#### Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

**MARCH 31, 2024** 

**EASTER SUNDAY** 

10:00 a.m.

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All: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity now and forever, Amen.

\* Opening Hymn: #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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and indifferent to calls for peace;

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and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power

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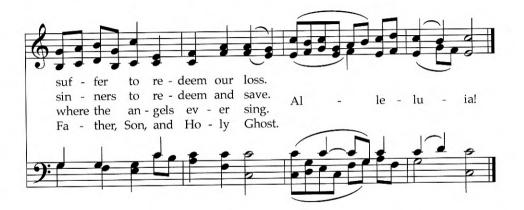
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given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

# 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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.



#### SPANISH

- 1 El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya! muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya! Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya! cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya! vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya! Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya! su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya! y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya! hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya! reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya! de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya! En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya! Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

#### KOREAN

- 1 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야 만민찬송 하여라 천사들이 즐거워 기쁜찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주예수 할렐루야 선한싸움 이겼네 사망권세 이기고 하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야 왕의왕이 되셨네 높은이름 세상에 널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야 우리부활 하겠네 부활생명 되시니 우리부활 하겠네

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**RESPONDING TO THE WORD** 

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All: Keep us victorious over sin.

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All: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

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In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

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# Isaiah 25:6-9 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

- On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
  - a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;
- he will swallow up death forever.
  - Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
  - and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
    - for the LORD has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day,
  - "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
    - This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

# Mark 16:1-8 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

#### The Resurrection of Jesus

**16** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.[a]

## THE INTERMEDIATE ENDING OF MARK

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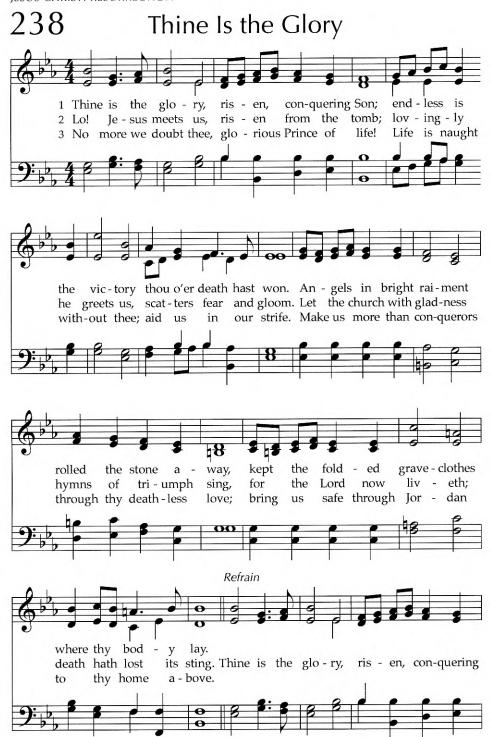
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This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World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

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#### Easter Anthem

For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices a cappella



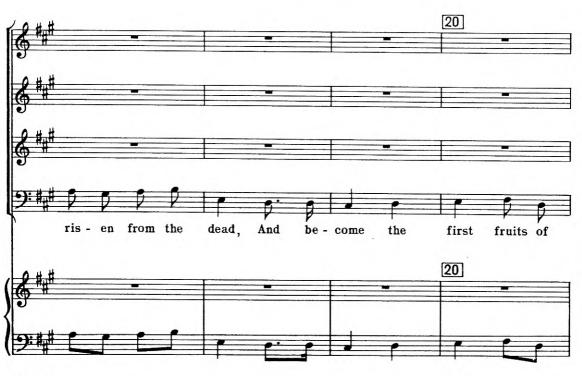
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Early printings differ in the sections which they indicate to be repeated. The editor in this instance has repeated only bars 67-100, with the omission of bars 85-92. Also omitted has been a bar of rest between bars 84 and 85. Since there are neither tempo nor dynamic markings in the various source editions, these are the suggestions of the editor.

