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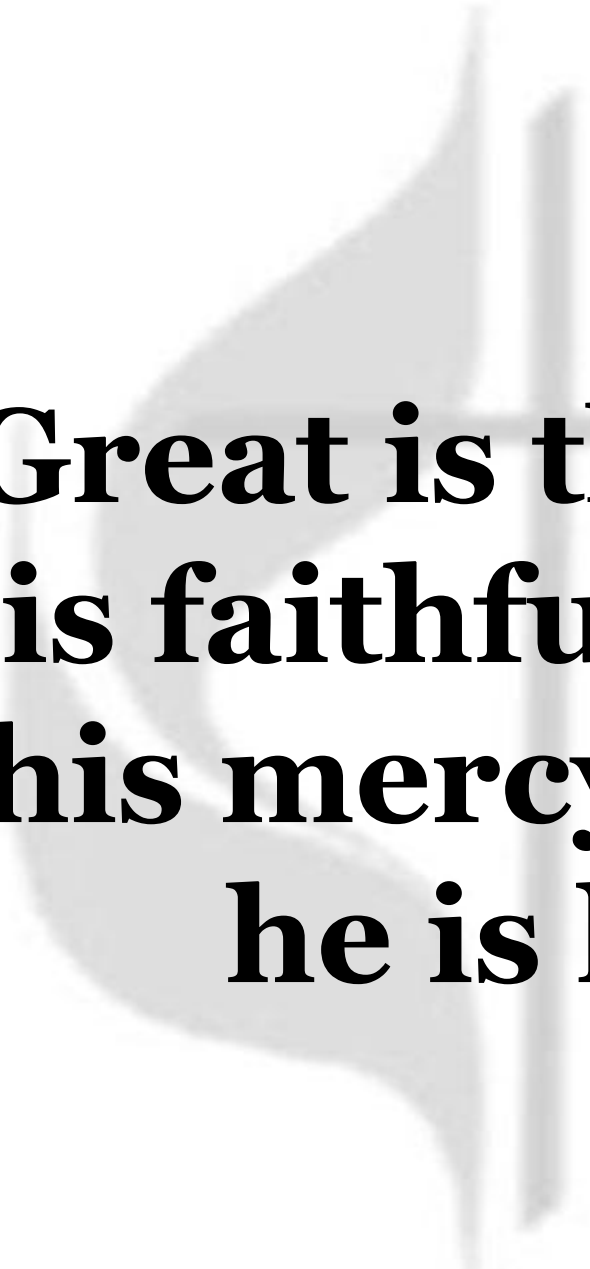
Great Is the Lord

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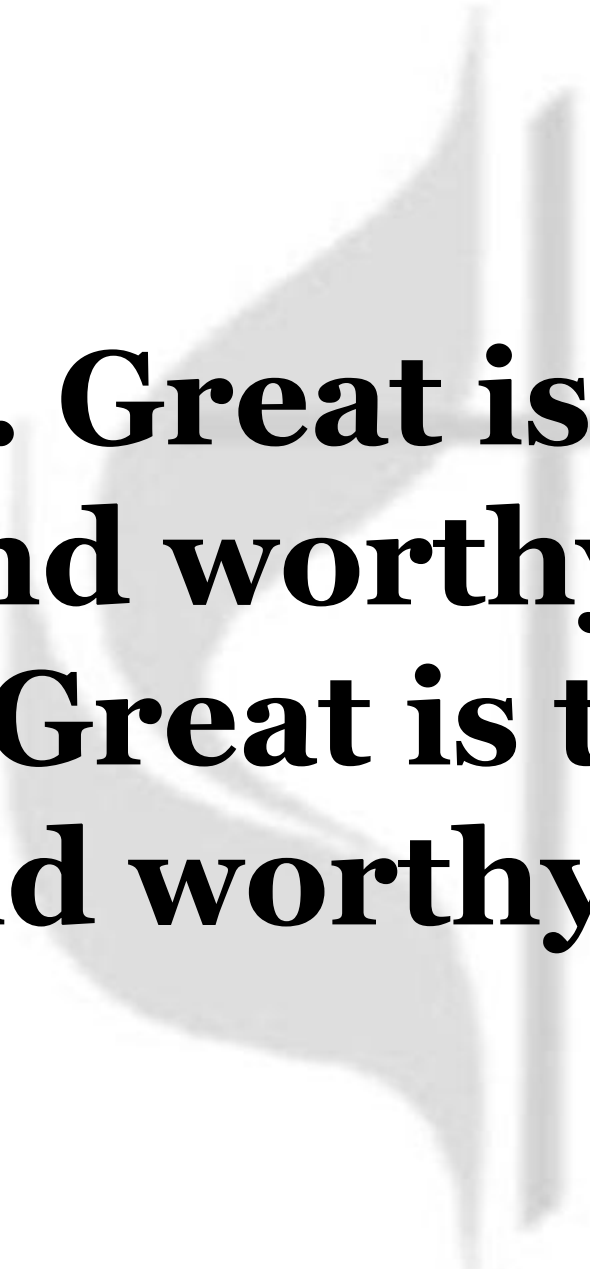
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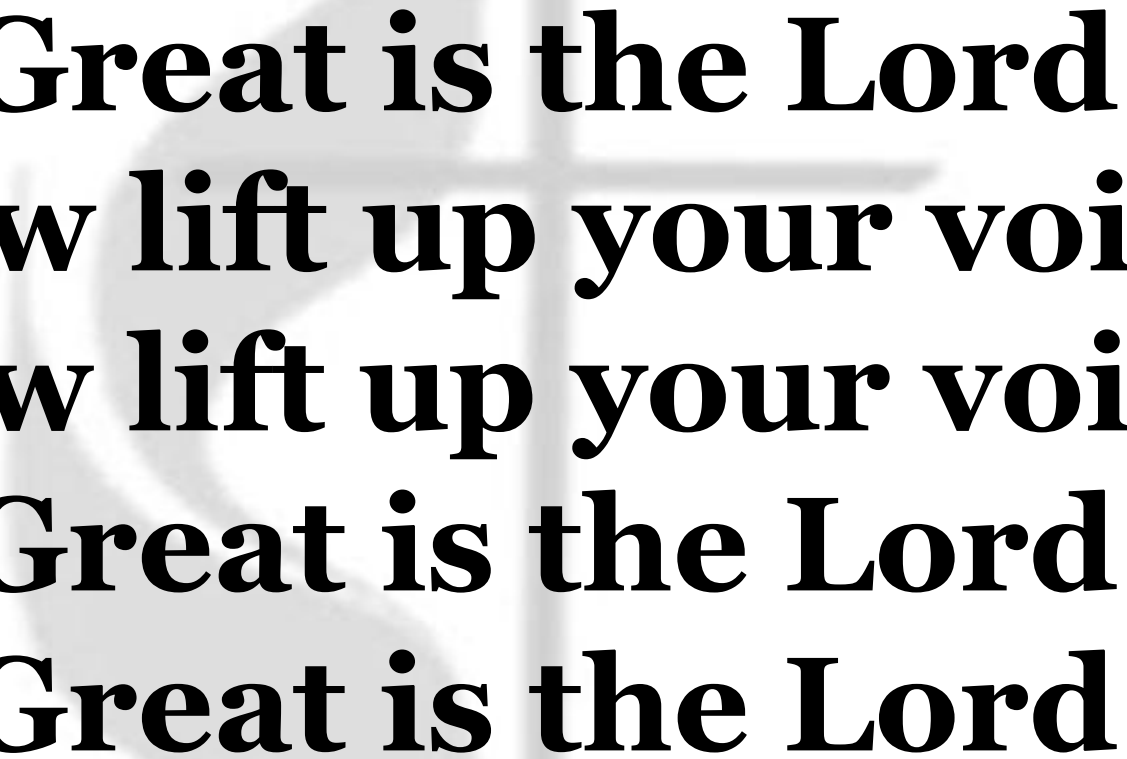
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in his love.**



