



ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SIMSBURY, CT



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

APRIL 30, 2023 – 9:00 AM

*Our service follows The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) unless otherwise noted;  
congregation responses are **bolded**.*

Easter Blessings & welcome to St. Alban's!

As we say every Sunday, “If you’re visiting St. Alban’s for the first time, or for the first time in a while, we extend a special welcome to you.” To all of you joining us today whether in the building or via Zoom or Facebook, we’re feel so fortunate to be together.

Today, and on every fifth Sunday of the month, we use the Rite I form of worship from *The Book of Common Prayer*. The language you’ll hear sounds a bit more traditional, with many more “thees” and “thous” than we typically use.

There are no “reserved seats” in our Sanctuary. We hope you’ll find a spot and make yourself comfortable. Our Playground is available for any worshipper who needs a more flexible space. We invite you to enjoy the Playground resources in the Playground; or, pack a tote bag and take it somewhere else in the Sanctuary.

We invite you to fill out one of the Welcome cards that you can find on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary. This gives us a chance to stay in touch with you. You can also find us on Facebook and visit our website: [stalbanssimsbury.org](http://stalbanssimsbury.org).

Join us in the Parish Hall after our service for Coffee Hour!

We’re so glad you’re here!!

***A note about standing, kneeling, sitting rubrics***

*One of the spaces that has received more attention during the pandemic is around ableism. Our society, in large part, functions as though everyone has nearly full use of their bodies. During the pandemic, the shift to an online space made it possible for folks who have added accessibility needs to join groups and activities they hadn’t been able to before. Where a “standing” rubric might have been added alone, we’re adding “seated”, as well, as an invitation for you to listen and respond to the needs of your own body. You are invited to remember that our bodies are created by God and intended for worship, just like our voices. How ever you feel comfortable doing that, God sees that it is good!*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty 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, 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

Fa - ther: re - ceive

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, — you a - lone are the

Lord, — you a - lone are the Most High,



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
 Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

READING: *Acts 2:42-47*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
     I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
     and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

READING: *1 Peter 2:19-25*

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *Standing or seated.*

*I come with joy to meet my Lord (H82 304)*

The musical notation is written on a grand staff with a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some chords in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. There are five lines of lyrics, each starting with a number (1-5) in the left margin. The lyrics are: 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

# THE GOSPEL: *John 10:1-10*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and

go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

*The Rev. Rebekah Hatch, Rector*

THE NICENE CREED

*Standing or seated*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world. *Silence.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,  
and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which

we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Jeff and Laura our bishops, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. *Silence.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. *Silence.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that a spirit of goodness and loving kindness might surround us. *Silence.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. *Silence.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray especially for The Harris Family, John H., Judy R., Art, Dick, Barbara, Jocelyn and her family, Scott, Alex, David G., Margaret, Punch, Kathy, David C., Meredith H., Amanda, Frank, Hayden, Bryan, Susan, Regina, Mary J., and anyone we name now silently or aloud. (*Here let us pause so that other intercessions may be offered.*) *Silence.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Alban and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. *Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*The mission and ministry of St. Alban's depends on the financial and prayerful generosity and gifts of members of our congregation and community. We welcome your one-time or ongoing donation today. Please place cash or checks in the Offering Plate; or use the QR code on the cards found in the rear of the Sanctuary and in the Narthex to make an online donation. We are grateful that you've chosen to share your gifts with us today.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM    *instrumental*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

**People**    **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.

**People**    **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People**    **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world, who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

### SANCTUS

(S130)

The musical score for the Sanctus is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and'. The second system covers 'might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The melody is primarily composed of half and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' for the first system, and 'might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,' for the second system.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ hath taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

(LEVAS 268)

The musical score is for a piece titled 'FRACTION ANTHEM' (LEVAS 268). It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line (treble and bass staves) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The vocal line includes the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.' and ends with a 'Fine' marking. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system continues the piano accompaniment, also ending with a 'Fine' marking.

Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed \_ for us;

*Response*

(organ) There - fore let \_ us \_ keep the

Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed \_ for us;

feast.

(organ)

*Leaver*

*Response* Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri -

There - fore let \_ us \_ keep the feast. (organ)

*D.C.*

ficed \_ for us;

*Response* *D.C.*

There - fore let \_ us \_ keep the feast

# THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and people*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE INVITATION

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*To receive Holy Communion, you may stand or kneel at the altar rail; or stand in the space between the altar rails, in front of the altar. If you need the sacrament brought to you, please let someone know and we will be honored to bring it to you. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know at the altar.*

*Anyone of any age and tradition is invited to receive Holy Communion, and no one who comes to the altar with outstretched hands will be turned away. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, approach the altar and cross your arms over your chest.*

*For the first time in many months, we're returning to the use of the Common Cup and reception of wine. If you'd like to receive wine this morning, please drink directly from the cup. Remember, too, that communion "in one kind" (bread only) is a sufficient manifestation of the sacrament. If you'd like, you can simply hold the cup while the chalice bearer offers the words of reception, without drinking from the chalice.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Let us break bread together (LEVAS 152)*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are provided for two parts: 1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our knees); and 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our knees). The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees).  
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

