

Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter

MY LORD and MY GOD



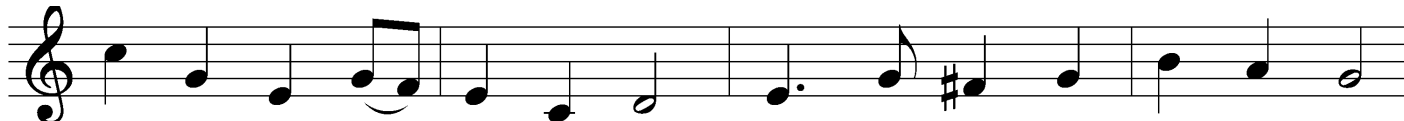
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OPENING HYMN ##455

"Alleluia! Jesus Lives"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.
you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

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Please stand.

INVOCATION AND OPENING DIALOGUE

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: **who has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

M: God has claimed us as his own.

C: **He has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

CONFESSION

CW188

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 190

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



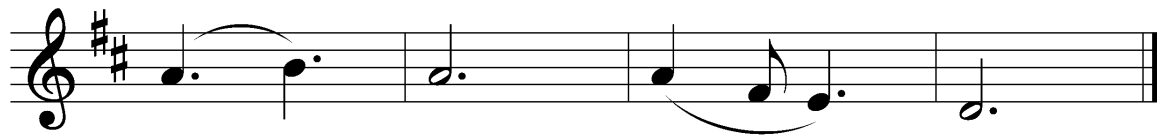
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

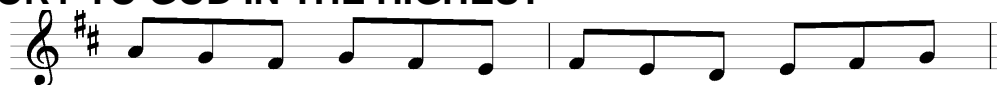


C: A - men. A - men.

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191



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



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 18:1-11

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16B

"This Is The Day"

Refrain



C: This is the day the LORD has made.



Let us re - joice and be glad in it.

Psalm Tone



M: LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.

C: **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.**

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. Refrain

C: **Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / jices;
my body also will / rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.**

**You make known to me the / path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,**

with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-4

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so

that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

St. John 20:29

Refrain

C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C: **Refrain**

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HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

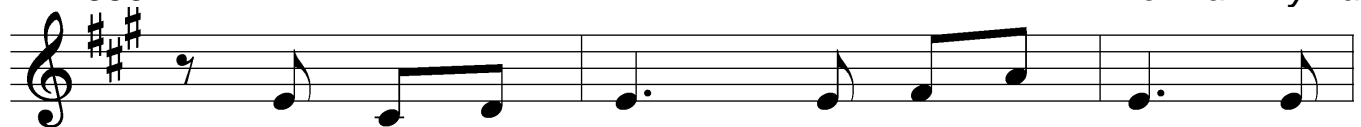
³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

HYMN #830

"We Walk By Faith"



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice and cry "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are with full and end - less sight.

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SERMON TEXT

1 John 1:1-4

SERMON THEME

“The Right Touch”

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available on the tables by the entrances and in the mailboxes of members.
If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

OFFERING The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via
our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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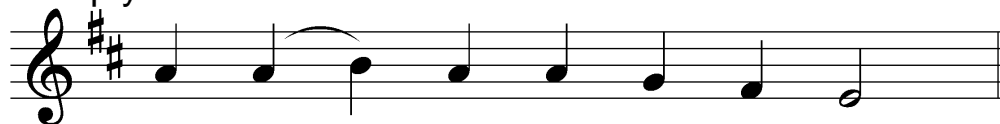
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M: The Lord be with you.



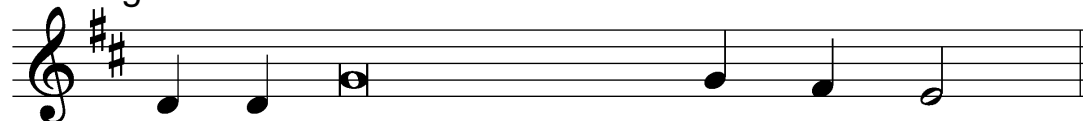
C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before the foundation of the world you chose us to be your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your dear Son, the very image and reflection of your glory. Lord, our God, here remember that Christ had to suffer and die but most of all that he is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation, and that glorified at your right hand, he speaks on our behalf.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Visitors: Please see the Communion Statement on the back of bulletin before coming up for Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #456

“O Sons And Daughters Of The King”

The distribution hymn is on the display, in the hymnal, and at the back of the large print bulletin.



