

CANTATA VESPERS

Cantata for Jubilate Sunday

by Joh. Ludwig Bach

(3rd after Easter)

20 April 2024 at 5.00pm

Die mit Tränen säen

Cantata for choir, soloists and strings

Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.

Psalm 126

Service with retiring collection

51 Victoria Street, Hamilton

Leading the worship today: Amy Thomas, Sarah Court, Koli Jayatunge. Ian Campbell soloists; Sally Rosenberg, Tracey Hockey, Francis Cowan, chorus; soprano; Catherine Polglase, and Celia Griffiths, violins; Matilda Griffiths, viola; Martin Griffiths, cello and Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ. The Rev'd Wendy Tyrell,

Next Cantata Vespers: 5pm Saturday 18th May 2024 *Gott der Hoffnung erfülle euch* -Telemann (horns, strings, chorus and solos)

OPENING

PRELUDE : Fantasie No. 1 in B-flat for solo violin – G. P. Telemann

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

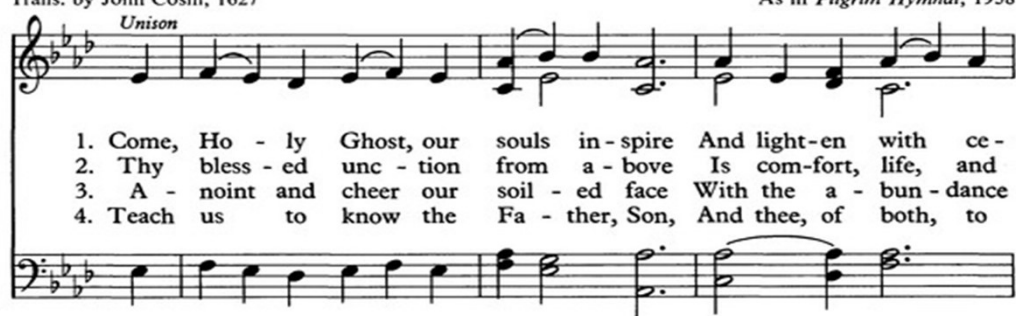
We stand to sing

THE OPENING HYMN

Latin hymn, ca. 9th century
Trans. by John Cosin, 1627

Plainsong melody, Mechlin form
As in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

Unison



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire And light-en with ce -
2. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove Is com-fort, life, and
3. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face With the a - bun - dance
4. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And thee, of both, to

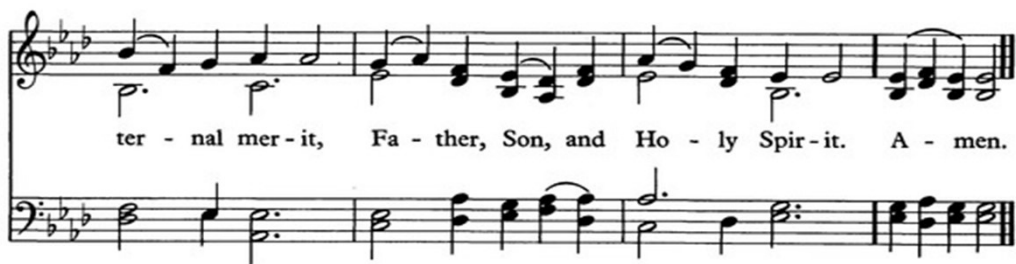


les - tial fire; Thou the a - noint - ing Spir - it art
fire of love; En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light
of thy grace; Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
be but One; That through the ag - es all a - long

After last stanza



Who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
The dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
Where thou art guide no ill can come.
This may be our end - less song: Praise to thy e -



ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Words: Latin, ninth century;
trans. John Cosin, 162

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT

Please sit or kneel



The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion: **my God shall make my dark-ness to be bright.**



The light and peace of Je - sus Christ be al-ways with you: **and al - so with you.**



Ble - ssed be you Lord God, cre a - tor of day and night; **to you be praise and glo ry for e ver.**

As darkness falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ your living word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light, and sing your praise throughout the world. **Amen**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the **HYMN OF LIGHT**

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of seven systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score is in a key with two flats (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Hail, gladdening Light of his pure glo - ry poured. Who is the Immortal Fa - ther, Heaven - ly Blest, Ho - li - est of Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ, our Lord. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest. The lights of eve - ning round us shine. We hymn the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it Di - vine. Worthiest art Thou at all timesto be sung With un - de - fil - ed tongue. Son of our God, giv - er of life, A - lone; There - fore in all the world Thy glo - ries, Lord, they own. A - men". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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Words: Greek; trans. John Keble, 1834

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Please join in singing

PSALM 27: 1-7

CHANT: JAMES TURLE



THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then /shall I/ fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then /shall I/ be a/fraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to /eat up. my/ flesh : they /stumbled /and /fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my /heart. be a/fraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I /put my/ trust in/ him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which/ I will. re/quire : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the/ Lord, and to /visit his /temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall /hide me. in his/ tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up up/on a /rock of/ stone.

6 And now shall he /lift up. mine/ head : above mine /ene.mies /round a/bout me.

*7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with /great/ gladness : I will sing, and speak /praises/ unto. the/ Lord.

