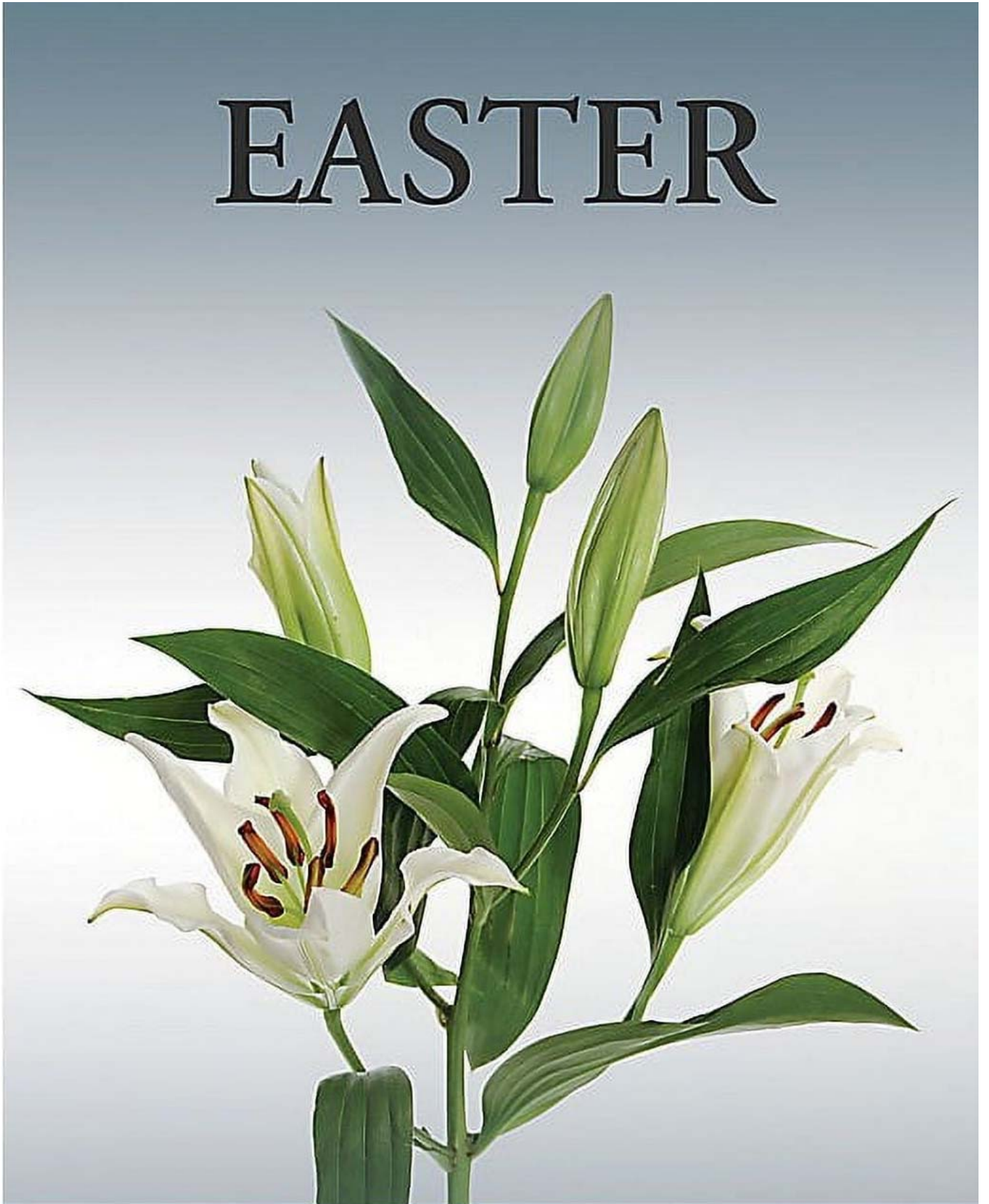


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EASTER



Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: God So Loved the World arr. Ethel Smith
Heather Meachen, organ
Sound the Trumpet Henry Purcell
Reginald Mayo III & Jon Noyes, trumpet
Heather Meachen, organ

***OPENING HYMN:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” V155

INTERGENERATIONAL ANTHEM: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
arr. John Bell & Hal Hopson
Trad. Caribbean tune
Sung by Children’s Choir & Chancel Choir

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Hallelujah! halle-lujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This is the day:

**People: when healing touches the suffering; when loneliness
discovers a family; when peace caresses the stressed.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

**People: breaks free of death’s clutches, rolls away the stone, and
folds the grave clothes into a neat pile.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: the day of sin’s defeat, the day of resurrection, the first day
of the new creation**

Leader: This is the day – Easter Day!

