



EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
April 24, 2022

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *St. George's Windsor* by George J. Elvey (1816–1893), incorporating *We Gather Together* (Kremser), arr. Judith L. Maggs

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 199 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

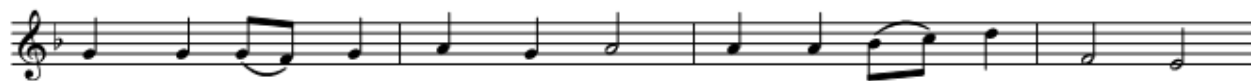
Words: John of Damascus (8th century) Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: St. Kevin Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)
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Come, ye faith - ful raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pri - son,
Now the queen of sea - sons bright with the day of splen - dor,
Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal;



loosed from Pha - roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un-mois-tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel-comes in un-wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All pray together: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

My Heart Sings Out # 34 *Amen, we praise your name*

Words and Music: *Masithi* South African Hymn © 1983 Lumko Institute. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The musical score is written for a Cantor and an All congregation. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The Cantor part is on a single staff, and the All part is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, a - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men." The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the first phrase, and a final double bar line at the end.

Cantor *All*

Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men:

A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, a - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men.

(not sung final time)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

Holy and Gracious God, give us the bravery of St. George that we too may stand up for what we believe; the strength to overcome the dragons in our own lives and in the world we live in; and the compassion to assist those who are in distress. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons

Joshua 1:7-9

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.' The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion:

then we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter:

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us:

and we were glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD:

like the watercourses in the Negev.

May those who sow in tears: **reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing:

shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #204 *Now the Green Blade*

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) Music: *Noel nouvelet* Medieval French carol Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in dark earth
In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, think - ing that nev - er
Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, he that for three days
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, thy touch can call us



man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
he would wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a-gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 24:13-35

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. William Bultman

Creed: *I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It*

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South African

1 I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru -
I be-lieve in God, the Al-migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor. Migh -
I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo-ple. Sa -
And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi-rit. Pow -

3 - ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it!
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor, migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor.
- vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple.
- er of the Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spi - rit.

5 I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru -
I be-lieve in God, the Al-migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor. Migh -
I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo-ple. Sa -
And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi-rit. Pow -

7 ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it!
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor, migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor.
- vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple.
- er of the Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spi - rit.

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The Prayers of the People: *Written by St. George's 2022 Confirmation class*

God of Light, we pray that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, and Connie our rector. We pray for the ministries and people here at St. George's as we celebrate St. George's Day and 149 years of this community. **God of Light, hear our prayer.**

God of Wisdom, we pray that those in positions of public trust serve justice with compassion and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. **God of Light, hear our prayer.**

God of All Creation, grant us the wisdom to be faithful stewards of the earth so that we may use and conserve its resources, remembering the health and welfare of future generations, to your honor and glory. **Lord of Life, hear our prayer.**

God of Peace and Justice, we pray for refugees and all those caught in the violence of war. May they find comfort and shelter. **God of Light, hear our prayer.**

God our Protector, we pray for the children of St. George's and the children in Prince George's County as they continue learning during the Covid-19 pandemic. **God of Light, hear our prayer.**

God of Strength, we pray for those who are sick and in need of your healing strength, those who are facing trials and are in need of help, and those experiencing sorrows who are in need of comfort. We also pray for those we name before you now (*offer names*). **God of Light, hear our prayer.**

God who brings new life, we pray for all who have died, and especially those we name before you now, that they might come to share in your heavenly kingdom (*offer names*). **God of Light, hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you O God, in thanksgiving for Jesus, your Son and our Savior. **Amen.**

As we mark the feast of St. George this morning, we will bless the icon of St. George created by Cathy Carlson Reynolds, TSSF. Cathy has worshipped with us via Zoom at various points and wrote this icon as a gift to our parish.



The Celebrant says

Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through Christ and for him.

Celebrant: The Word become flesh:

People: And dwelt among us.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Eternal God, light of the world and creator of all that is good and lovely: your Son manifested your glory in his flesh, and sanctified the outward and visible to be a means for us to perceive realities unseen. We thank you for inspiring all those who with images and words have filled us with love for you, and ask you to bless this representation of St. George, lovingly made and dedicated to you. Grant that as we look upon it, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen only by the eye of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. Baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary may be used for donations of checks or cash.

The Offertory Hymn: Gather # 313

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Sing to the Mountains

Text: Psalm 118; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
Tune: B. Dufford, SJ; acc. Sr. Theo. Hytrek, OSF, 1915-1992, alt.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three verses. The first verse begins with a 'Refrain' section. The lyrics are: 'Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic-es, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth re-joice.' The second verse begins with 'Verse 1' and the lyrics: '1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have an-swered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.' The third verse begins with 'Verse 2' and the lyrics: '2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The fourth verse begins with 'Verse 3' and the lyrics: '3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice. He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.' The score includes measure numbers 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, and 57. It ends with a 'D.C.' (Da Capo) instruction and a copyright notice 'G313 2010.04.05'.

Refrain

9 Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic-es, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth re-joice.