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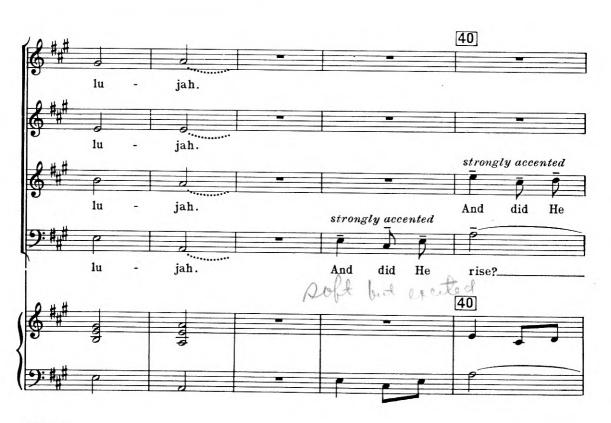


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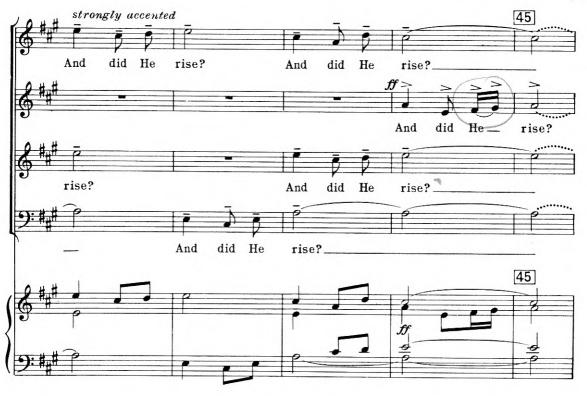
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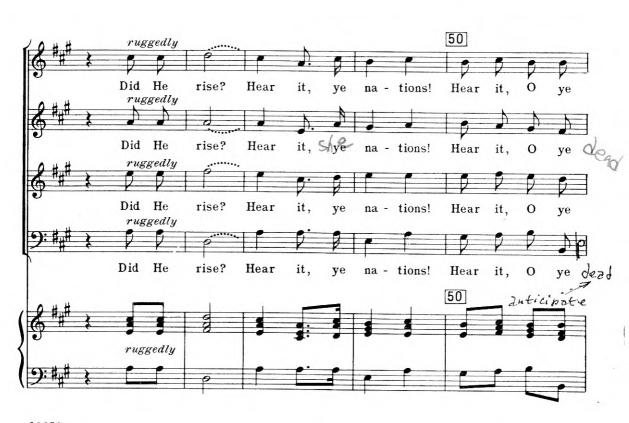