People: CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!##

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of mystery, God of wonder and love, God of resurrection and new life; last night we wept, because we thought you were dead. This morning, like Mary in the garden, we mistake you for someone else, and ask where you have gone. But you have wakened us with sunshine, opening our eyes to daffodils and cherry blossoms, filling our ears with birdsong, filling our hearts with joy. For you are not dead, but risen, and live among us now. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space; let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might. Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold; let waters fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care. Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race; let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love. Amen. **

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Choral Amen

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, forever. Amen.

Chime Choir: Hymn to Joy (Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)

Ludwig van Beethoven

arr. Patricia Sanders

***THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 31: 1-6 p. 722**

Common English Bible

31 At that time, declares the Lord,

**I will be the God of all the families of Israel,
and they will be my people.**

² The Lord proclaims:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness.

As Israel searched for a place of rest,

³ the Lord appeared to them^[a] from a distance:^[b]

I have loved you with a love that lasts forever.

And so with unfailing love,

I have drawn you to myself.^[c]

⁴ Again, I will build you up,

and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel.

Again, you will play your tambourines

and dance with joy.

⁵ Again, you will plant vineyards

on the hills of Samaria;

farmers will plant and then enjoy the harvests.

⁶ The time will come when

the watchmen shout from

the highlands of Ephraim:

“Get ready! We’re going up to Zion

to the Lord our God!”

HERE ENDS THE READING THANKS BE TO GOD

***HYMN:** “The Strife Is O’er”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10 p. 1179

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus

said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

HERE ENDS THE READING

THANKS BE TO GOD

Chancel Choir: This Joyful Eastertide

Tune: VRUECHTEN (“Fruits”)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Traditional Dutch carol

Reginald Mayo III & Jon Noyes, trumpets

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Text: George R. Woodward

SERMON: “Great Expectations”

Rev. Cindy

***PEOPLE’S RESPONSE:**

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah! halle-lujah!

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfruen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! &&

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, you have become our light and our salvation! Let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and give away with great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** “Thine Is the Glory”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary*

Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

arr. Phil Snedecor & Malcolm Archer

Reginald Mayo III & Jon Noyes, trumpets

Heather Meachen, organ

THANKS TO ALL MUSICIANS, ESPECIALLY GUEST MUSICIANS! We are grateful for ALL musicians at North Haven Congregational Church who sing praises to God each and every week, for 310 years! This includes members of the **Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Chime Choir, and Congregation!** On this particular Easter morning, we would like to offer a very warm welcome and special thanks to our fabulous guest trumpet players, Reginald Mayo III and Jon Noyes. Reggie and Jon have been wonderful musicians to work with over the course of many years! We are grateful. Thanks to **all musicians** for their musicianship and collaboration this Holy Week. Happy Easter!

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. Greeter is Beth Anderson. Please join us for Fellowship in Carroll Hall immediately following the service.

In Our Prayers This Week are:

The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert, Melanie Howlett, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Ann Schneider, and Charlotte Shea.

Easter Lily Dedications - 2026

Beth Anderson - In loving memory of my husband Philip DiPeri and my parents Robert & Catherine Anderson.

Jane Andrews - In loving memory of my husband Curtis D. Andrews, Sr.

Jim & Joan Bennett - In loving memory of Jean Bennett and Ethel Lemay Flynn

Cheryl Bogert - In loving memory of my parents Joan & Al Bogert.

Sandy Carter - In loving memory of my parents, Richard & Carmel DeCola, my niece Cindy Henninger, & my beautiful grandson Jack Viele.

Mary Ellen & Ed Collett - In loving memory of Barbara Collett.

Lillian & Carl Flodquist - In loving memory of our son David Thomas Flodquist.

Tom & Wendy Glynn - In loving memory of our beloved brother,
brother in law and best friend, Tom Jahoda and Tom's parents Tom
& Helga Glynn and Wendy's dad, Richard Jahoda

Susan Guckert - In loving memory of my husband Gary Heffernan and
my parents George & Agatha Guckert

Peter & Cheryl Hall – In loving memory of Harriet Slack.

Kathy & Ellie Harple - In loving memory of Warren & David Harple

Carla (James) & Mike Hill - In loving memory of our family members:
Carla's parents: Philip & Cynthia James, brother: Brian James,
aunt: Marcia James Carthaus, uncle: Charles Gedney, Mike's
parents: Paul & Barbara Hill, Beloved family pet: Miss Kitty

Bernie & Elfie Hummel - In loving memory of Bernie & Elfie's parents,
Paul & Irmgard Hummel, and Martin & Adelheid Dimmlich.

