

**April 26, 2020**

Third Sunday of Easter

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CENTERING WORDS**

Christ is here, ready to be revealed.

Watch and wait for the new growth that is coming.

**CENTERING MUSIC**     Risen is the Holy Christ     Stanley E. Saxton

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Stay with Christ, and Christ will stay with you.

**P:** Listen for God, and God will speak.

**L:** Seek the Spirit, and the Spirit will be revealed.

**P:** For the Spirit is already here, inviting us to stay.

**HYMN**     I Greet You, Sure Redeemer

### **MORNING PRAYER**

Almighty God,

Jesus, our risen Lord,

was made known to the disciples  
in the breaking of the bread.

Open the eyes of our hearts

that we may recognize his presence,  
and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!"

Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Silent Prayers, Pastoral Prayer, and the Prayer of Our Savior**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

**GIFT OF MUSIC**     You are Mine     David Haas

### **READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS**

**Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,

"Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## MEDITATION

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Bountiful are God's gifts to us.  
In gratitude, let us offer our hearts  
and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God,  
by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor  
and the offering of our lives.  
Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
in union with our risen Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

## HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

## COMMISSION

L: Christ is risen  
P: Christ is risen indeed.  
L: Christ is with us.  
P: Christ is with us indeed.  
We go to share this good news with the world!  
We go to be this good news in the world

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.  
Let There Be Peace on Earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator,  
children all are we;  
let us walk with each other  
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment  
and live each moment  
in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.

## BLESSING

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
the love of God who raised him from the dead,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit  
who fills the world with new life  
bless and keep you. Alleluia!

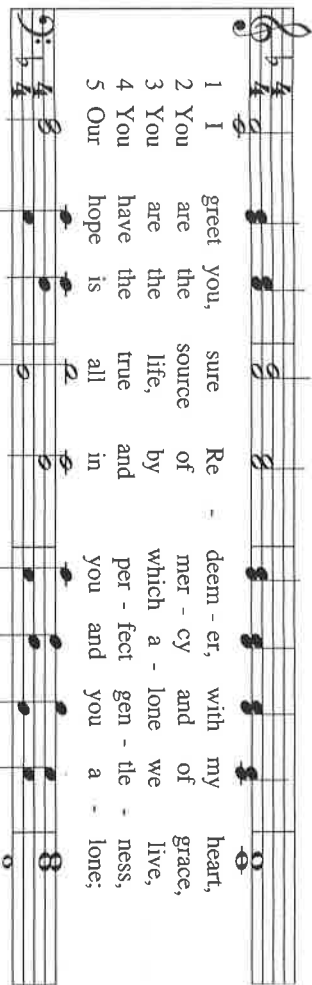
## GOING FORTH

With Sounds of Joy

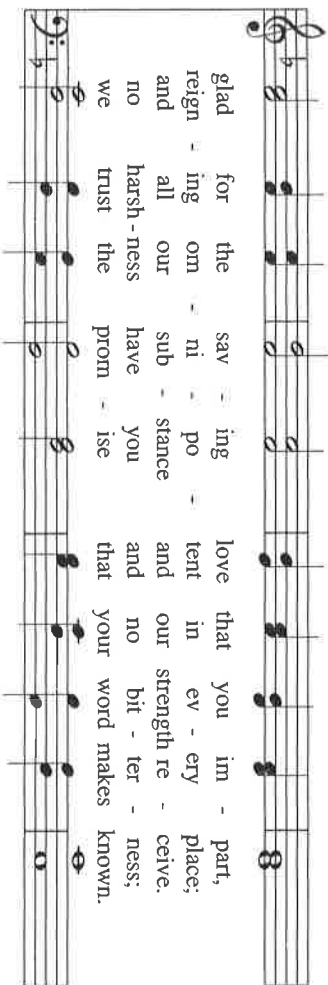
Carl Simone

## I Greet You, Sure Redeemer

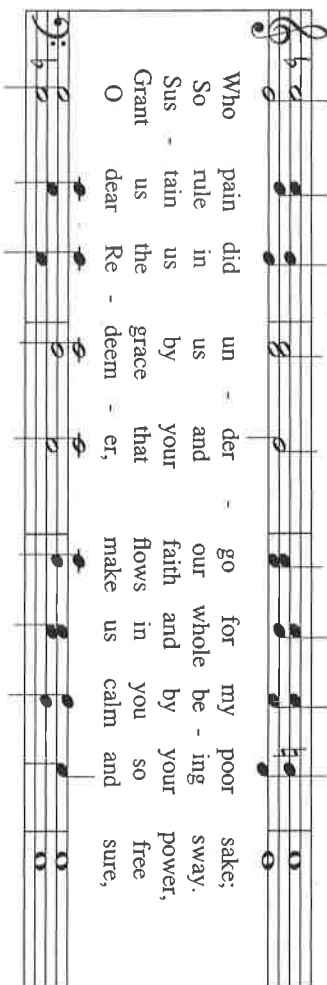
John 11:25-27

Anon., from Strasbourg Psalter, 1545  
Transl. Elizabeth L. Smith, 1868; alt.


