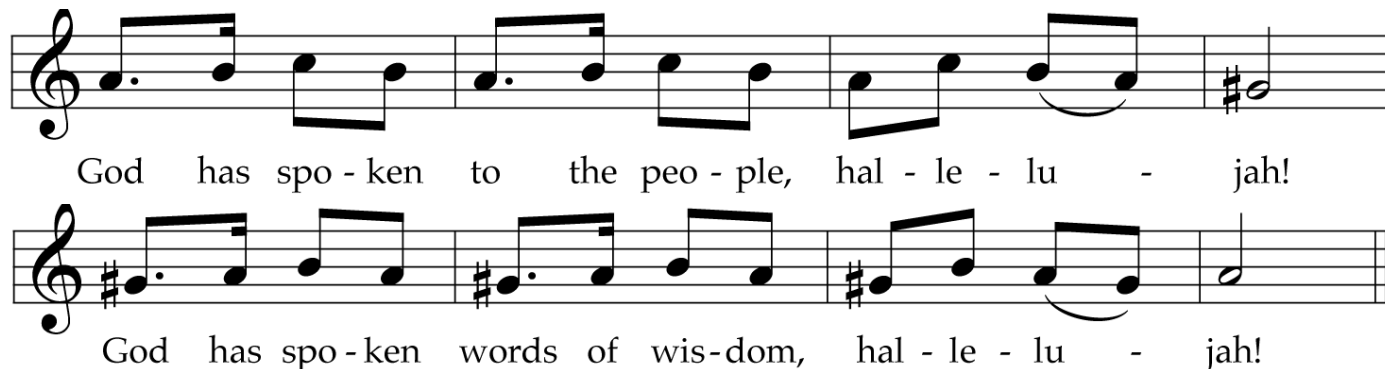
Tara Spuhler McCabe

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

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 453



TEXT: Willard F. Jabusch, 1966; rev. 1982
MUSIC: Hasidic melody; arr. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006
Text © 1966, 1982 Willard F. Jabusch (Published by OCP)
Music Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

YISRAEL V'ORAITA
9.8.9.5 with refrain

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 150 (p. 583)

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Children ages 4 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 204.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5:27-32 (p. 123)

Tara Spuhler McCabe

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"It is Hard to Hate up close. So, ..."

Tara Spuhler McCabe

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 462**

I Love to Tell the Story

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from* A Brief Statement of Faith

Megan Klose

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY

Julie Stufft

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carolyn Bruce

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 who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers:

Cynthia Hintze, sister of Carol Kercheval, with a recurrence of cancer

The family of Philip David Patten, cousin of Frank Burdette, who died April 24

The family of Judy Woods-Curran, stepmother of Allison Hoak, who died April 19

Andrea Brown, with health concerns

Charlotte McPherson, following surgery on April 24

Pastor Yena's family as they travel to South Korea

The family of Sandy Holdam, cousin of Gordon Storr, who died April 15

Bill Armstrong, Carolyn Armstrong, Margaret Beatty, Cam Brown, Avery Burns, Jay Campbell, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh, with ongoing health concerns

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal (fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Now the Green Blade Rises