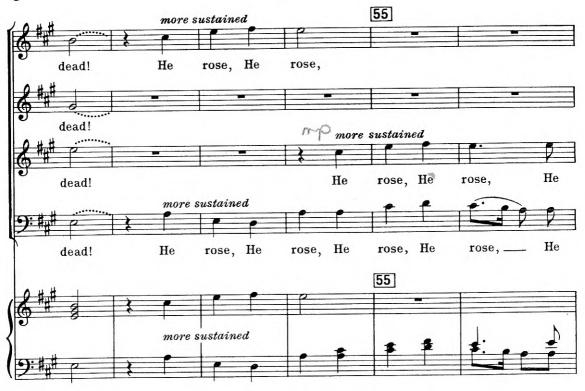






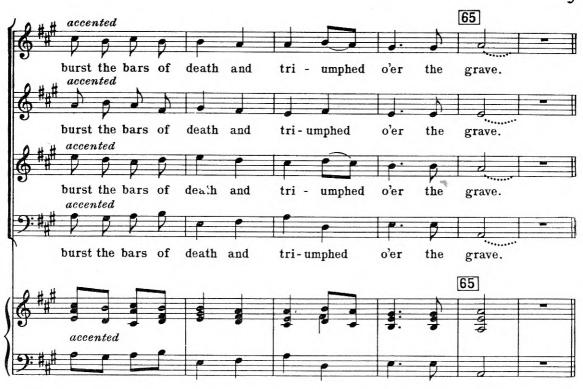




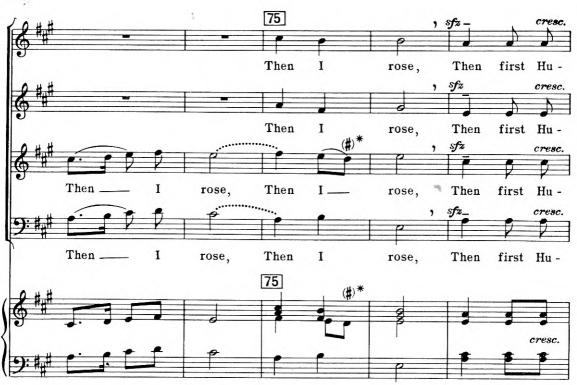


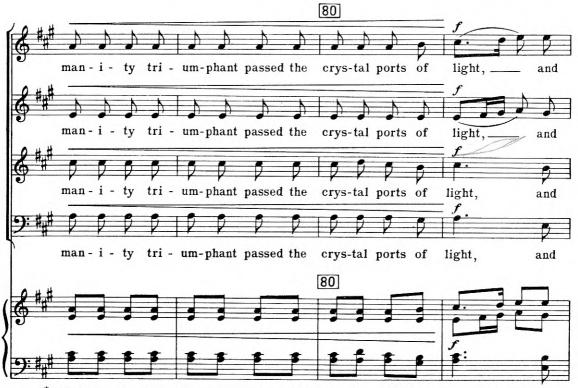






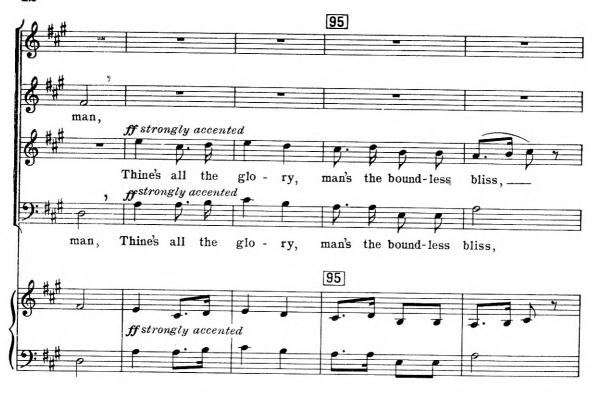


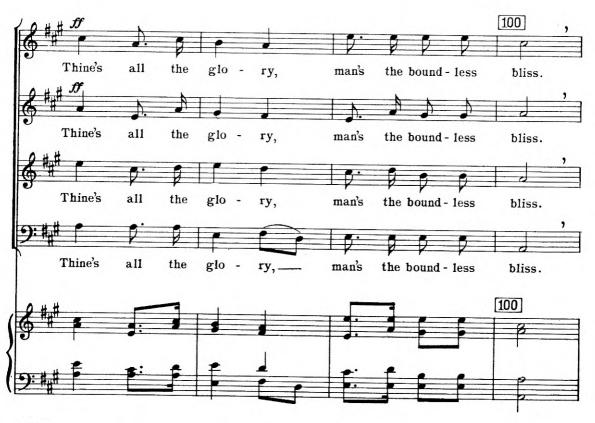




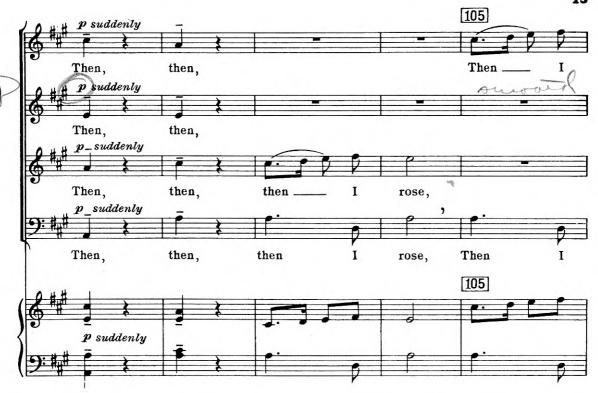
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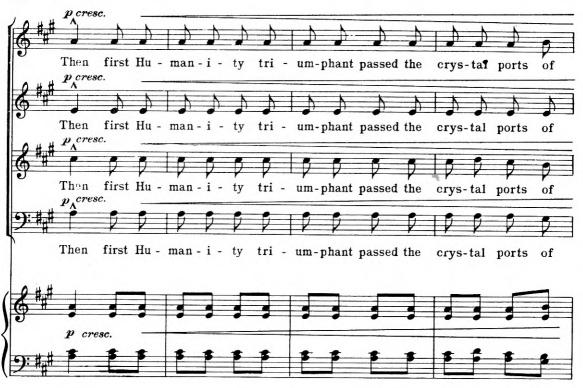