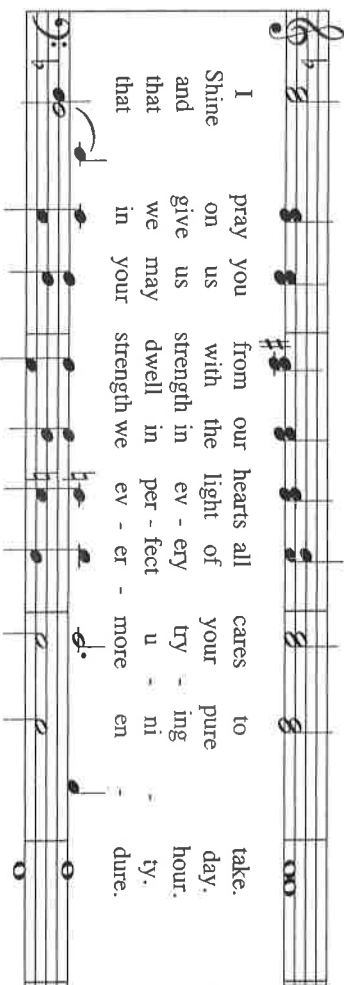
1 I greet you, sure Re - deem - er, with my heart,  
2 You are the source of mer - cy and of grace,  
3 You are the life, by which a - lone we live,  
4 You have the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,  
5 Our hope is all in you and you a - lone;



glad for the sav - ing po - tent love that you im - part,  
reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - every place;  
and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive,  
no harsh - ness have you and no bit - ter - ness;  
we trust the prom - ise that your word makes known.



Who pain did un - der - go for my poor sake;  
So rule in us and our whole be - ing sway.  
Sus - tain us by your faith and by your power,  
Grant O dear Re - deem - er, make us calm and sure,

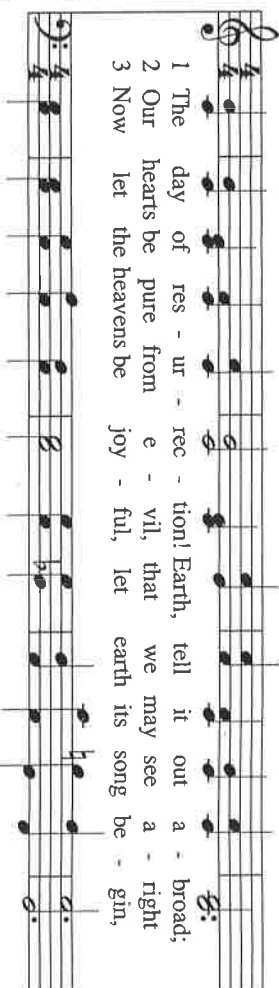


I pray you from our hearts all cares to take.  
Shine on us with the light of your pure day.  
and give us strength in ev - every try - ing hour.  
that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.  
that in your strength we ev - er - more - dure.

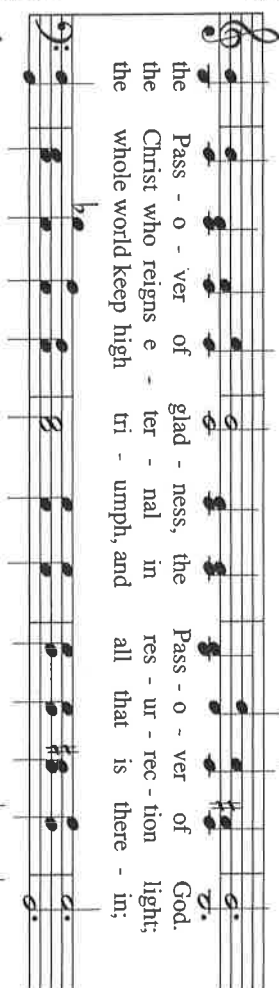
This hymn first appeared in a sixteenth-century Strasbourg

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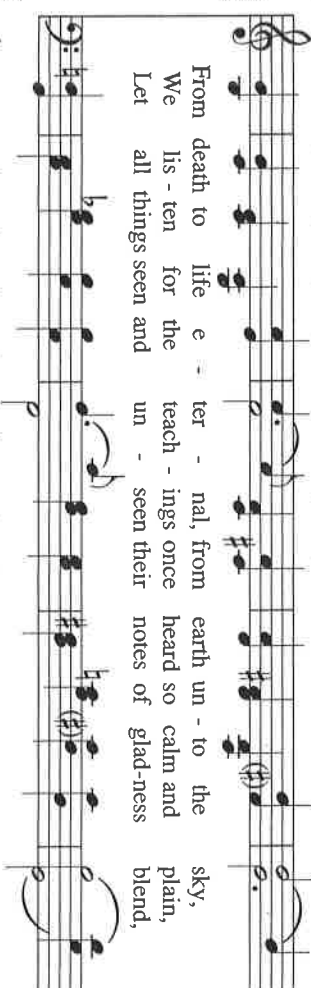
## The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 8th century  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.


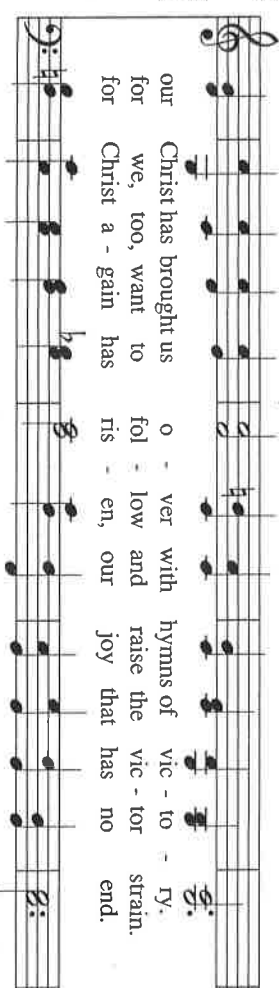
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;  
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.  
John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Mark 16:1-6

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
Henry T. Smart, 1836