Glory be to the Father and /to the /Son: and/ to the /Holy /Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and /ever /shall be; world without/ end. A/-men.

WORD

We sit to hear

THE FIRST READING: 1 PETER 2: 11-20

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

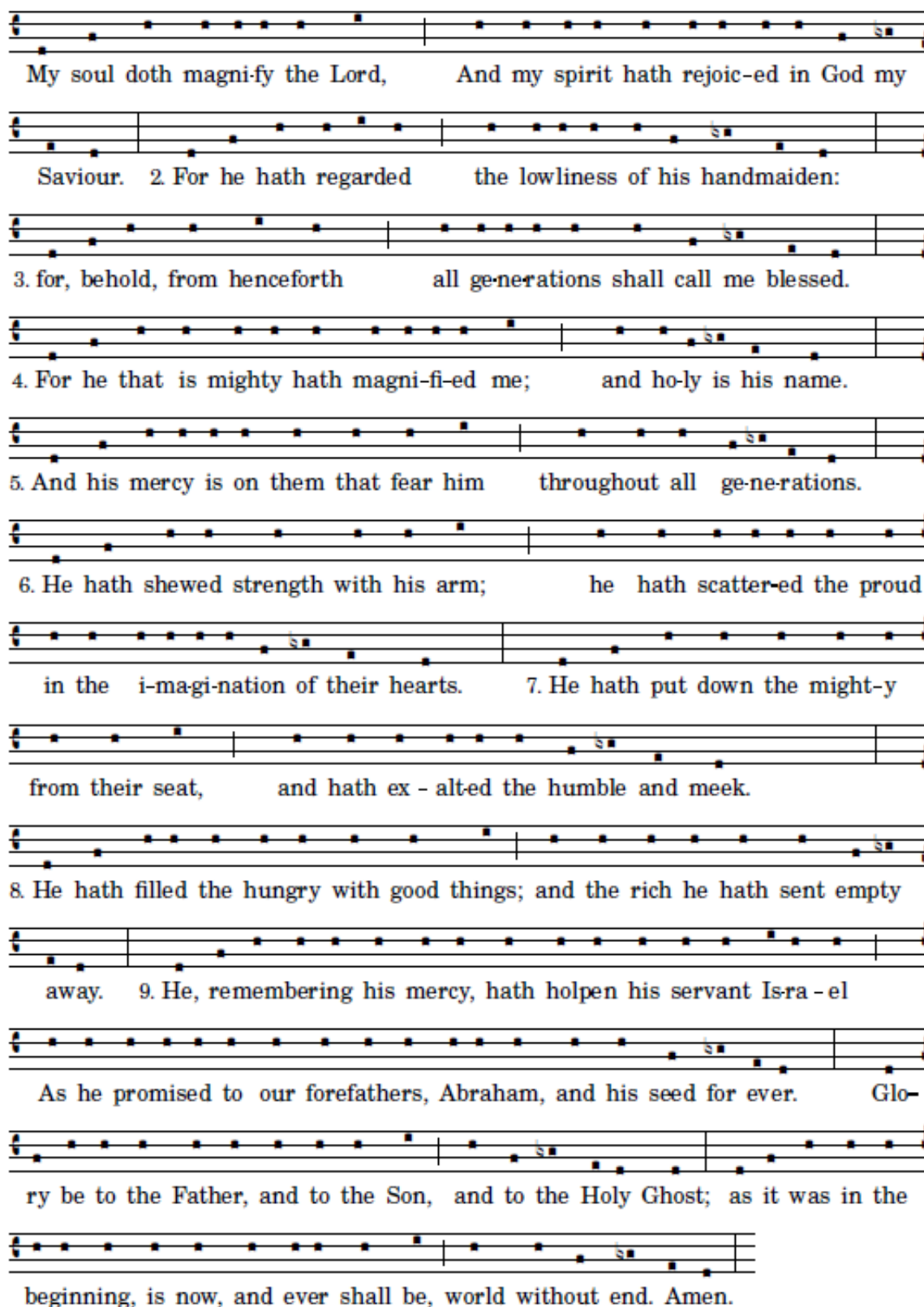
Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

Here ends the first Lesson
Thanks be to God

We stand to sing

Magnificat

tone V 3



My soul doth magni-fy the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoic-ed in God my
Saviour. 2. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden:
3. for, behold, from henceforth all ge-nerations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magni-fi-ed me; and ho-ly is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all ge-nerations.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scatter-ed the proud
in the i-magi-nation of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the might-y
from their seat, and hath ex - alted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty
away. 9. He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Isra - el
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed for ever. Glo-
ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

We sit for **THE SECOND READING: JOHN 16: 16-23**

A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?' They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"? We do not know what he is talking about.' Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