Trad. French, arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

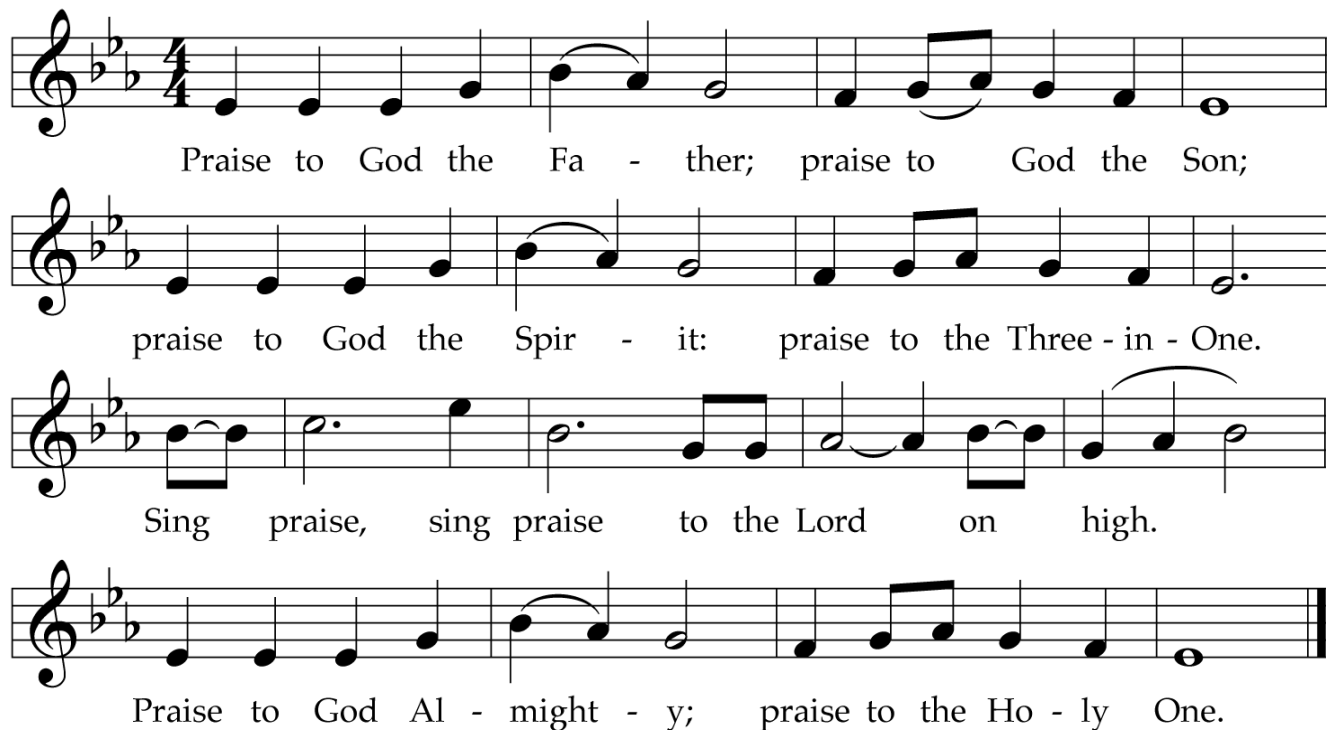
*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

* DOXOLOGY 605

Praise to God the Father



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

TEXT: Anon.
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

DA N'ASE
Irregular

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Megan Klose

God of abundance, take these gifts, which we return to you, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love. Amen.

* HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Tara Spuhler McCabe

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!

Anthony Foster (1926-2012)

Amen! Christ the Lord is risen again!

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

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Call to Worship and Prayer of Thanksgiving Liturgy by Karen Rohrer, Presbyterian Outlook

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Carolyn Bruce
Ushers	Chuck Hobbie, Carol Kercheval
Audio/Video	Alexi Hawkins
Sexton	Carolyn Bruce
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ethel Leslie in loving memory of her father, Dr. James Leslie.

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, who serves you at the National Capital Presbytery Office. Tara continues to support congregations in areas of Congregational, Community, and Missional Development.

Special thanks to Marnie Sarver for arranging the beautiful flowers which adorned the sanctuary for our Easter service.

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.

There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon.

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. **The Kids' Corner** at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color while in worship. **Children up to age 4:** Bible Fun with Mr. Tom begins at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206 on May 4 and 18. When Bible Fun is not meeting, child care is offered in Room 201. Paid nursery workers tend to our youngest disciples. **Children ages 4 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following the first scripture reading.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

The PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will be received today. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the globe by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Special offering envelopes are in the pews.

Drop & Dash Sunday today. Share the joy of Easter! Bring your donations of food and/or full-size toiletries to the cabinet in the main hallway. You can find a list of most urgent needs for the Knox Food Pantry through the link in the Friday egram.

Project 66/52. The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. More information is in the Friday egram and at fallschurchpresby.org/6652. This week's reading plan:

Sun. 4/27 1 Kings 12, 13, 14

Thu. 5/1 1 Kings 21, 22; Psalm 71

Mon. 4/28 1 Kings 15, 16

Fri. 5/2 2 Kings 1, 2, 3; Psalm 72

Tue. 4/29 1 Kings 17, 18; Psalms 68, 69

Sat. 5/3 2 Kings 4, 5; Psalm 73

Wed. 4/30 1 Kings 19, 20; Psalm 70

Thank you to FCPC from the Falls Church Homeless Shelter. From November through March, many of you provided hot, delicious dinners for the shelter guests each Monday evening. FCPC has been part of the community that has served this important local need for almost 20 years. Thank you! If you'd like to be on the list for next season's shelter meals or discuss other volunteer opportunities, please contact Sue Armstrong at sue.g2g.armstrong@gmail.com.

Director of Children & Youth Ministry. The search is underway for a new DCYM! Many thanks to those serving on the DCYM Search Team: Gail Ammons, Chuck Anderson, Katie Hodgson, Carly Kelly, Anne Mugler, Alan Shankle, and youth advisors Talia Forster and Izzy Martin. Help spread the word that FCPC is hiring!

