

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

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**GATHERING MUSIC**                    *"Fantaisie" from Hommage à Frescobaldi*                    Jean Langlais

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**                    Mindy Douglas

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP** (Creation Care Committee – video)                    David Smith

**PRELUDE**                    *"Improvisation pour l'Élévation" from Suite Médiévale*                    Jean Langlais

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                    Susan Dunlap

Leader: We worship in the Easter light,

**All:        for the shadow of death is no match for God's love.**

Leader: Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

**All:        "My Lord and my God!"**

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**All:        Christ is risen indeed!**

**HYMN No. 242**                    *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*                    *In Dir Ist Freude*

Refrain: ***Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!***

***Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!***

***Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;  
sing of the seed from barren earth greening;  
sing of creation, alleluia!***

***Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;  
sing of the saints in water made holy;  
sing of salvation, alleluia!*** (Refrain)

***Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;  
sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;  
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!***

***Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;  
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;  
sing, all things living, alleluia!***

**CONFESSION OF SIN**                    Susan Dunlap

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering,  
from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples.**

Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace.  
 Still, O Lord, we don't follow in the way of your love.  
 Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection.  
 Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace.  
 Show us your hands and your feet once more,  
 and teach us to be your body in the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn (refrain only)

*Alleluia No. 1*

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le -  
 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Breathe in this place, O Lord,  
 by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 to open our minds,  
 unlock our hearts,  
 and enliven our faith  
 so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

Carl Rist

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 133

Carl Rist

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 4:31-35

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Radical Kinship"*

Mindy Douglas

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Declaration of Faith*

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

**Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.**

**The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses  
for doing nothing about present evils.**

**But, in Christ the new world has already broken in  
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.**

**But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil  
that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,**

**for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.**

**He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Lenore Champion, Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

**INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!***

***Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.***

***In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.***

***Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

***Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.***

***Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.***

***Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.***

***Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.***

***Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.***

***Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.***

***Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"***

***God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

## CLOSING PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:**

**You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

-Church of Scotland, Book of Common Order (1940),  
inspired by Augustine, Conf. 1.1

## BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

## POSTLUDE

*"Mode de Mi"*

Jean Langlais

***First Presbyterian Church*** welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On April 4, 123 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God and in memory of ***Crafton Keller*** by ***Margaret, Tom, Neel, and John***.

## Music Notes:

- We are grateful to ***Gordon Campbell*** for serving as our organist and interim minister of music while ***Kathy Parkins*** continues her recovery from shoulder and bicep surgery.
- Jean Langlais (1907 - 1991) was born in France and was blinded early in childhood by glaucoma. He was recognized at an early age as a musical prodigy and eventually went

to Paris to the Conservatoire, where he studied with Marcel Dupré and Paul Dukas, among others. His compositions for organ are numerous, and many of them have become lasting elements of the classical repertoire. During his life he was also acclaimed through Europe and America as a concert organist.

**Many thanks** to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck**, for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the images accompanying today’s online service.

Today’s **worship texts** are taken from *Call to Worship, Feasting on the Word*, and *Book of Common Worship* (2018). **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

