

# HYMNS FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

## GATHERING HYMN: ELW # 365

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



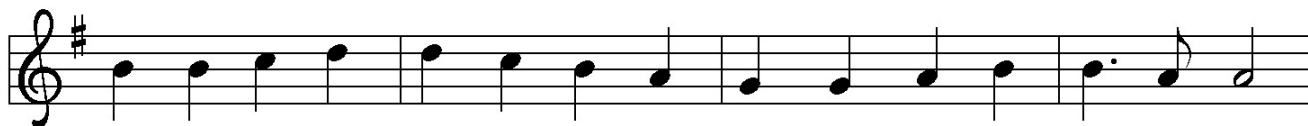
who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW page 204



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

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***This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)***

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD. R**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**



# HYMN OF THE DAY: BECAUSE HE LIVES

## Because He Lives

Music by  
William J. Gaither  
and Gloria Gaither

(as published by Gaither Music Company)

Words by  
William J. Gaither

### VERSE

Ab/Eb E7 Ab Ab7/C Db

1. God sent His Son— They called Him Je - sus; He came to  
2. How sweet to hold our new - born ba - by, and feel the  
3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er; I'll fight life's

5 Ab Eb7/Bb Ab/C Db Ab/Eb E7 Bbm7/F Eb7 Cm/Eb Eb7 Ab Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab7

love, heal and for give. - - He - bled - and died - - to - buy - my  
pride and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
fi - - nal - war with pain. And then, as death gives way to

11 Db Dbm6 Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab

par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
sur - ance: This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause Christ lives.  
vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

**CHORUS**

16 Ab/Eb Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Ab7/C Db

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He

21 Ab Eb7/Bb Ab/C Fm7 Bbm7 Eb Eb/Db Ab/C Eb Ab Eb7/Bb Ab/C Ab Ab7sus Ab7

lives, all fear is gone. Be - cause I know He holds the

27 Db Dbm6 Ab/Eb Ab/Gb F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab

fu - ture, and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

# CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY –ELW # 376

## Verse 1

### Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



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



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

# SANCTUS : ELW page 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

## LAMB OF GOD: ELW page 208



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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ELW # 167

## Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



*Refrain*



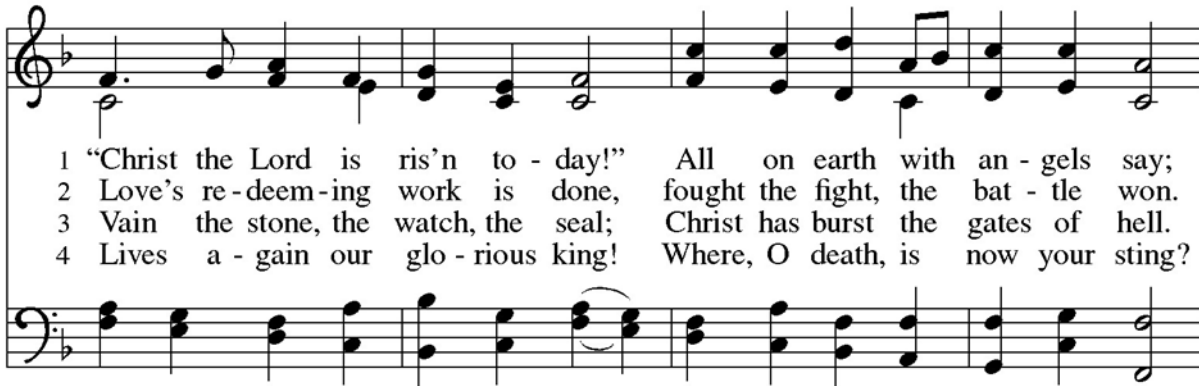
God; to make all things new.

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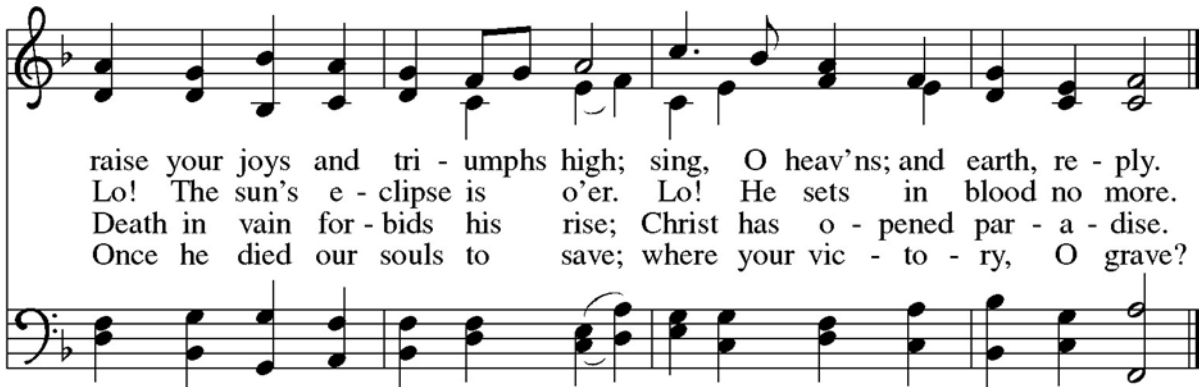
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# ELW # 373- verses 1, 2, 5, & 6

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
everlasting life is this:  
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222, arr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

# SENDING HYMN ELW # 619

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>                 he lives to plead for me above;<br/>                 he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>                 he lives to help in time of need.</p>                       | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>                 he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>                 he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>                 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>                 he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>                 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>                 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>                 He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>                 what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>                 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>    |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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