Pastors out of office April 28-May 2. Pastor Megan is attending a training course and Pastor Yena is travelling to South Korea. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the FCPC office at 703-532-6518 or email office@fallschurchpresy.org and we will put you in touch with the pastor on call.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 27 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Drop & Dash Food & Toiletries Donations

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Mini Golf, Upton Hill Regional Park, Arlington

Monday, April 28 – *No scheduled events*

Tuesday, April 29 – *No scheduled events*

Wednesday, April 30 – *No scheduled events*

Thursday, May 1 – Finance Team, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Spiritual Growth Ministry, 7:30 p.m., Third Floor

Friday, May 2 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, May 3 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Silent Witness for Racial Justice, noon, Broad Street in front of FCPC

Sunday, May 4 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Hunger Offering Received

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Bible Fun, 10:00 a.m., Room 206

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

Card Ministry Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

The Bridge, 3:00 pm, Third Floor

VOICE Dinner with Guest Churches, 5:30 p.m., Third Floor

Youth Group “Gut Theology” with Chuck Anderson, 6:00 p.m., Third Floor

*Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians,
“working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding
and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”*

*Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality,
dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Pastor

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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.

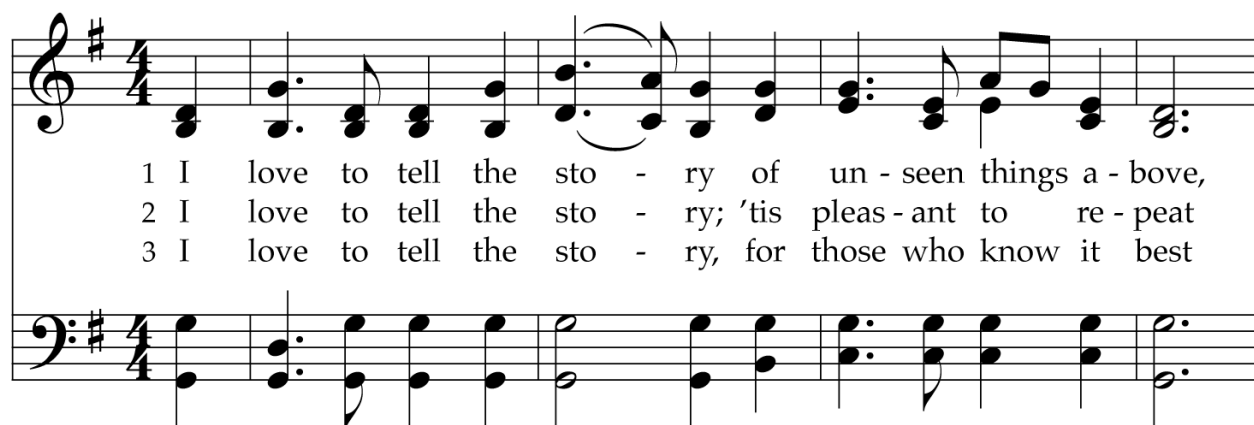


Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

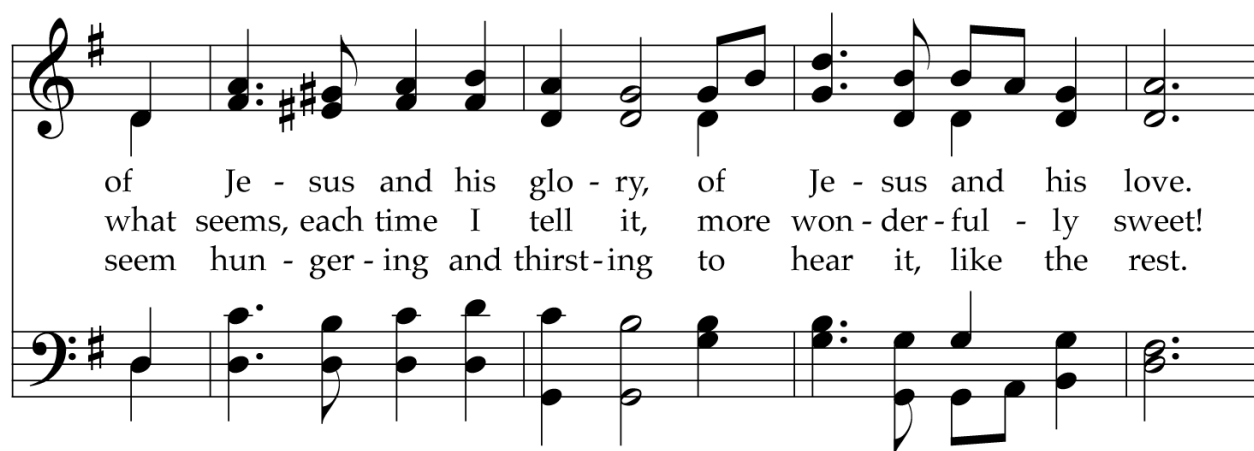


This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

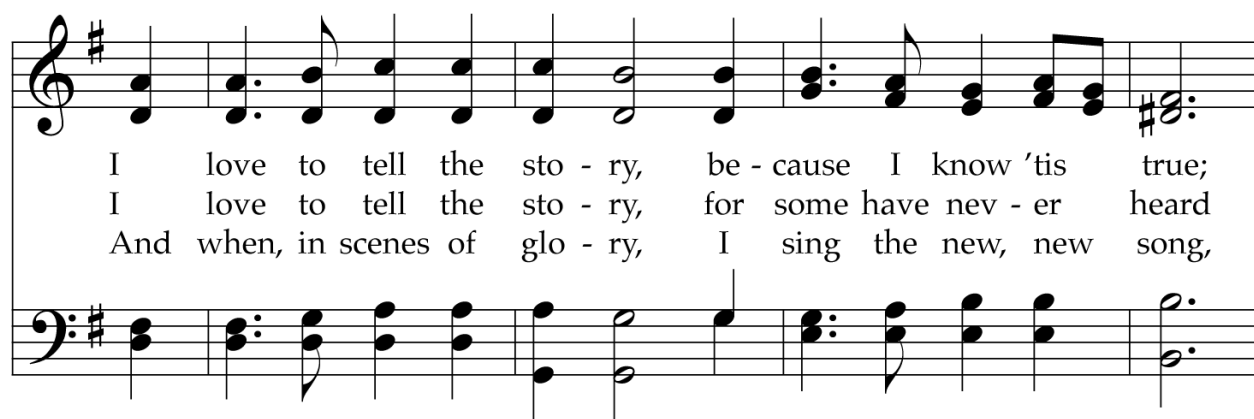
I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

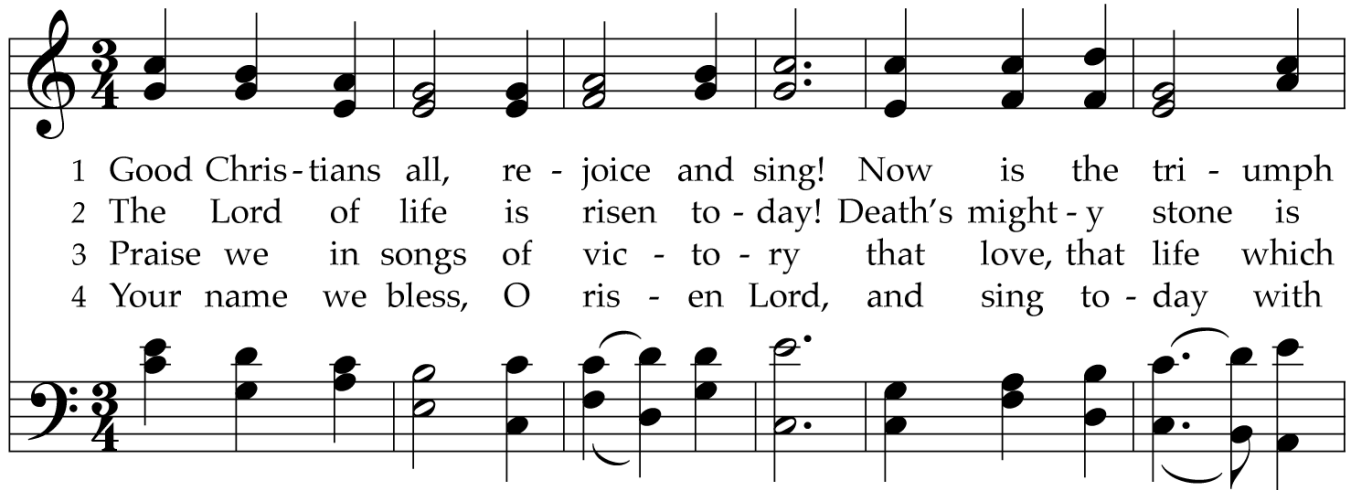
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

