

Isaiah 65: 17-25

New Heavens and a New Earth

¹⁷ “See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ “Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his
years; the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach^[a] a hundred
will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and
others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to
misfortune; for they will be a people
blessed by the LORD, they and their
descendants with them.

Isaiah 65: 17-25 continued

²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (NIV)

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the
dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen
asleep.

²¹ For since death came through a man, the
resurrection of the dead comes also through
a man.

²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will
be made alive.

²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits;
then, when he comes, those who belong
to him.

²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands
over the kingdom to God the Father after
he has destroyed all dominion, authority
and power.

²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to
be destroyed is death.

Luke 24: 36-53

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself
stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw
a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and
why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands
and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost
does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

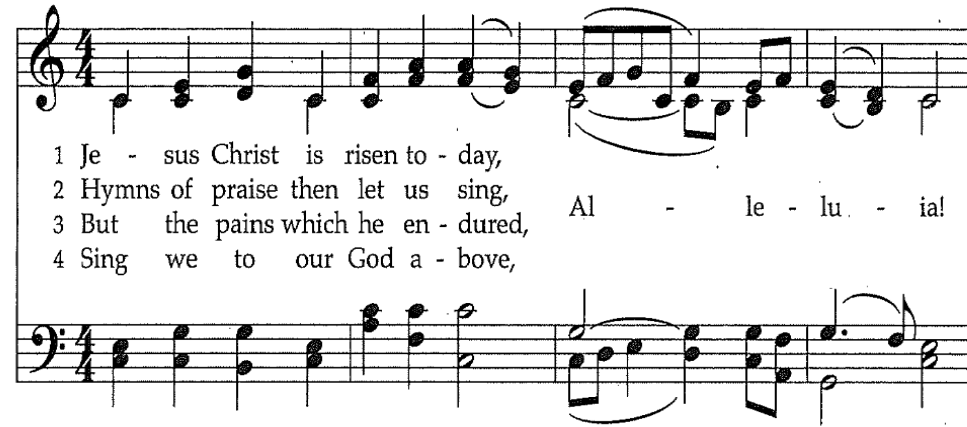
⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and
feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of
joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have
anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of
broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was
still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written
about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the
Psalms.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could
understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is
what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from
the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the
forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all
nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of
these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father
has promised; but stay in the city until you have been
clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany,
he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he
was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into
heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to
Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually
at the temple, praising God.

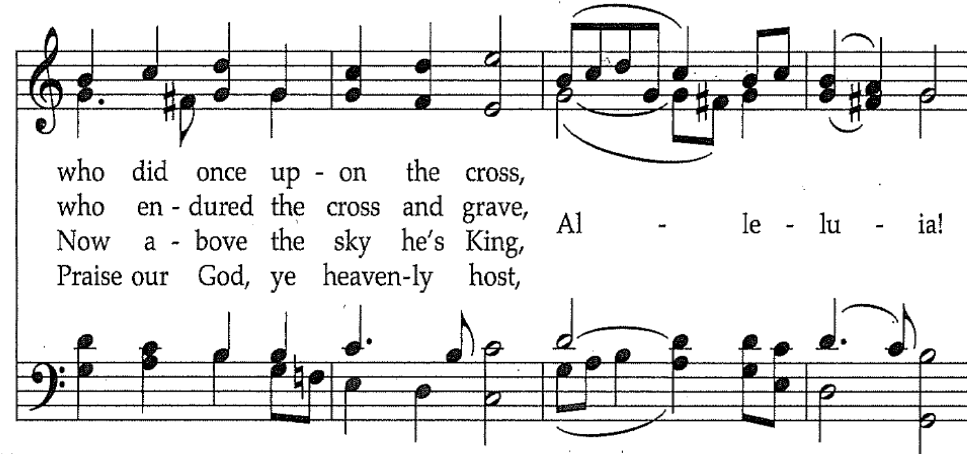
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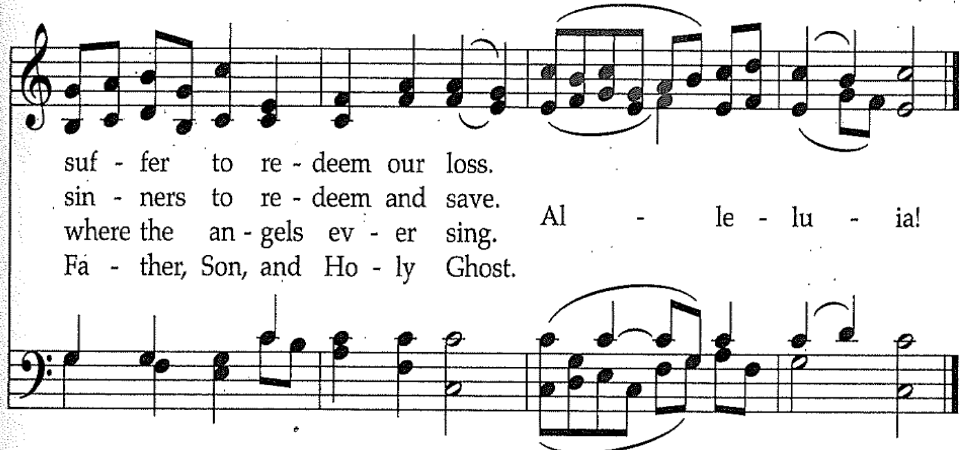
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