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he is faithful and true;
by his mercy he proves
he is love.**



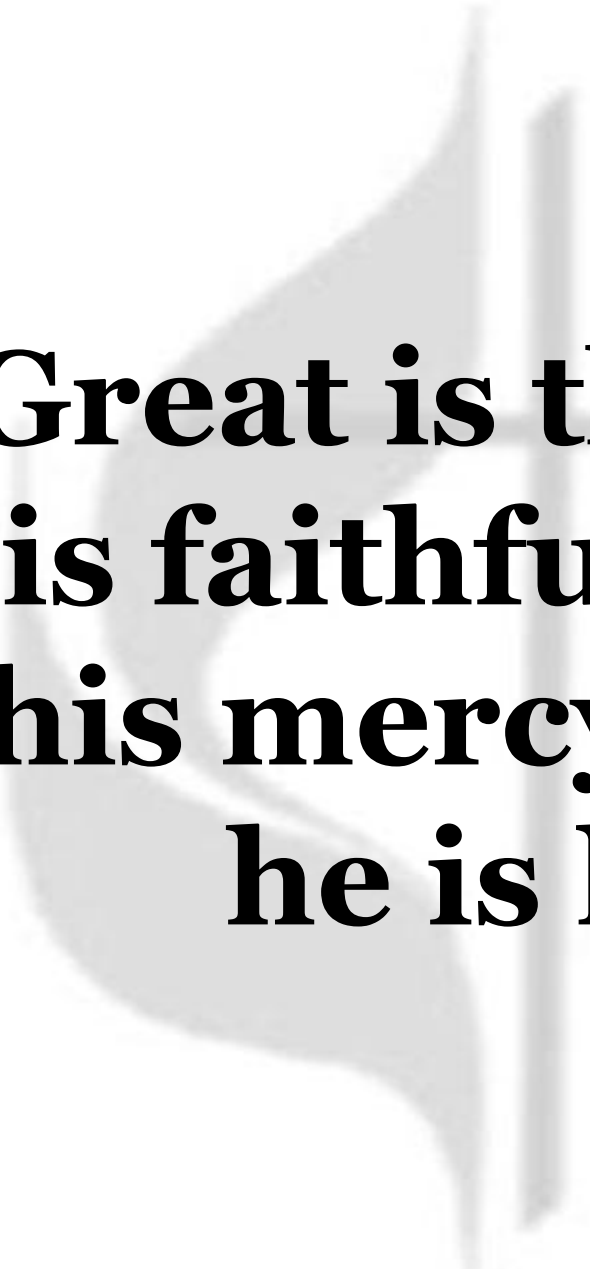
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and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord
and worthy of praise.**



