



St. James' Episcopal Church
The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day
31 March 2024 at 11:05 a.m.

*Welcome to St. James'. We are honored by your presence.
Be silent, be reverent, be gracious: This is a house of prayer for all people.
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

Prelude: Capital Brass

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn at the Procession

"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

Hymnal 175

Salve festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for -
ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the
king - dom of death. *First time only* 2 death.

Hymn at the Procession (continued)

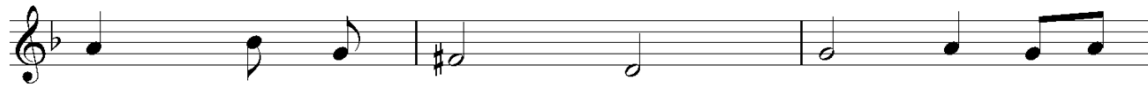
"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

Hymnal 175

Salve festa dies



1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who — rul - est the
7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now — flow in us,



win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her
earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
fount of our be - ing, light that dost



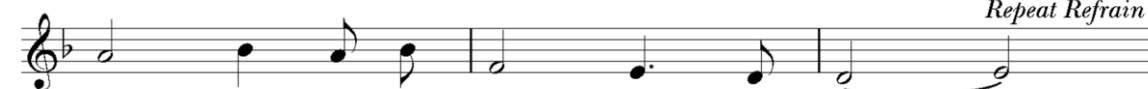
gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light - en — all, life that in all dost a - bide:



2 He who was nailed to the cross is — Lord and the
4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou — Love who art



ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our



earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
death, life thou be - stow - est on all:
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Isaiah**25:6-9**

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 sheet 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. It will be said on that day, Lo, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-24 Confitemini Domino (Sung by the Choir)**BCP 761**

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from the book of Acts**10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Hymnal 207

Easter Hymn

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen 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 heaven - 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 ye heaven - 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!

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. David A. Elliott, III

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

BCP 360

Welcome and Announcements

Parents, please, stand to greet your children as they are brought from the nursery to join their families for the Eucharist.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem”

Charles Villiers Stanford

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.*

*For Judah's Lion bursts His chains, crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains to wake th'imprison'd dead.*

*Devouring depths of hell their prey at His command restore;
His ransom'd hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.*

*Triumphant in His glory now to Him all power is given;
To Him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.*

*While we, His soldiers, praise our King, His mercy we implore,
Within His palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.*

*All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.*

St. Fulbert of Chartres, trans. Robert Campbell

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

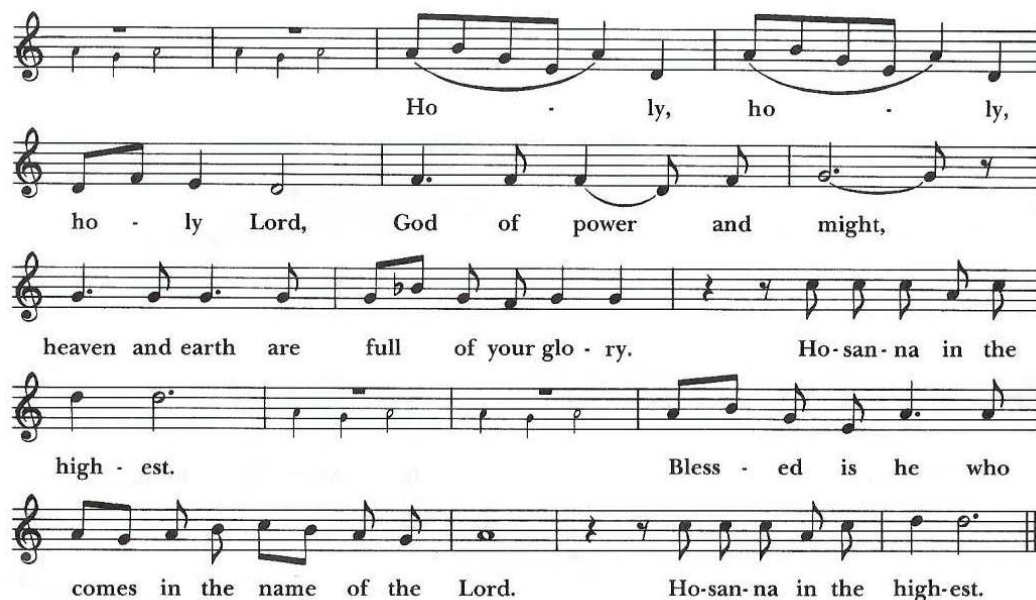
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S 128



The people stand or kneel, as able.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in Glory; and offering you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

+++ *We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.* +++

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

- + Remember Michael, our presiding bishop, Brian, our bishop, Dorothy, our bishop-elect, our local clergy and all who minister in your Church.
- + Remember those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially (insert names of intercessions)
- + Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially (insert names of those who have died), and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.
- + Remember all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem: "Christ Our Passover"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant lifts up the elements and says:

The Gifts of God for People of God.