M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: Merciful Father, by our sin and guilt we caused our Savior to suffer and die. You raised him up for our justification and have graciously bestowed upon us the saving fruits of his sacrifice. Now we pray that you would lead us with courage to confront our doubts and fears and proclaim Jesus in words and deeds of faithful witness. Receive our thanks for your patient love that still forgives us and, we pray, keep us from judging others unkindly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

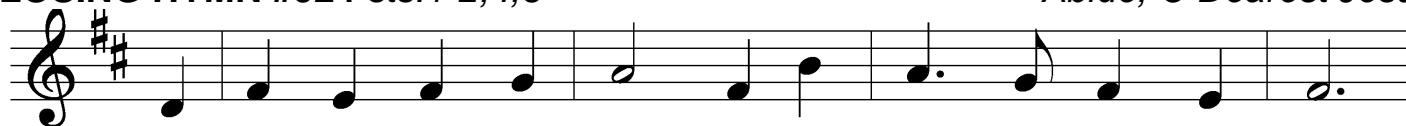
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

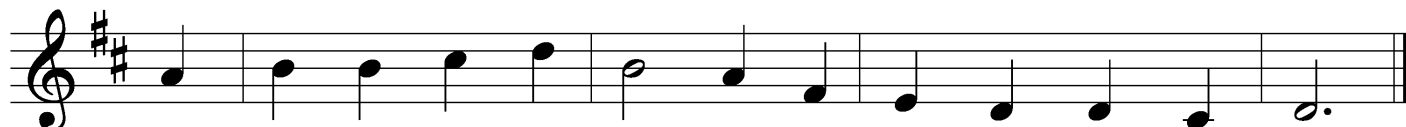
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #924 sts. 1-2, 4, 6

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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Please stay for a short video from our Evangelism Board.

Immanuel Family: Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and concerns during the past two years of my mom's illness and passing. May God bless you for your kindness.

- Steve Crawford

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Accompanist: Connie Krueger

Ushers: **8AM Bob H., Mike W. ** 10:30AM Joe B., Mike S.

Greeters	East Door	North Door
4/7 8AM	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30AM	Laura & Mike B.	Becky F.
4/14 8AM	Howard & Nancy	Volunteer
10:30AM	Kay M.	Pam W.
4/21 8AM	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Jan S.	Jim & Jamie T.
4/28 8AM	Bob H.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Deana H.	Bill & Helen R.

CALENDAR	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM Confirmation, 11:45 AM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM
	Thursday	Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Friday	Japanese Meal & Bible Class, 11:00 AM
	Saturday	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8:00 AM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM Confirmation, 11:45 AM

Pastor Installation: Pastor Allen Schleusener will be installed at Risen Savior Lutheran in Mansfield on April 14th at 4:00 pm. There will be a catered meal afterwards.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be collecting a **Mission Offering** after the services on **April 14th**. The collected money will immediately go the missions that were voted on by the ladies last year. The Home mission is Home Mission Conferences, the World Missions is the Chinese Outreach Project.

LWMS Ohio Circuit Spring Rally Join us at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee for the Spring Rally on April 27. Registration begins at 9 AM and the rally starts at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker is Tom Metzger who will provide information on the Home Missions and Joint Mission Council. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or RSVP to: laura4april@gmail.com

Everyone Outreach: This program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community. Sign up today to attend the 2-day workshop on April 20th & 21st. Childcare is being provided here at the church. Please sign up by April 14.



Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

If you would like items displayed on the bulletin board please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN #456

“O Sons And Daughters Of The King”



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 spoke un - to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”
 came their Lord most dear and said, “My peace be with you here.”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
 that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
 he doubted that it was the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 “Thomas, behold my side,” said he,
 “my hands, my feet, my body see;
 and doubt not, but believe in me.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 “You are my Lord and God,” he cried.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
 and yet whose faith has constant been;
 in life eternal they shall reign.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
 to God your hearts and voices raise
 in laud and jubilee and praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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