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now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice:
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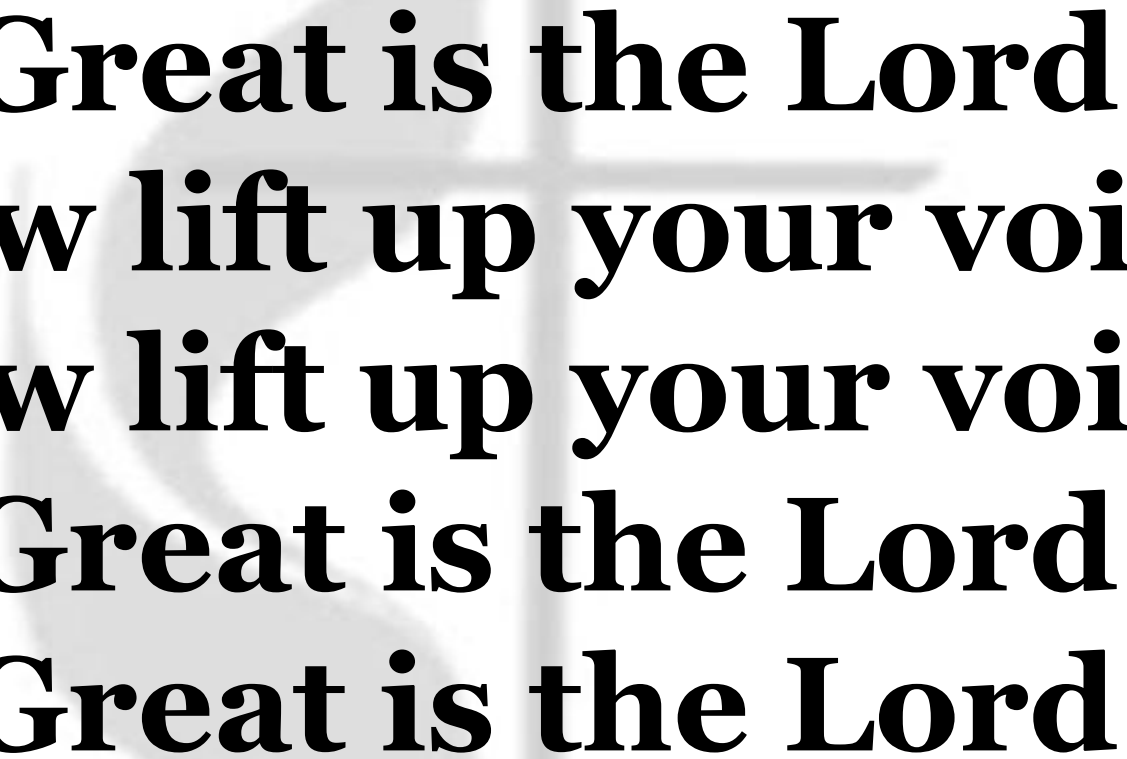
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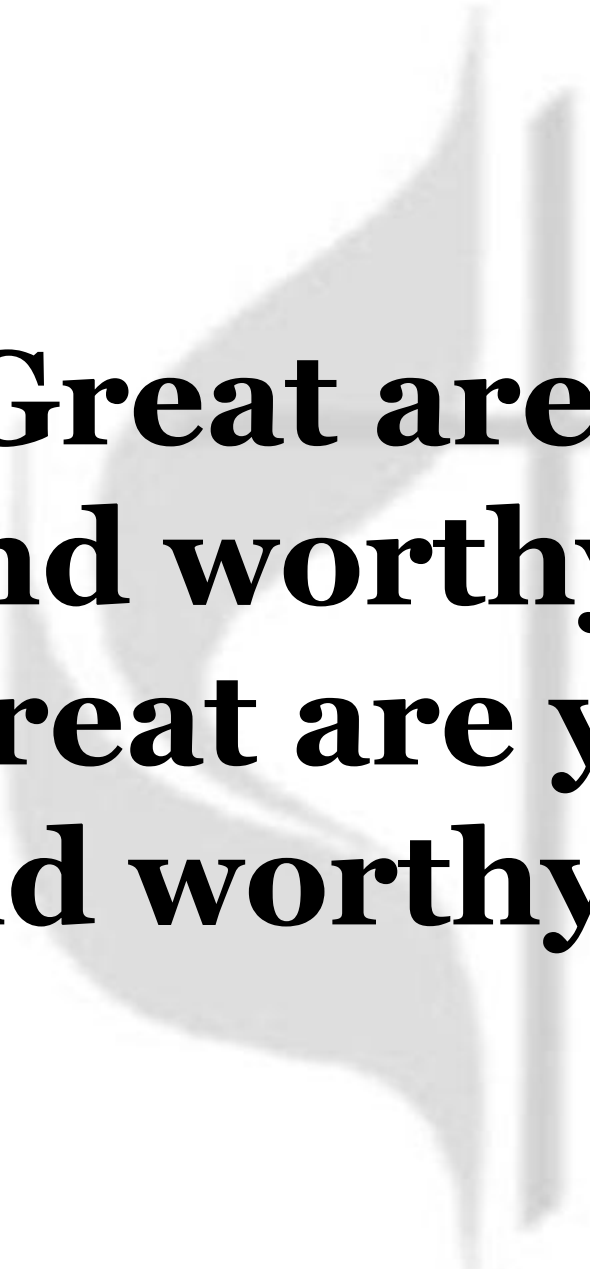
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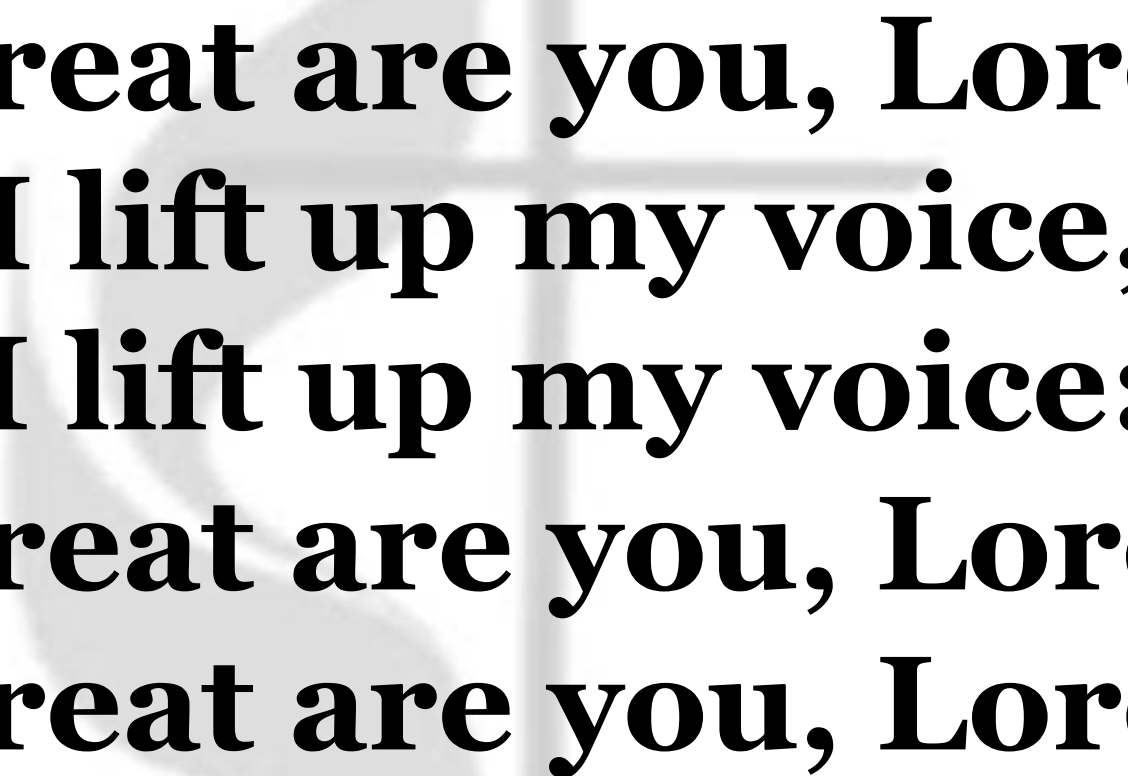
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**Great is the Lord;
now lift up your voice,
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Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord!**