### ~ **Our Concerns** ~

**Everlyn Bass**, aunt of Valerie McMillian, a patient at Duke Regional

**Liz & Howard Dean**, friends of Beth Taylor. Their son was recently killed in a motorcycle accident.

**Margaret Nelson**, sister of Charlotte Nelson, in ICU in Asheville

**Franzi Rokoske’s father**, recovering from a fall

**Samuel**, nephew of Susan Dunlap

#### Recovering at their homes

**Tom Bloom**

**Kerry Holbrook**

**Margaret Sims**

**Carol Wills**

#### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

The Laurels of Chatham County: **Ann Prospero**

#### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

**Carolyn Bonner**, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson’s coworker Al Bonner

**Peggy Boulden**, mother of Dick Boulden

**Flora Estrella**, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

**Chris James’ mother**, suffering from dementia

**Grace**, Chris James’ great-niece, suffering from a rare, degenerative condition

**Phil Goss**, a friend of the congregation

**Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Shannon Putman**, daughter of Mary Putman

**Carlton Rounds’ mother**, who is fighting cancer. Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin.

**John Samulski**, friend of FPC

# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER  
ONE STEP AT A TIME

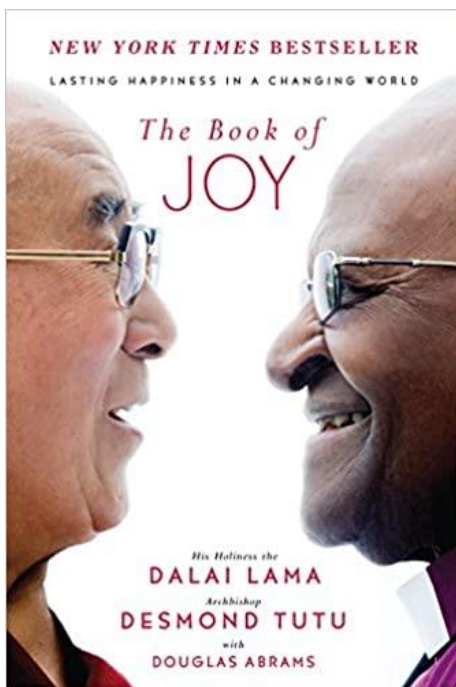
FPC has a terrific group who have signed up for this year's CROP Hunger Walk to raise money to provide more meals for people in Durham who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. Since there's no community-wide walk this year, **we're doing our own walk on the afternoon of April 18**, and we'd love to have more people join us. If you can't join us, consider donating to support one of those who are. FPC CROP walkers include **Emily Wilkins, Julie and Jody Maxwell, Kerry Holbrook, Marie Sappenfield, Sharon Hirsch, Shirley Frederick, Tim O'Brien, Mindy Douglas, Karolyn Mangeot, Andy Henry, Jane Williams, and Tom Bacon**. Click on this [link](#) to join the FPC Team and to make an online donation in support of those walking, or contact Tom Bacon, FPC's coordinator.

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**Kids are invited for some fun on the playground. Parents are invited for some fellowship time. Take home a popsicle!**





## Spring Book Study

**Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. beginning April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mindy Douglas is leading the discussion.

Click [here](#) to join the class via Zoom.

**About the book:** In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? This book offers readers a rare opportunity to experience their astonishing and unprecedented week together, from the first embrace to the final goodbye.



## Prayer Service in the Sanctuary!

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.*

*For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

*- Ps. 100:4-5*

**Are you 65 years of age or older? Fully vaccinated?** (2 weeks or more after your second vaccine) If so, we're thrilled to offer the opportunity for **small groups of 13 people**, masked and distanced, to meet in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and fellowship. Come to hear the organ, see dear ones and be in prayer together. [Sign up at this link](#) or call **First Presbyterian (919-682-5511 ext. 217)** and state the date (**April 22, April 30**) for which you're signing up. Please let us know if you need a ride when you sign up, we may be able to help.

## Calling all Scratchers...

(...anyone who's got 'adulthood' well, mostly figured out but isn't yet wondering where all the time went...)

### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
at Camp New Hope**

Part pop-up (come when you can, leave when you must),  
part picnic, part time to pray and plan.

**MORE INFO COMING SOON!**

## Volunteers needed at Urban Ministries

For years, FPC has committed to provide volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at Urban Ministries of Durham. Even through the pandemic, members of FPC have faithfully served as volunteers. If you are fully vaccinated and can serve again, please know that you are needed. FPC needs workers on these dates in April. As always, only volunteer when you are comfortable doing so.

- **Friday, April 16**, prepare breakfast and fill take-out boxes, 7 - 9 a.m.
- **CANCELLED: Monday, April 19**, assist with lunch prep 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **CANCELLED: Thursday, April 22**, assist with lunch prep 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Friday, April 30**, prepare breakfast and fill take-out boxes, 7 - 9 a.m.

Contact [Jen McGonigle](#) to sign up for a slot or call her at 202-421-5870. If you have interest in serving at Urban Ministries at other times and in other ways, let Jen know. Click this link: <https://umdurham.org/get-involved/opportunities.html> to see all available opportunities.

## Multiplying the Blessings

At the Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry, we see miracles every week. We prepare for 550 families. 590 families show up, and there is enough food for all. Come, be part of the miracle at 2504 N. Roxboro. Join other volunteers for a 2-hour shift, bag rice and beans from home, donate food, or give a financial donation. Together, we will continue to spread God's love throughout our community in this most tangible way. To sign up for a 2-hour shift, click [here](#). To bag rice and beans from home, or donate food, click [here](#). To make a financial donation, go to [www.emanueldurham.org](http://www.emanueldurham.org) and click on donate." More questions? Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#).

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*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Lenore Champion*, Children's Ministry Director  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant



*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*, Associate Pastor  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office: [info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.



# 242 Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the

gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
2 Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*