Communion of the People

At the Communion

"This is the Feast of Victory for Our God" (*Sung by all*)
(see hymn music on the next page)

Hymnal 417

Festival Cantic

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, _____ whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, _____ and
 3 Sing _____ with all the peo - ple of God, _____ and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For _____ the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion. [Ant.]
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - - - - men. [Ant.]
 5 gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - - - - ial [Ant.]

“This Joyful Eastertide”

arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide,
 Away with sin and sorrow!
 My Love, the Crucified,
 Hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain,
 Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
 Our faith had been in vain:
 But now hath Christ arisen,
 arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
 And for a season slumber:
 Till trump from east to west
 Shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
 Since Jesus cross'd the river
 Lover of souls, from ill
 My passing soul deliver.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children
 through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,
 bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

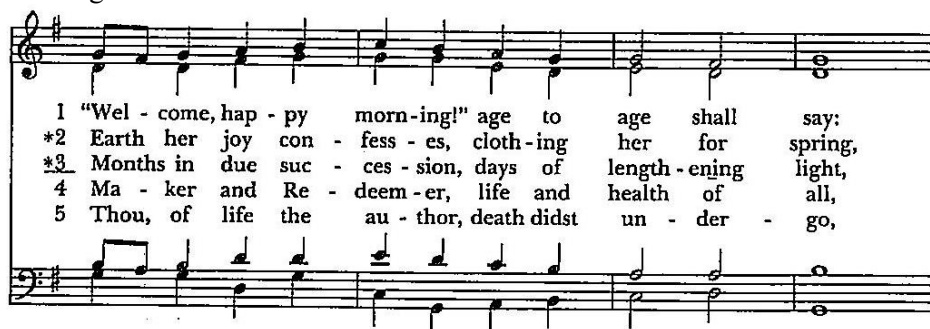
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life,
 make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,
 bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

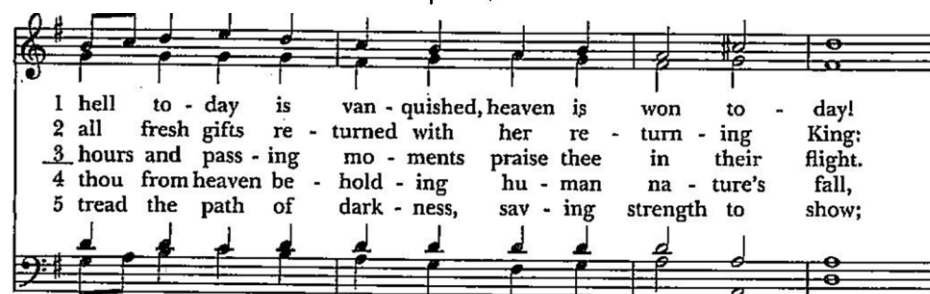
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Recession
 "Welcome, Happy Morning"

Hymnal 179
Fortunatus



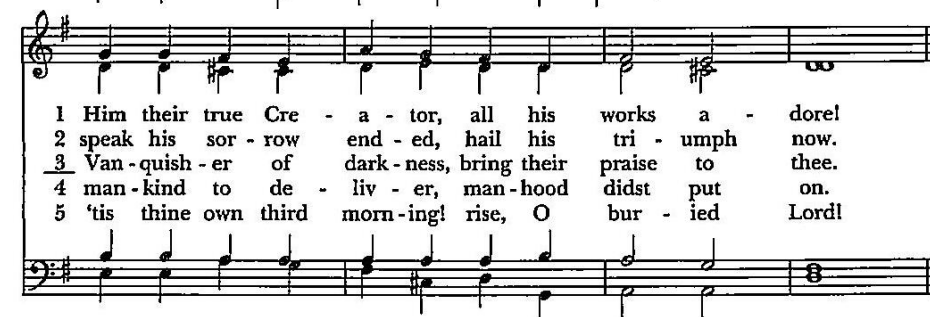
1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:
 *2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth-ing her for spring,
 *3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,



1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King;
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;



1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright-ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,



1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn-ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

BCP 366

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