**3. Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of praise.**



**Great are you, Lord;
I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!**



Words of Welcome



Gathering Words

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world,
calling your name!

**Alleluia! Even death has lost
its sting.**

Let us worship our good-news
Christ.

Christ Is Risen

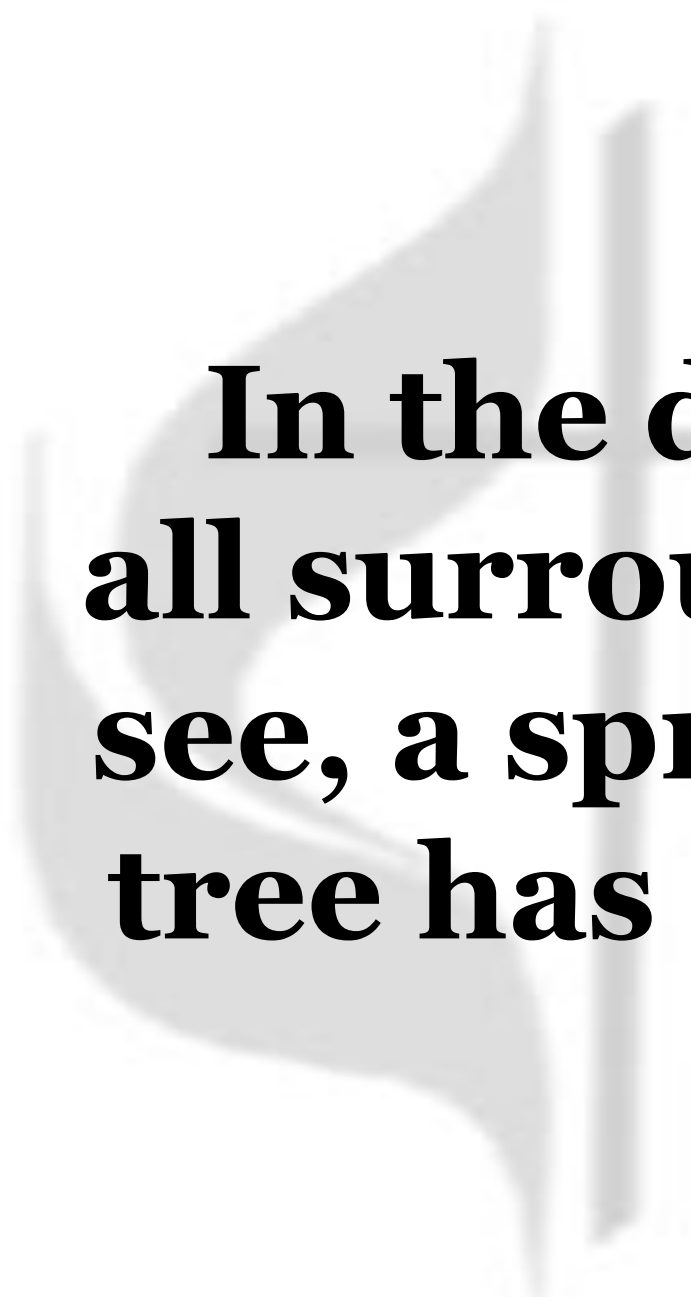
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WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984

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



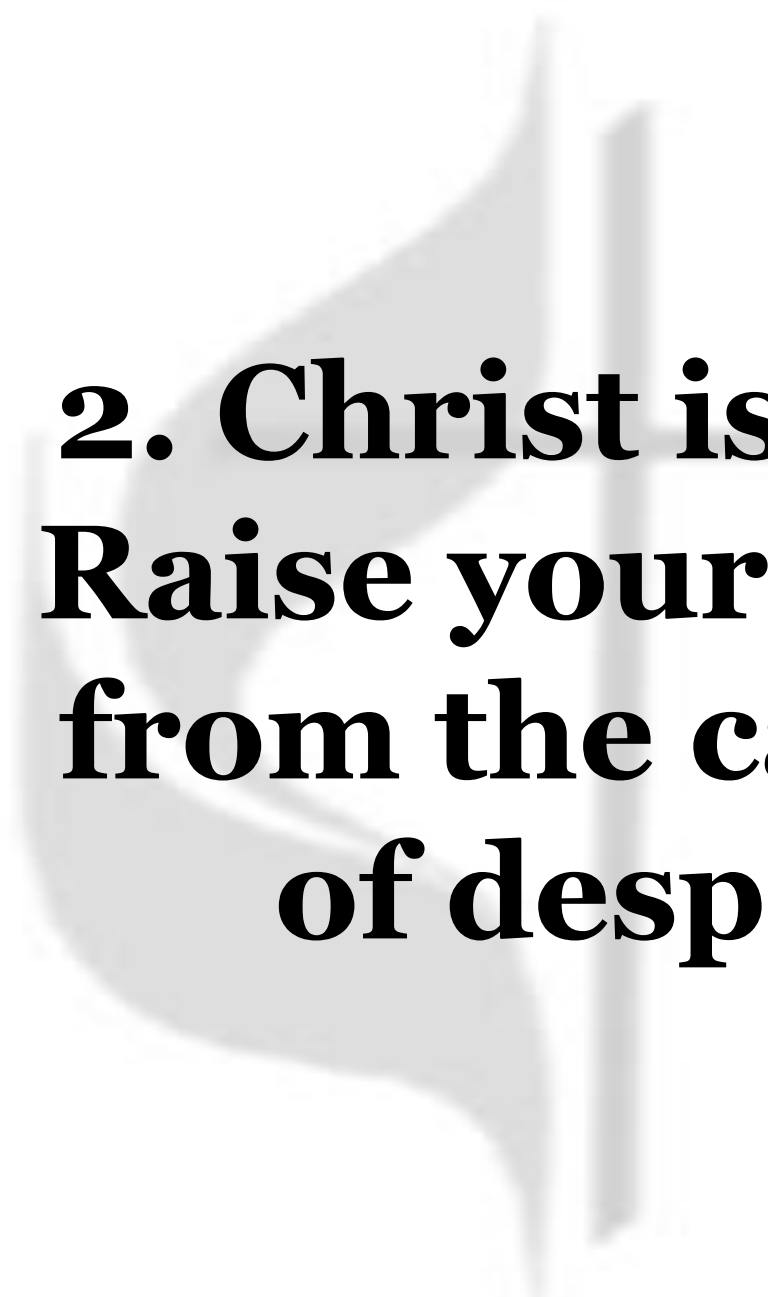
**Christ is risen!
Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.**