(C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm



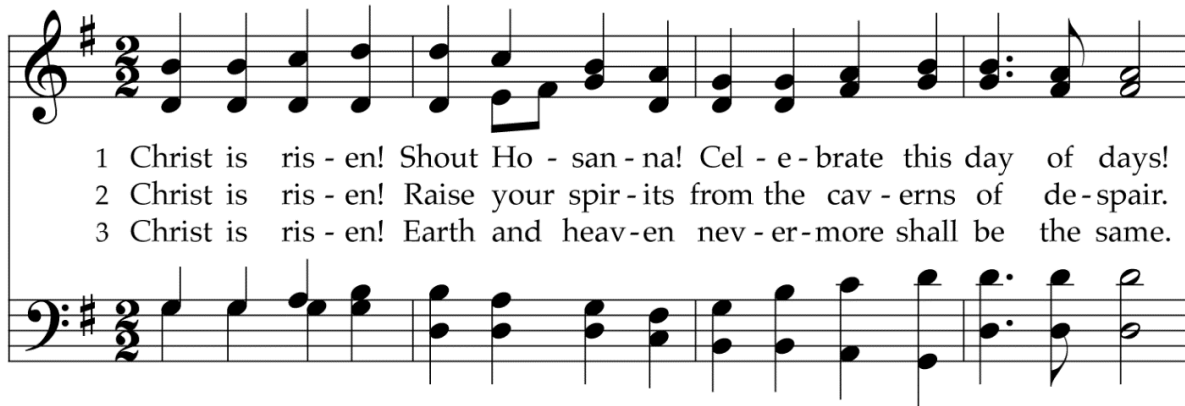
And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
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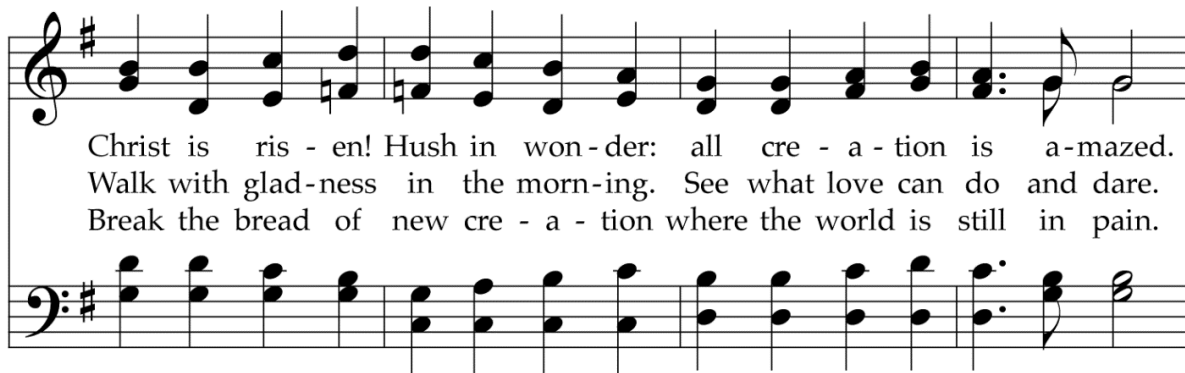


love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

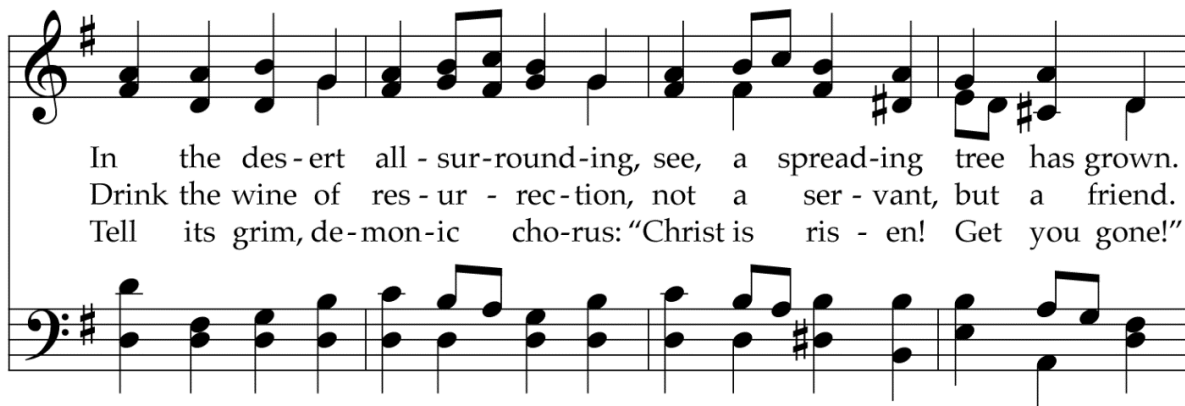
# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



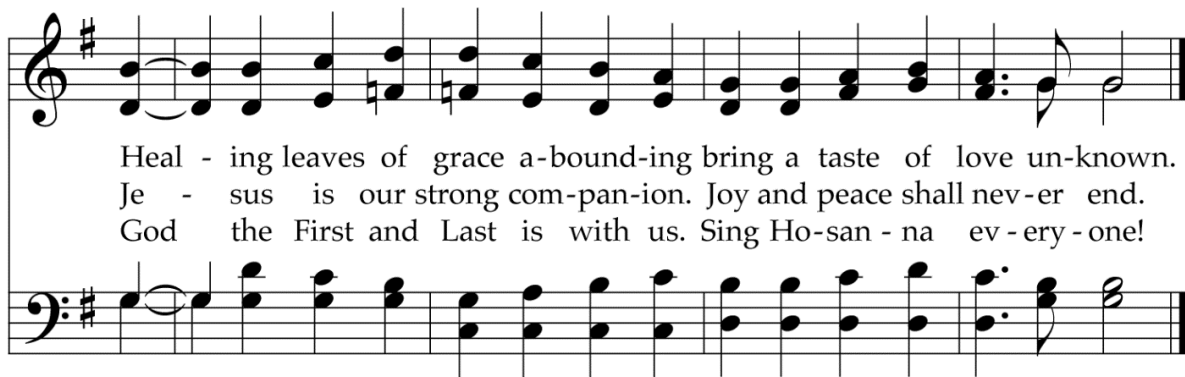
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
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Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus 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!