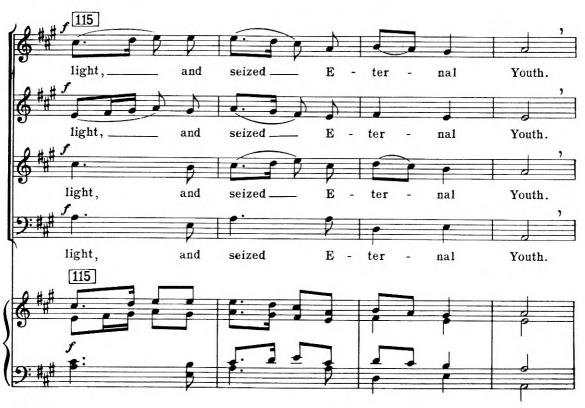




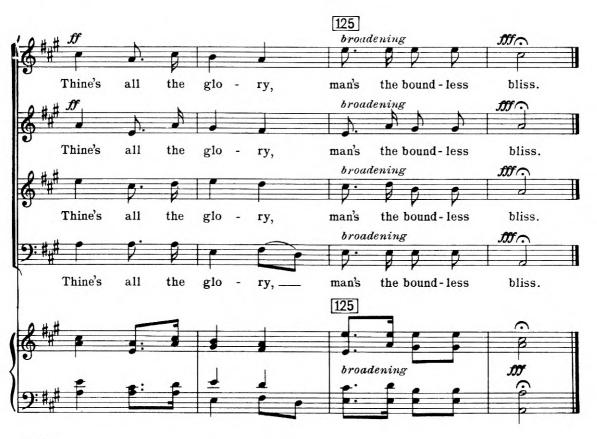


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# 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever.

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The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