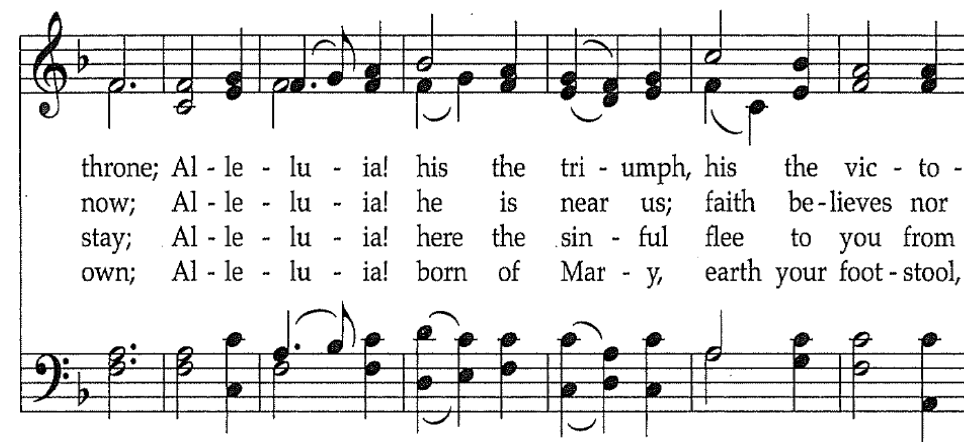


suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

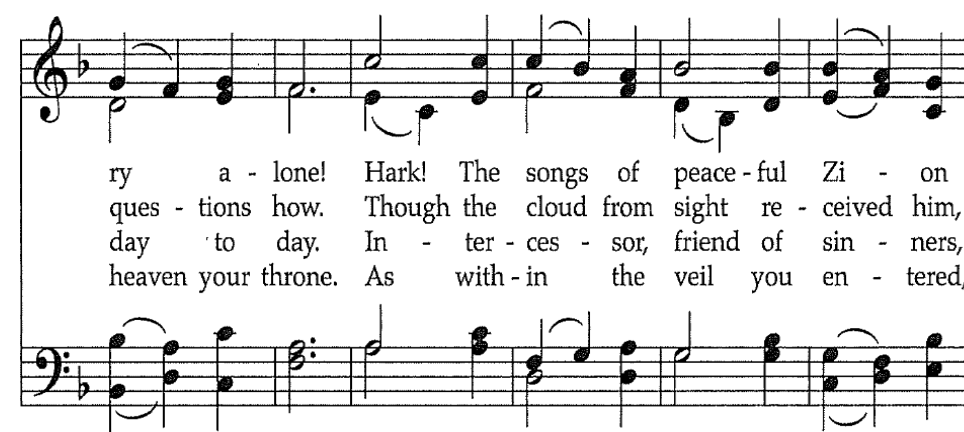
260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor
stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

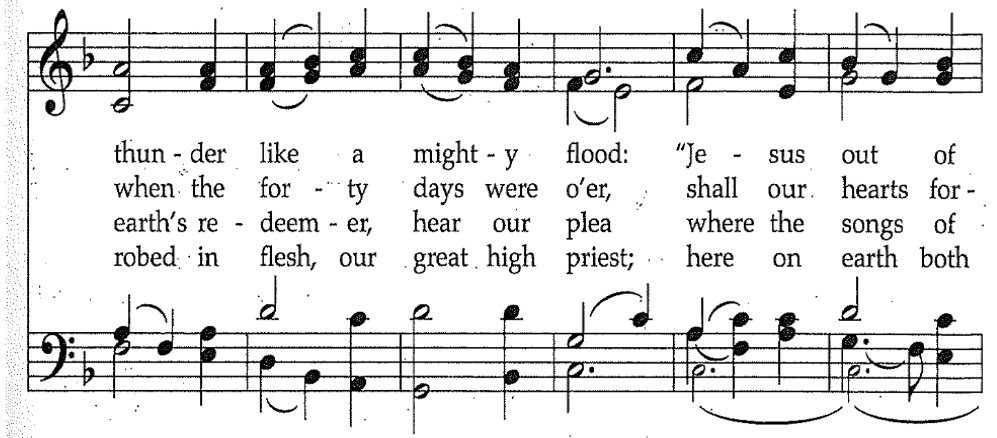


ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

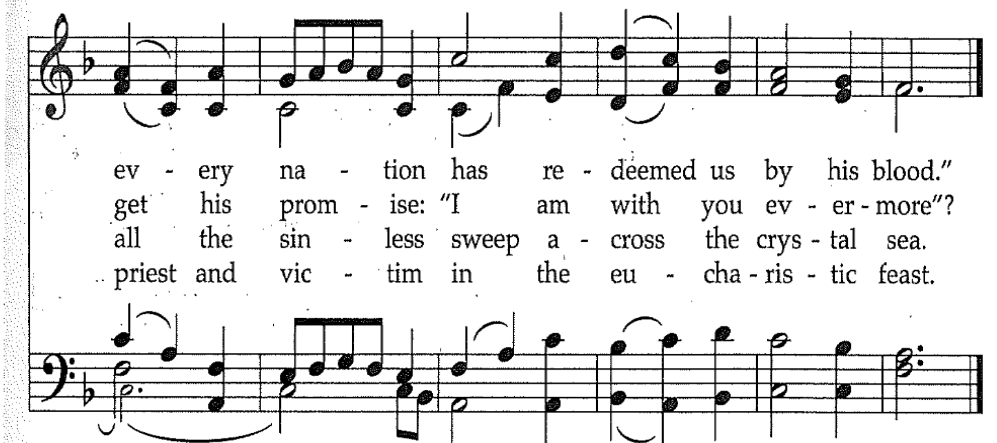
The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, 1866, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both



ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.