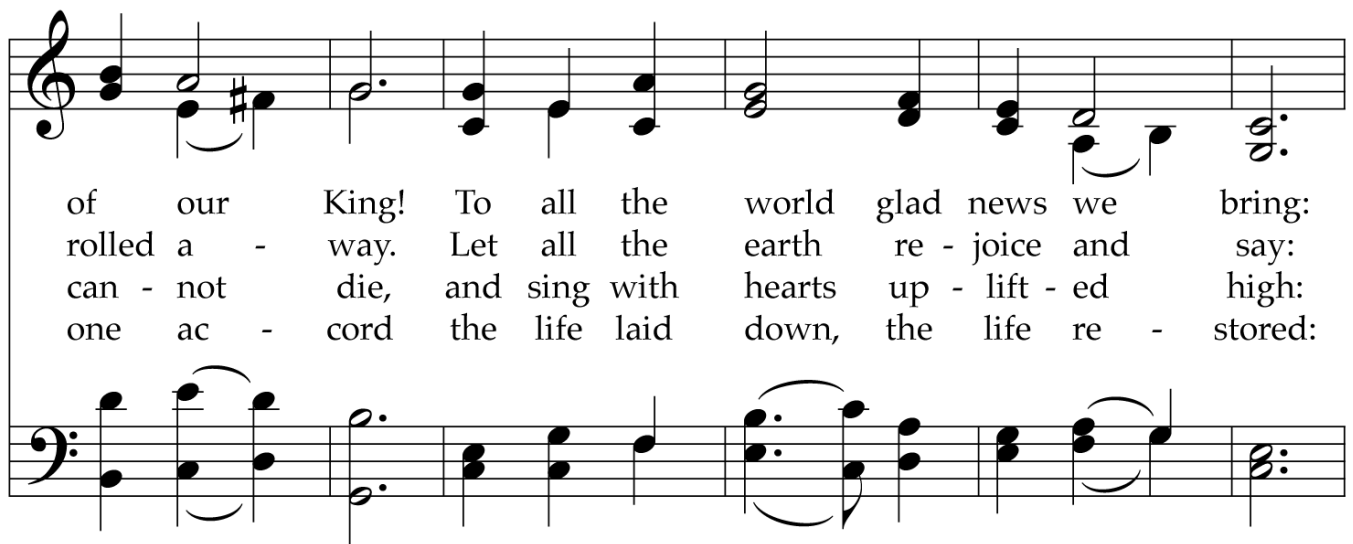
TEXT: Katherine Hankey, 1866; ref. William G. Fischer, 1869
MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

HANKEY
7.6.7.6.D with refrain

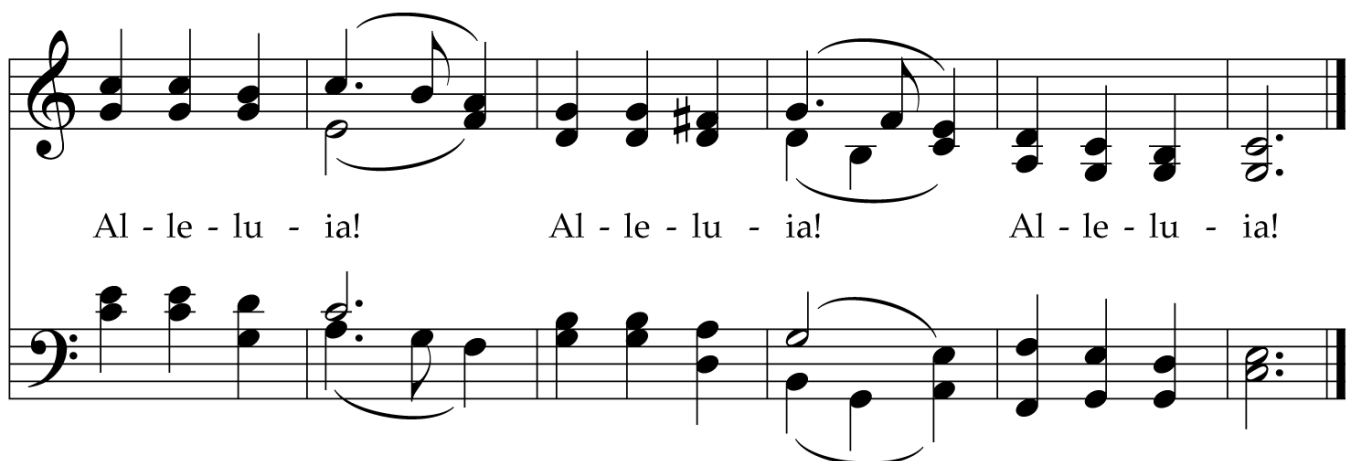
Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Melchior Vulpus, 1609; harm. *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

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GELOBT SEI GOTT

8.8.8 with alleluias