17

Verse 1

25 1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have an-swered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

33

Verse 2

41 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

49

Verse 3

57 3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice.
He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in your light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S 130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828) Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-

- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on all your people.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

And so we recall his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his holy reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us O God, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory, and may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the whole family of God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken, and after a period of silence, all sing together:

Fraction Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise # 866 *Christ our Passover*

Setting: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles and Chants* © 1997 Carl Haywood Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is divided into three parts: 'Cantor' (Al - le - lu - ia.), 'Choir' (Al - le - lu - ia.), and 'Congregation and Choir' (Al - le - lu - ia.). The second staff contains the lyrics 'Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the'. The third staff continues with 'feast. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant then says:

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are invited to receive the Holy Communion.
Whatever you believe or don't believe, you are welcome at this table.
For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine,
Please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #154 *Taste and See*

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Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the



good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.



I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall
Glo - ri fy the Lord with me. To - geth er let us
Wor - ship the Lord all you peo ple. You'll want for



al ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo ry in the
all praise his name. I called the Lord and he an - swered
noth - ing if you ask Taste and see that God is



Lord; for he has been so good to me.
me; from all my trou bles he set me free.
good; in him we need put all our trust.



Communion Hymn 2: Gather #511 I Danced in the Morning

Words and Music: David Haas (b. 1937) © 1991 G. I. A. Publications. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: "I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth; At Beth-le-hem I had my birth. Dance then wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he." The word "Refrain" is written above the third staff.

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, But they wouldn't dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And left me there to on a cross to die.
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life, and sustaining us with the presence of the Risen Christ. Grant that we who have gathered together this season of Resurrection will go out as people of hope and new life. May the meal we have shared revive us in body and soul, and make us glad to share the good news that Christ is risen; for he is alive and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements are made

The Blessing

May God our Creator renew in you the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world.
Amen.

May Jesus the Risen Christ, uphold you in grace and love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit fill you with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope in the world.
Amen.

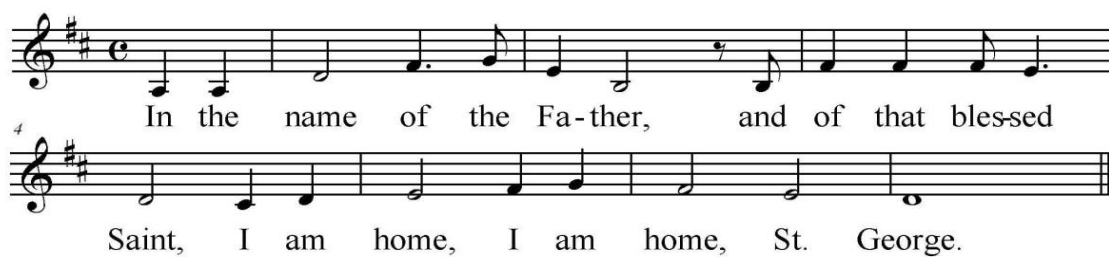
And may the blessing of God be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn of St. George's Church

By Leigh Stover and Tona Jarnigan

Arr. by Julia Jackson

Refrain



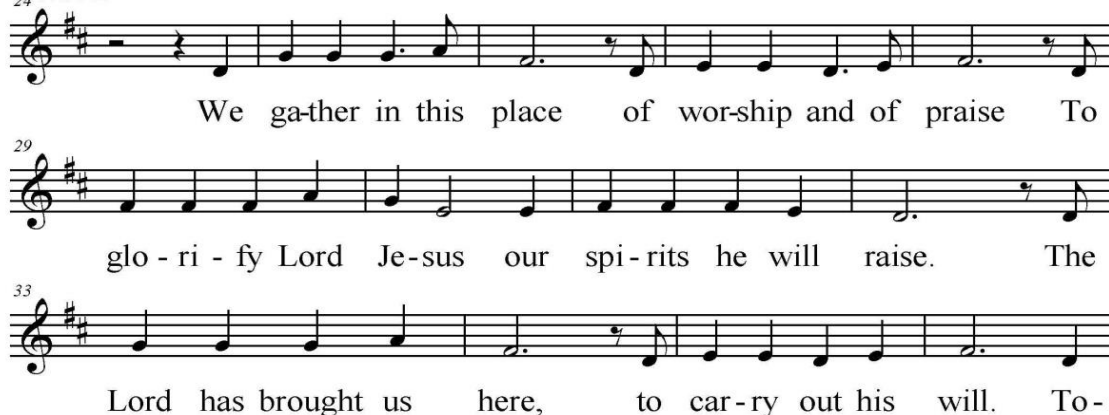
4 In the name of the Fa-ther, and of that blessed
Saint, I am home, I am home, St. George.

verse 1



8 As I look a - round, I see my fa - mi - ly, A
12 lov - ing con - gre - ga - tion that's here to wel - come me. I
16 fin - ally found the place where I do be - long. The
20 po - wer of our love, lifts me up, makes me strong.

verse 2



24 We ga - ther in this place of wor - ship and of praise To
29 glo - ri - fy Lord Je - sus our spi - rits he will raise. The
33 Lord has brought us here, to car - ry out his will. To -

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37
ge - ther we are march-ing up that might - y hill.

verse 3
41
We have a spe - cial mis-sion to bring all peo - ple

45
in. We wel - come them with o - pen arms 'cause

48
that's how love be - gins. Our fa-mi-ly is grow-ing

52
with each pass - ing day. God will bring us

55
clo - ser, and here our hearts will stay.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* (Land of Rest) from *The Sacred Harp* (1844),
arr. Pamela M. Robertson (b. 1959)