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



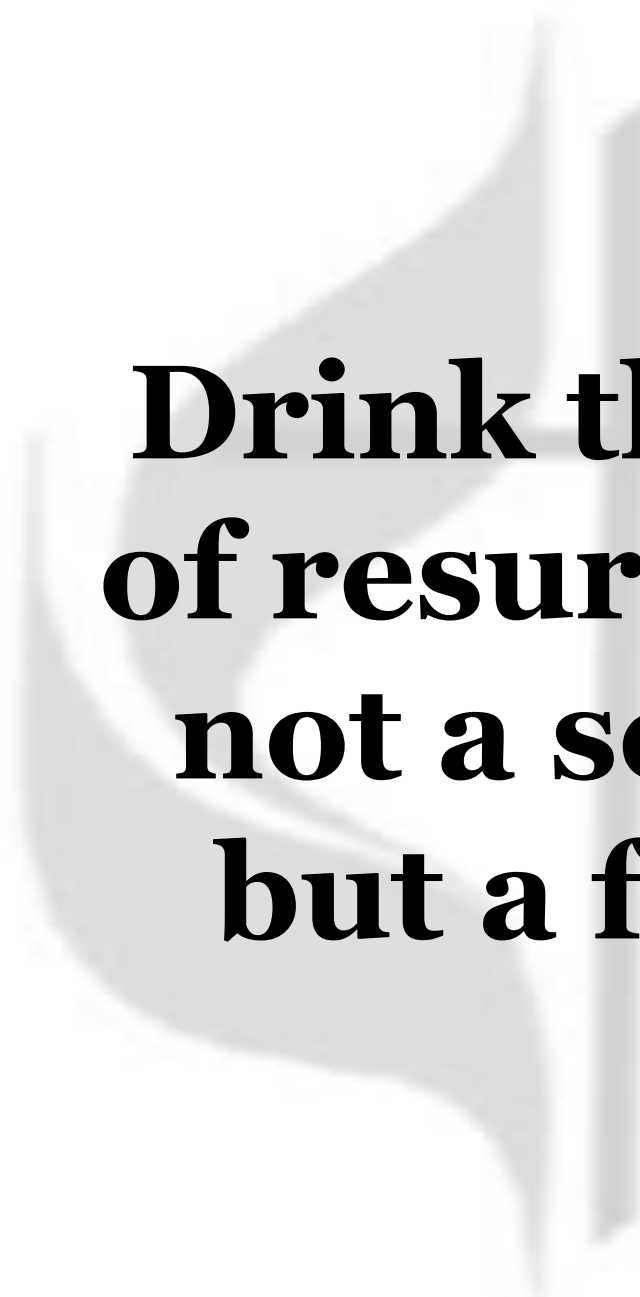
**Healing leaves
of grace abounding
bring a taste of
love unknown.**



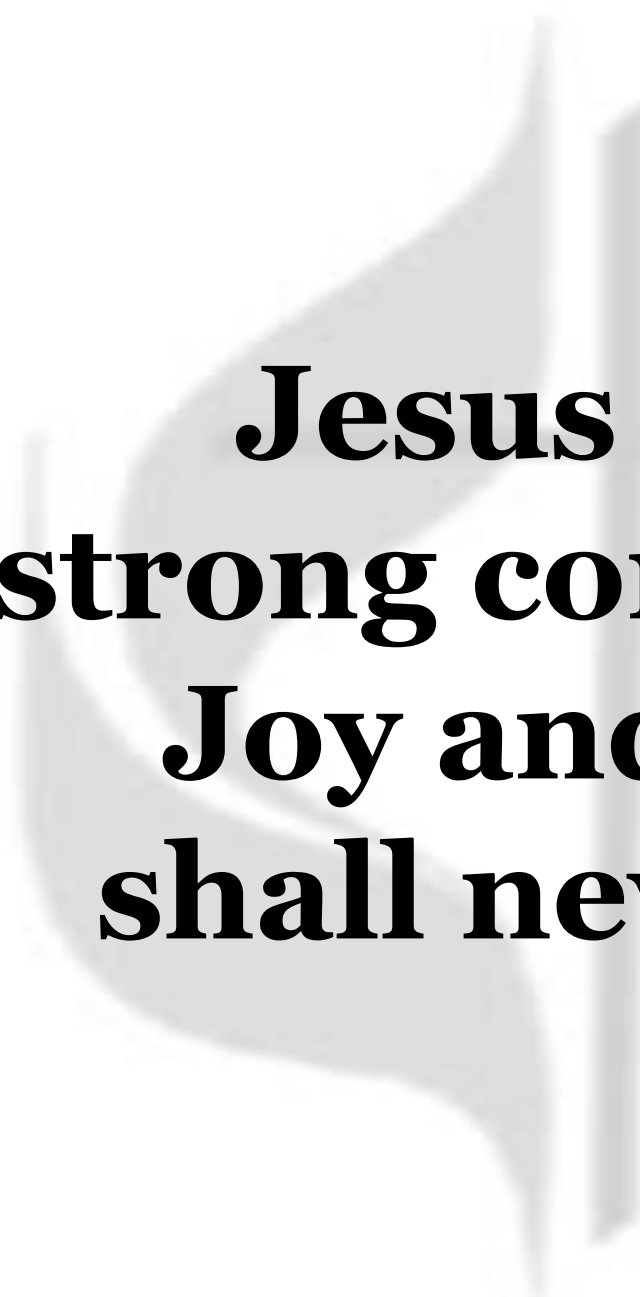
**2. Christ is risen!
Raise your spirits
from the caverns
of despair.**