Linda Lacobelli - In loving memory Anthony Lacobelli, Tony Lacobelli,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Prentice and Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Lacobelli. Joyce
& Tony Bellonio and David Bellonio.

Barbara Massey - In loving memory of my parents, Gert and David
Diana.

Carol Dawless Mitchell- In loving memory of Jörn & Mary Berg-
Johnsen and William S. Dawless.

Bryant & Sara Munson - In loving memory of Philip Munson.

Rob & Lynne Nielsen – In loving memory of our parents.

Mabel & Stephen Peterson - In memory of our parents, Grace & Donald
Peterson, Pollyanne & Robert Moen, Stephen's brother Donald
Mark, Mabel's sister, Charlotte Liske, Brother's in law, Byron
Liske and Stewart LaRocque.

Dot Pierce - In loving memory of Greg and Stephen, my love will be
forever.

Cheryl Solecki - In loving memory of my husband, Tony Solecki.

Peter & Vicky Struk - In loving memory of Vicky's mother, Harriett
Slack.

Cathy Welch - In memory of my beloved husband Ken and our parents
Henry & Martha Griffis and Max & Betty Welch, and my brother
David.

***OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Descant

4 Sing we to our God a - bove, hal - le - lu - jah!

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

Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; hal - le - lu - jah!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
praise e - ter - nal as God's love; hal - le - lu - jah!

Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jah!

who did once, up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave,
now a - bove the sky he's King,
praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jah!

Praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Hal - le - lu - jah!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save.
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

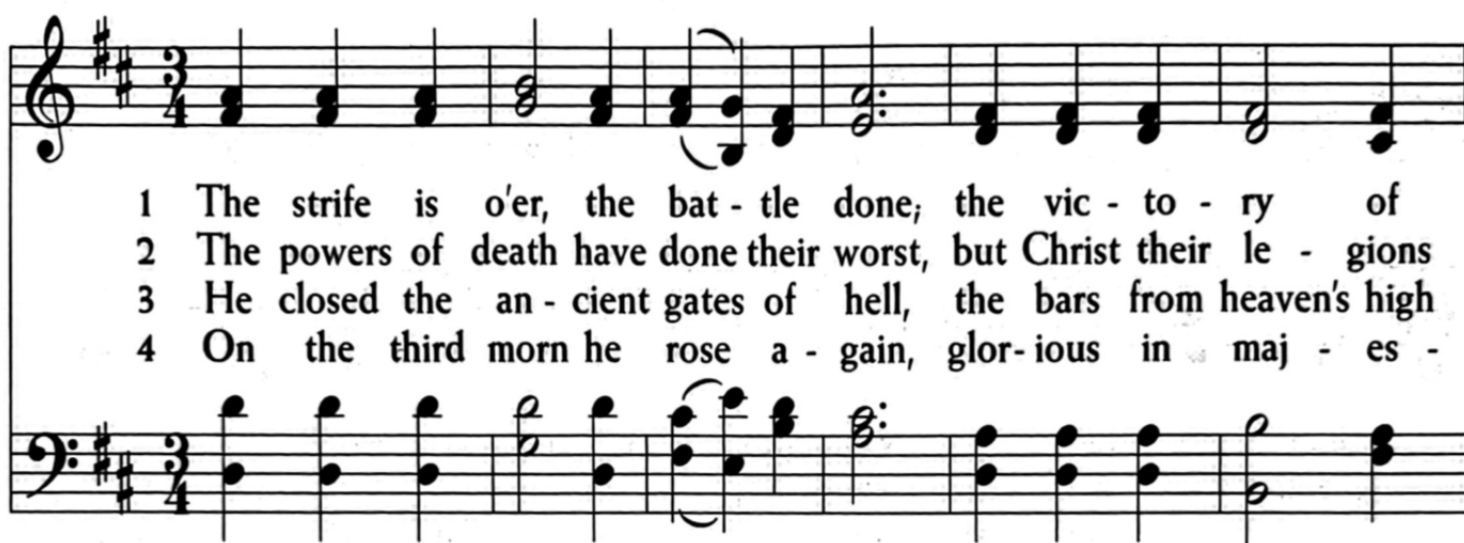
Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

