

The 2nd Sunday of Easter “Holy Humor” Sunday

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GATHERING

Gathering Music:

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The joy of Easter, the glee of the +Lord Jesus Christ, the mirth of God, and the laughter of the Holy Spirit, be with you all this day and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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Postlude:

Prayer Focus: Joy (In your prayers this week, you are encouraged to notice and give thanks for all the many small acts of kindness, beauty, and love that bring you joy!)

THANK YOU – To everyone who sent in their favorite knock-knock or other jokes!

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Fanfare in C major

Henry Purcell
(arranged for organ, EPB)

Gt. or Solo Tpts

Manuals

Sw. Tpts

This system contains two staves. The upper staff is for 'Gt. or Solo Tpts' and the lower staff is for 'Sw. Tpts'. Both staves are in 2/4 time and contain a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a repeat sign and a trill (tr) at the end.

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Pedal

(added variation, EPB)

16'8'4'

This system introduces a third staff, 'Pedal', in 2/4 time. The 'Gt. or Solo Tpts' and 'Sw. Tpts' parts continue their melodic lines. The 'Pedal' part has a simple bass line. A '16'8'4'' marking is present below the pedal staff. The system concludes with a repeat sign and a trill (tr) in the upper staff.

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Mfurahini, haleluya

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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Music: Tanzanian traditional

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I HAVE THE JOY

Arr. by H. D. L.

C Em Am C G7 C

1. I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,
 2. I have the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing, down in my heart,
 3. I have the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus, down in my heart,

G7 C Em

* Down in my heart, down in my heart; I have the joy, joy,
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Am C G7 C G7 C

joy, joy, down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.
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* "Where!"

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second measure contains a 6/4 time signature change, with quarter notes D5, C5, B4, and A4. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in the same key and time, starting with a whole rest, followed by chords G4, A4, B4, and C5 in the first measure, and D5, C5, B4, and A4 in the second measure.

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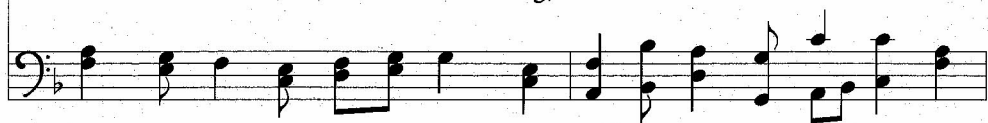
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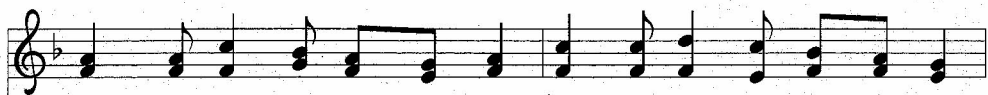
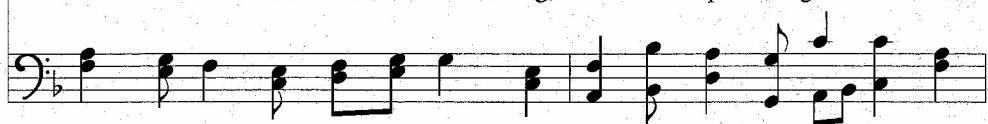
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- 1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:
 2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,
 3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;
 saw the ra - dian - ce of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;
 God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;
 bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:
 Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.
 beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.
 and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.



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Offertory Music:

HALLELU, HALLELU

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), common time. Chords: G, C. Lyrics: Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu-jah!

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Chords: D7, G. Lyrics: Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Chords: C, G, D7, G. Lyrics: lu, hal-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the Lord!

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Chord: D7. Lyrics: Praise ye the Lord, hal-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the

Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Chord: G. Lyrics: Lord, hal-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the

Musical staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Chords: C, D7, G. Lyrics: Lord, hal-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the Lord!

Suggestion:

Divide into two groups. Group 1 stand and sing on all the "Hallelus." Group 2 stand and sing on all the "Praise Ye the Lords." Sit when not singing.



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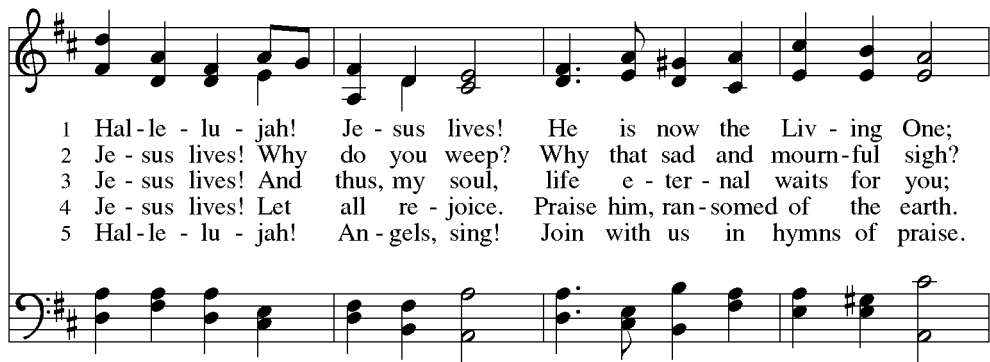
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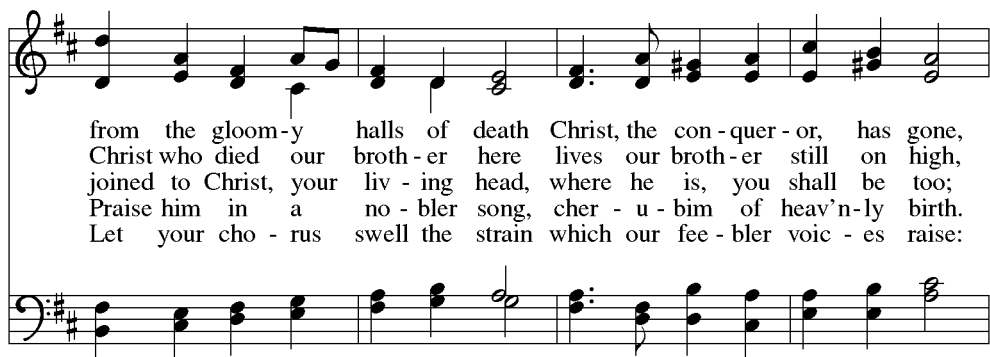
Hymn: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

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Postlude:

Ballade

Richard Coeur de Lion
(arranged, with two variations EPB)

Freely and Expressively

p *cresc.*

dim. **Var. I**
Clarinet
Flute

cresc. *dim.*

Var. II
Flute (add)
Clarinet

Ped. soft 16'8'

cresc. *dim.*