**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.**



**3. 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!**



Good Shepherd in Ministry



Praising God with Our Gifts



King Jesus Christ is Risen!

Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures
here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

**Praise God, the source
of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Children's Time



Prayer of Understanding

**Holy One, all over the world,
people are gathering to hear
the same story. All over the
world, people are gathering to
hear how death lost its sting.**

All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here.

**Speak to us today. Soften the
calloused parts of our hearts
until we can sense your Holy
Spirit in our midst once more.**

**With eagerness and hope, we
run to the tomb. We sing
alleluia. We bow our heads.
We listen for you. Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

N.T. 32

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb.

And look – here was a great earthquake. For an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, the angel rolled it away and sat on it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The angel looked like lightning, and the angel's clothes were as white as snow.

The guards were so terrified of the angel that they shook with fear and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women,
“Do not be afraid. I know that you are
looking for Jesus who was crucified. He
isn't here, because he's been raised from
the dead, just as he said.
Come, see the place where they laid him.

Now hurry, go and tell his disciples,
'He's been raised from the dead. He's
going on ahead of you to Galilee. You
will see him there.' I have given the
message to you."

Do not be afraid.

The tomb is empty.

The stone is rolled away.

Could it be true?

Could death really lose its hold?

With great fear and great joy, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples.

**With fear and joy, we run with
good news.**

But Jesus met them and greeted them.

“Good morning.”

They came and grabbed his feet and
worshiped him.

Risen Christ!

Our teacher! Our Lord!

Then Jesus said to them,
“Do not be afraid. Go and tell my
brothers and sisters that they should go
to Galilee. There they will see me.”

Do not be afraid.

Christ is risen.

The good news is alive in the world!

The tomb is empty.
Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.



Message

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Arise My Soul He is Risen!



Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—Prayer of Confession—

**Gracious God, we want to be
Easter people. We want to shout
your good news from the rooftop.
We want to follow the disciples,
who ran to look for you.**

We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we don’t know where to look. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.

**So forgive us, for we are imperfect
Easter people. We are best
intentions and best laid plans. We
are an out-of-tune chorus of
“alleluias.” We are on our way,
but we are not there yet.**

**Show us how to embody your
good news in this world. Show us
how to be your Easter people.
With hope for tomorrow, we pray,
Amen.**

— **Words of Assurance** —

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

— Words of Assurance —

**Through Jesus Christ we are seen,
saved, loved, and claimed. This is
the good news of the gospel!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

—The Great Thanksgiving—

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and
breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love
failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

(Sanctus)

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From The United Methodist Hymnal (Isa. 6:3; Matt. 21:9)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.**



Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!



**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.**



Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he
promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy
Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(Memorial Acclamation) 2257-c

From The United Methodist Hymnal

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**



Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in
ministry to all the world, until Christ
comes in final victory and we feast at
his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours,
almighty God, now and forever.

(Great Amen)

From The United Methodist Hymnal

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Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**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 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 forever.
Amen.**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.



Holy Communion

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of
Jesus Christ.**

**It sounds like welcome
and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter
and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love
and feels like a seat at the
table, so I believe in the good
news of Jesus Christ.
I have seen it alive in the
world.**

**And even when my heart
aches, even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of
reach, I remember the one
who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around
him.**