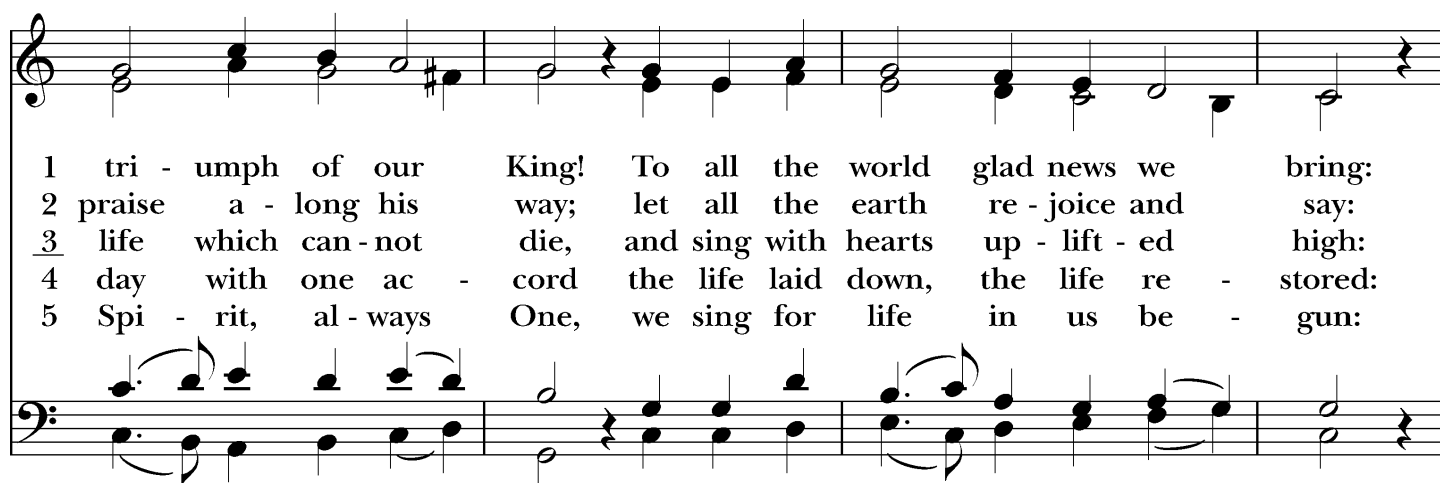
## THE BLESSING

HYMN

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (H82 205)*

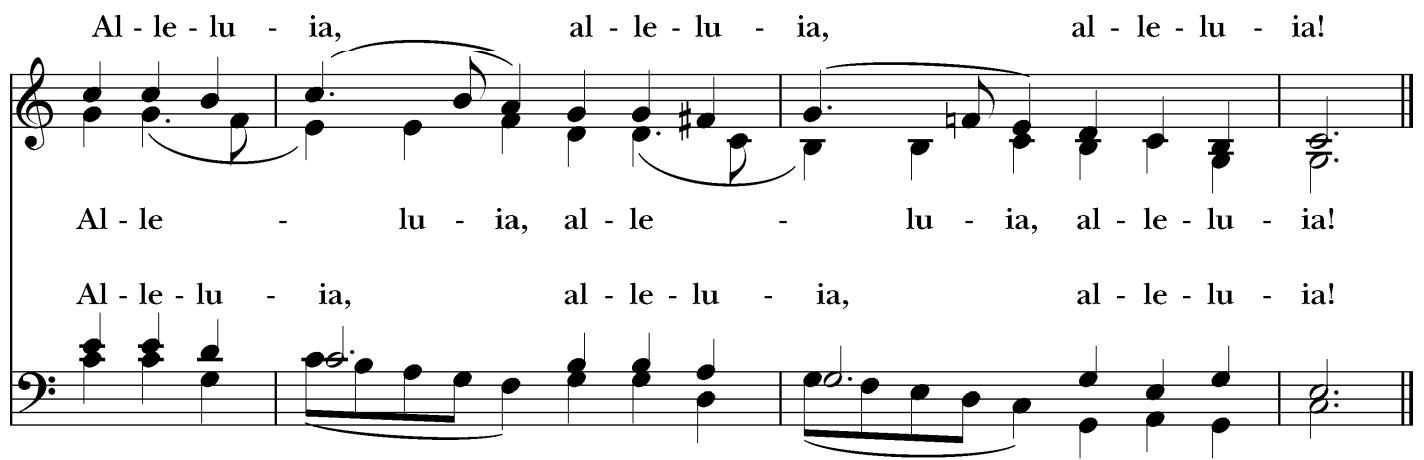


1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



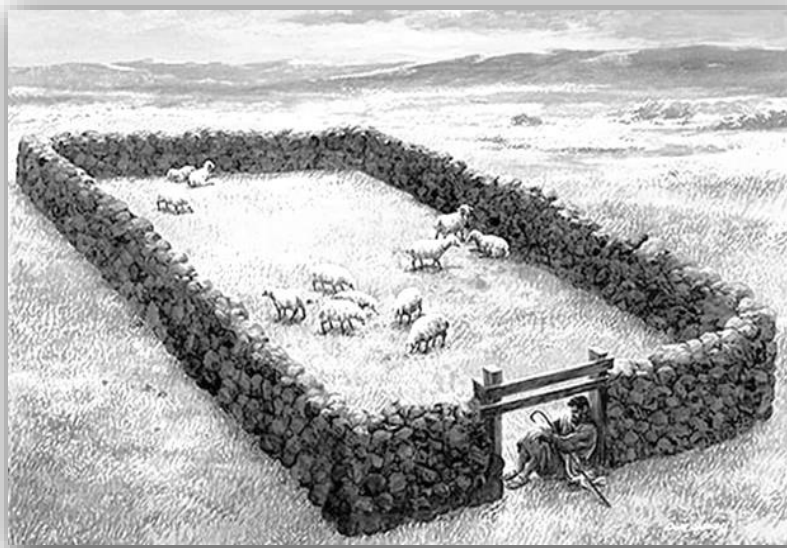


## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata by D. Zipoli*

*Mary DeLibero, Music Director & Organist*



“Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.  
 Whoever enters by me will be saved,  
 and will come in and go out and find pasture.”

*John 10:8,10*