

## **Psalm 133 (Common English Bible)**

*A pilgrimage song. Of David.*

133 Look at how good and pleasing it is  
when families live together as one!  
2 It is like expensive oil poured over the head,  
running down onto the beard—  
Aaron's beard!—  
which extended over the collar of his robes.  
3 It is like the dew on Mount Hermon  
streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,  
because it is there that the LORD has commanded the  
blessing: everlasting life.

## **Acts 4:23-37 (Common English Bible)**

*The believers pray*

23 After their release, Peter and John returned to the  
brothers and sisters and reported everything the chief  
priests and elders had said. 24 They listened, then lifted  
their voices in unison to God, "Master, you are the one  
who created the heaven, the earth, the sea, and  
everything in them. 25 You are the one who spoke by the  
Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:  
*Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples plot in vain?*

26 *The kings of the earth took their stand  
and the rulers gathered together as one  
against the Lord and against his Christ.*

27 Indeed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with Gentiles  
and Israelites, did gather in this city against your holy  
servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what  
your power and plan had already determined would  
happen. 29 Now, Lord, take note of their threats and  
enable your servants to speak your word with complete  
confidence. 30 Stretch out your hand to bring healing  
and enable signs and wonders to be performed through  
the name of Jesus, your holy servant." 31 After they  
prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken.  
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began  
speaking God's word with confidence.

*Sharing among the believers*

32 The community of believers was one in heart and  
mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about  
any of their possessions, but held everything in  
common. 33 The apostles continued to bear powerful  
witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an  
abundance of grace was at work among them  
all. 34 There were no needy persons among them. Those  
who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring  
the proceeds from the sales, 35 and place them in the  
care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it  
was distributed to anyone who was in need.

36 Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas  
(that is, "one who encourages"), was a Levite from  
Cyprus. 37 He owned a field, sold it, brought the money,  
and placed it in the care and under the authority of the  
apostles.

## **John 20:19-31 (Common English Bible)**

*Jesus appears to the disciples*

19 It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the  
disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of  
the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He  
said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them  
his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they  
were filled with joy. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with  
you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he  
breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you  
forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive  
them, they aren't forgiven."

*Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples*

24 Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't  
with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples told  
him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put  
my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand  
into his side, I won't believe."

26 After eight days his disciples were again in a house and  
Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked,  
Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with  
you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at  
my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief.  
Believe!"

28 Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy  
are those who don't see and yet believe."

30 Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples'  
presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. 31 But these  
things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the  
Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his  
name.

# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing - leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

# 254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which  
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.  
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.