I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

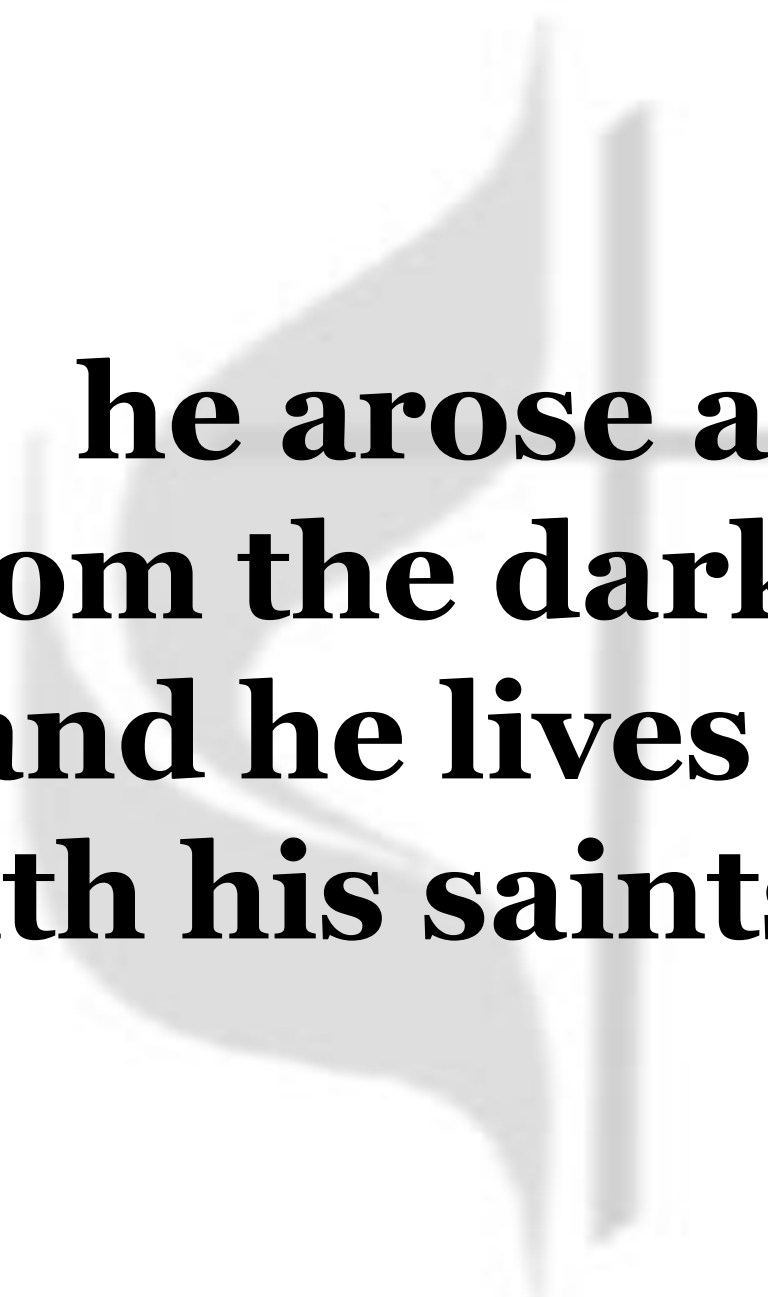
Up from the Grave He Arose 322

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874

**1. Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!**

Refrain

Up from the grave
he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)



**he arose a victor
from the dark domain,
and he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.**



He arose! (he arose)

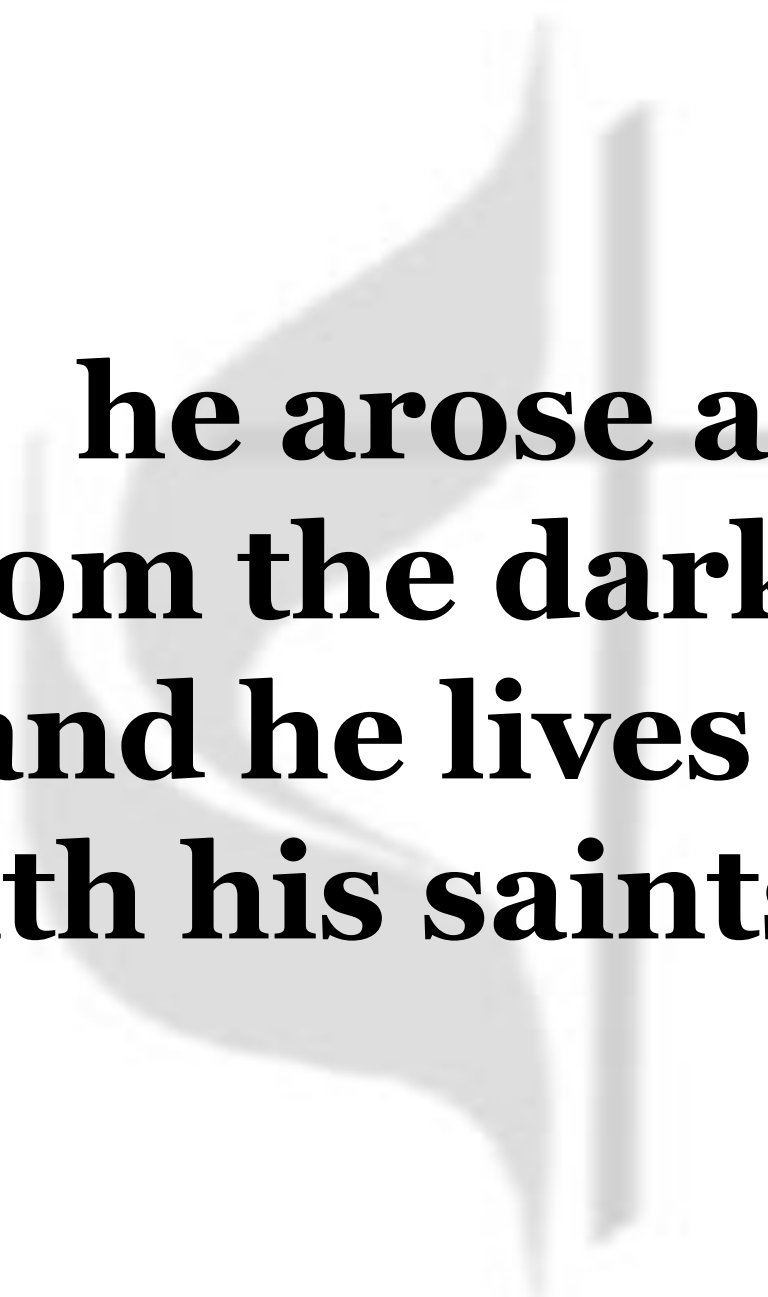
He arose! (he arose)

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**2. Vainly they
watch his bed,
Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!**

Refrain

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with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)