Latin: 17th century
Tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

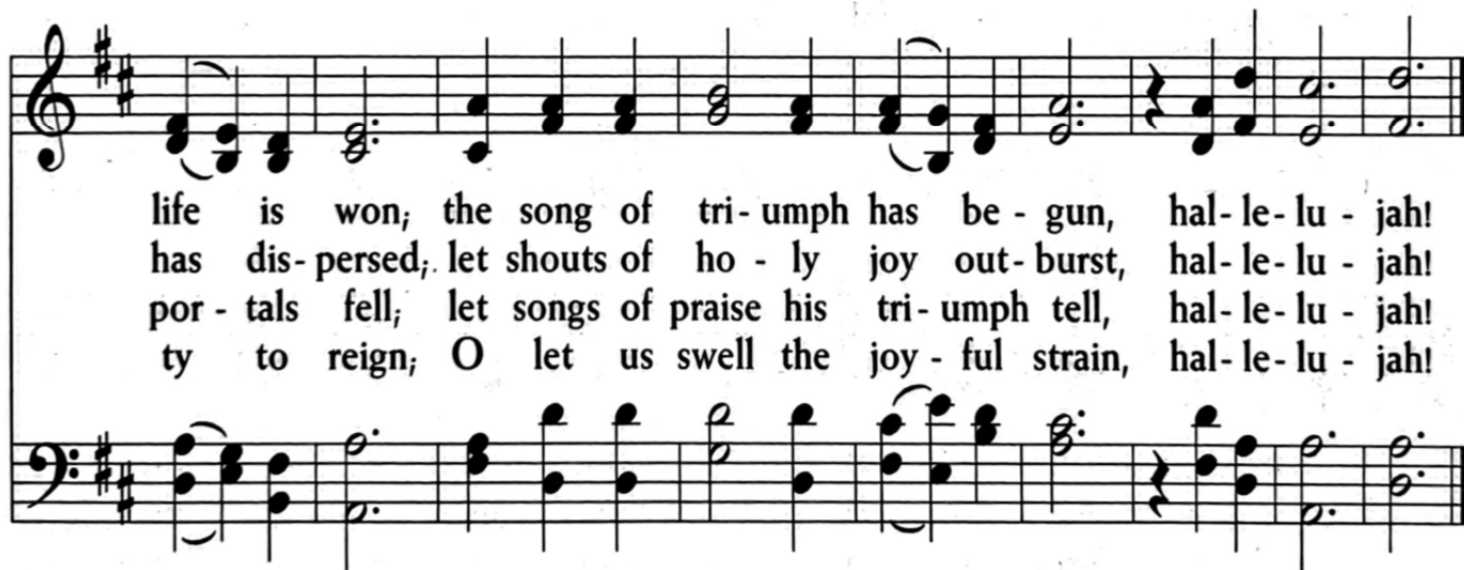
VICTORY 8.8.8. with Alleluias
Arr. from G. P. Sante da Palestrina, 1525-1594
William H. Monk, 1823-1889



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
3 He closed the an - cient gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high
4 On the third morn he rose a - gain, glor - ious in maj - es -



life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun, hal - le - lu - jah!
has dis - persed; let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst, hal - le - lu - jah!
por - tals fell; let songs of praise his tri - umph tell, hal - le - lu - jah!
ty to reign; O let us swell the joy - ful strain, hal - le - lu - jah!

Words: from Latin 17th century, trans. Francis Pott 1861

Music: William Henry Monk 1861, from melody by Giovanni Palestrina 1591

VICTORY
8 8 8 with ballelujab
Alt. tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)

*CLOSING HYMN "Thine Is the Glory"

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1 À toi la gloi - re, Ô Res - sus - ci - té!
 2 Vois - le pa - raî - tre: c'est lui, c'est Jé - sus,
 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son:
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb!

À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
 ton sau - veur, ton maî - tre! Oh! ne dou - te plus.
 end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 Lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.

Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est des - cen - du,
 Sois dans l'al - lé - gres - se, peu - ple du Sei - gneur,
 An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,

il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
 et re - dis sans ces - se que Christ est vain - queur!
 kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where the bod - y lay.
 for the Lord now liv - eth: death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

À toi la gloi - re, Ô Res - sus - ci - té!
Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son:

À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

3 Craindrais-je encore?
Il vit à jamais,
celui que j'adore,
le prince de paix;
il est ma victoire,
mon puissant soutien,
ma vie et ma gloire:
non, je ne crains rien!

Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

Refrain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Gloria Santamauro 04/07.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Cindy Stasko, Bridge Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton



CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/5	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP: EASTER Sunday Tibetan American (K,CR, RR) AA (CH)
Monday	4/6	1:00 p.m. 1:00 6:00	OFFICE CLOSED (EASTERN MONDAY) Retired Federal Employees (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Tuesday	4/7	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (Library) United Girls' Choir (CH, K, S) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/8	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (L)
Thursday	4/9	7:00 p.m. 7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	4/10	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Family Party (CH)
Saturday	4/11		
Sunday	4/12	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP: First Sunday after EASTER Tibetan American (K,CR, RR) AA (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.