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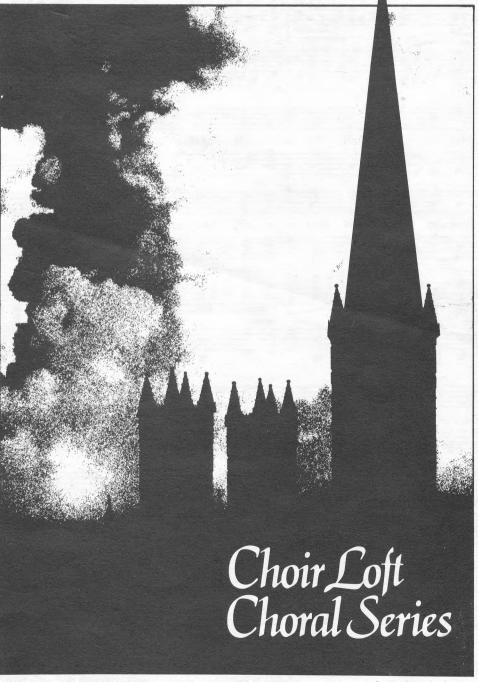
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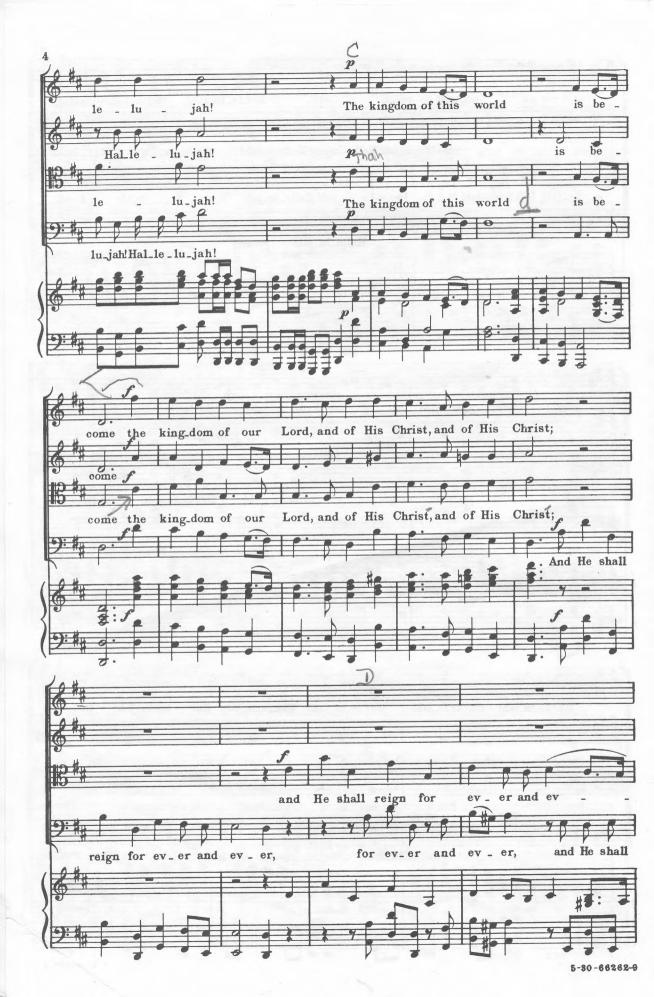
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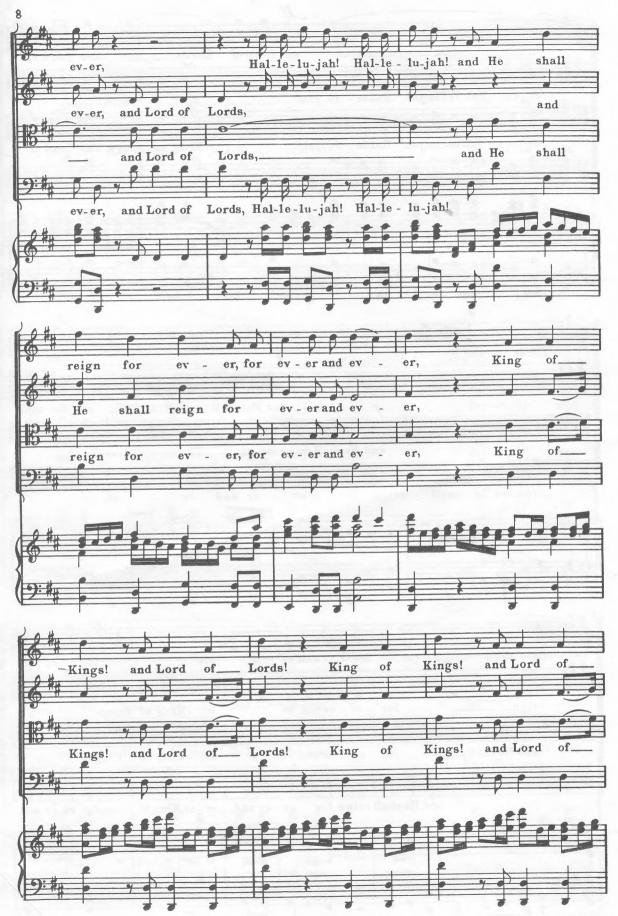


















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Joe and Carolyn Bearlepp in honor of our family

The Burns and Sebastian Families in memory of Mom/Noni

Sue and Art D'Angelo in loving memory of Mary Stacey

Al and Vicki Kopacka in memory of loved ones

Vince and Terri Kramer. He is Risen!

Al and Janet Lindstrom in memory of Jay Jenkins

The Marks Family in loving memory of Thomas Marks

Cynthia and Matt McConnell in memory of Martha McConnell and Richard Lieb

Karen Newhouse in honor of her husband, John

Ann Marie O'Connor in memory of those past and in honor of those present and those yet to come

Tom and Jeanne Perry in memory of loved ones

Matthew Petrozelli in honor of Claudette Petrozelli and in memory of Joseph Petrozelli

The Pfaff Family in loving memory of Opal and Wade Johnson and Ruth and John Pfaff

Jacki Spinelli in memory of my sweet sisters-in law

Norm and Nancy Thaiss in honor of loved ones

Judy Treutlein in loving memory of George Treutlein and Al, Charlotte, Caleb and Jimmy O'Brien