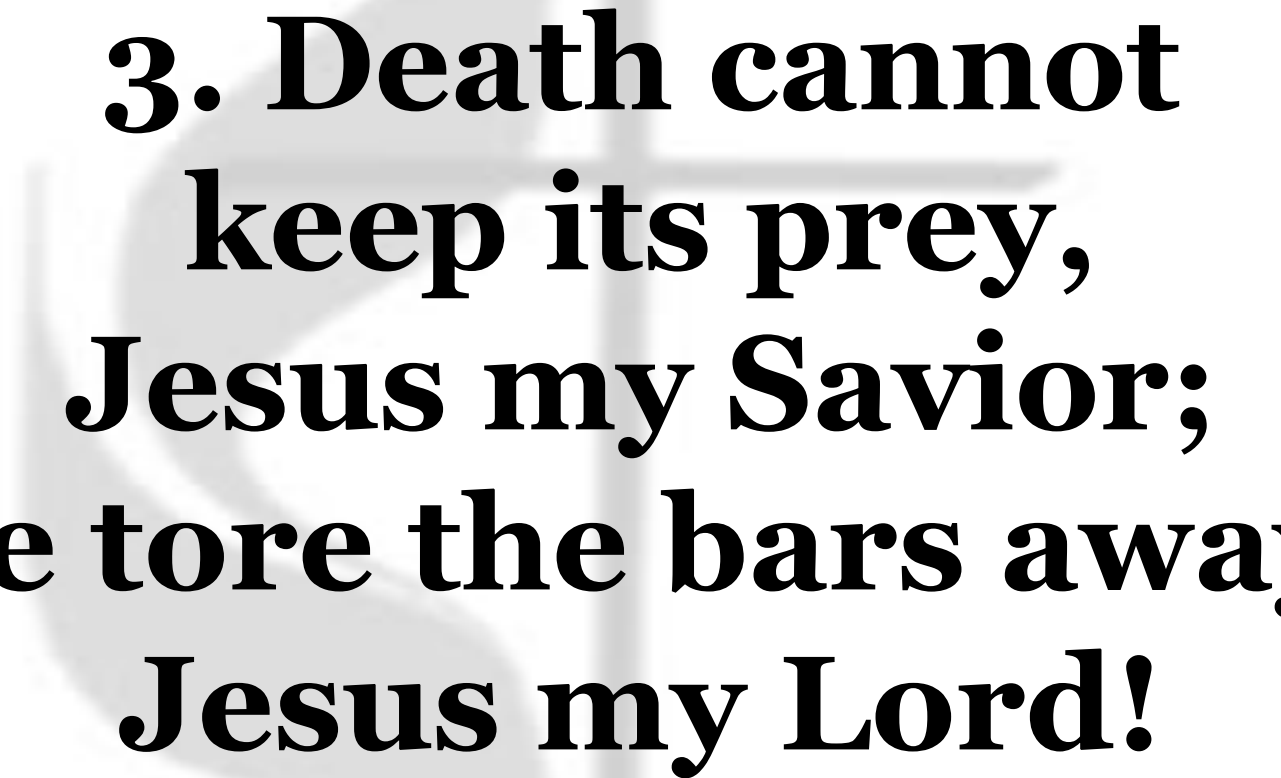
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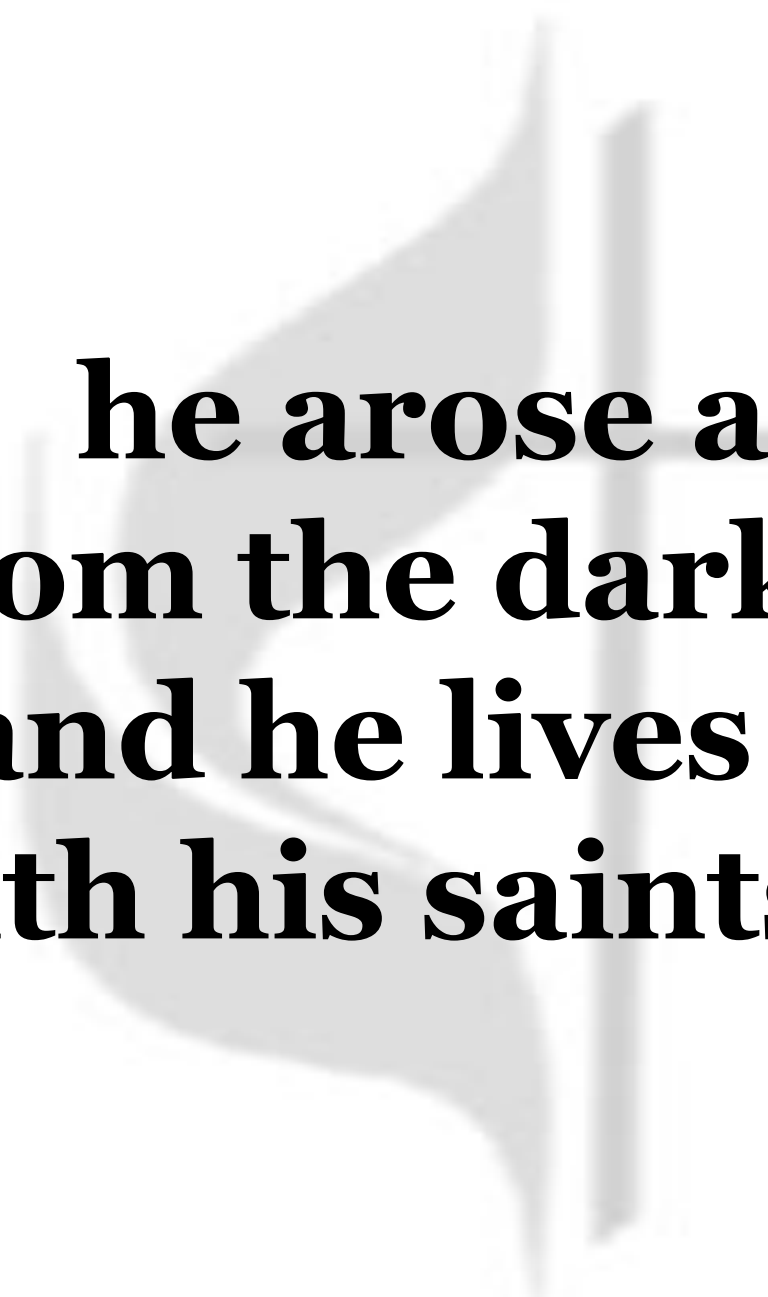
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**3. Death cannot
keep its prey,
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!**

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with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)



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Benediction

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger,
speak with love.

When you meet fear,
speak with hope.

When you meet pain,
speak with gentleness.

But no matter what,
speak this good news.

For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.

**It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that
transforms.**

The good news of the gospel is
alive in the world,

so go forth speaking.

For if you won't, then who will?

Thanks be to God

for this good, good news.



**Praise The God of
Resurrection**



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