Here ends the second Lesson
Thanks be to God

THE CANTATA

1. **Chorus:** Those who sow with tears, will reap with joy. They go and weep and bear noble seed and come with joy and bring their sheaves with them. (Psalm 126)
2. **Recitative:** With unthirsty sweat noble seed can only bear the ripe fruit; yes, it must first pass through decay, before it gives the sought-after prize to the bitter desire. The sowing must be arduous if we are to enjoy a good harvest. Fertility instils a richer blessing than when the grains are scattered with endeavour. Nor does the Spirit ever bring sweet fruit to the heart, than when it first seeks it with painful toil.
3. **Aria:** Mourning and tears moisten seeds and hearts, without whose grave and longing none can bear fruit.
4. **Duet:** For I believe that that this time of suffering is not worthy of the glory which is to be revealed in us, I consider it so.
5. **Aria:** Come upon me, you torments, always rage, cross and suffering! However heavy you may be, I will never shun you, for the pain of a short time brings only greater bliss.
6. **Recitative:** The soul can enjoy no better happiness. The way is narrow that leads to life; but its rough path is wont to close gently, as soon as the patience of heaven's steps stirs. O pleasant exchange, O reward, which nothing can equal, since brief sadness brings an eternal well-being, and from the chamber of tears reaches the stars!
7. **Chorus:** O pleasant exchange, O reward, which nothing can equal, how eagerly I wish to reach you.
8. **Chorale: (i).** If the cross is bitter and heavy for you, think how hot hell would be, into which the world is running. With body and soul there must be suffering, without ceasing the eternal torment, and yet I may not burn.

(ii) But after this time you will have eternal joy with Christ, you shall remember, there is no man living who can express the glory and the eternal reward which the Lord will give you.

(iii) And what the eternal, good God has promised in his word, sworn by his name, He will surely keep and give. He helps us to the angelic host through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Translated with [DeepL.com](https://www.DeepL.com) (free version)

Response

Eternal spirit flow through our being and open our lips;
That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

In response to tonight's cantata let us now stand and affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

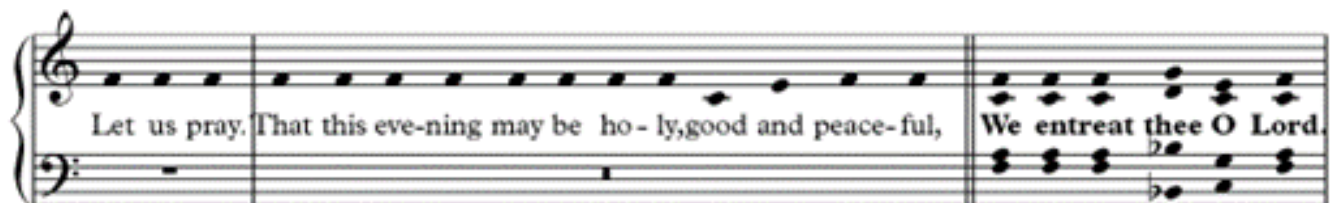
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

We sit or kneel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

THE LITANY FOR PEACE



That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill **We entreat...**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences, **We entreat...**

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world, **We entreat...**

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgement seat of Christ, **We entreat...**

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion of all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, **We entreat...**

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever.

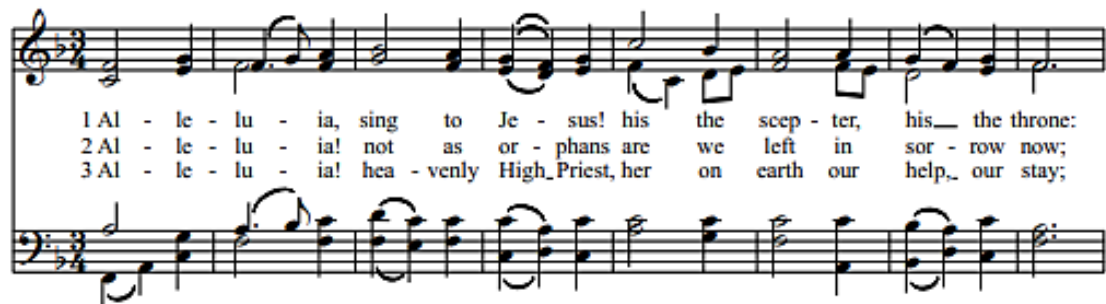
Amen.

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

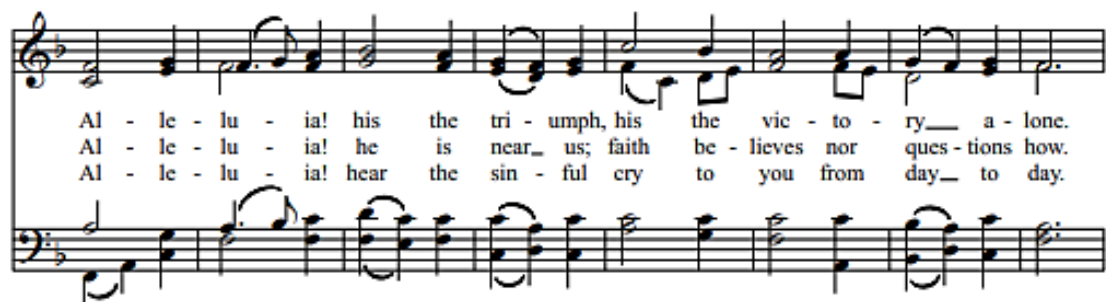
Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

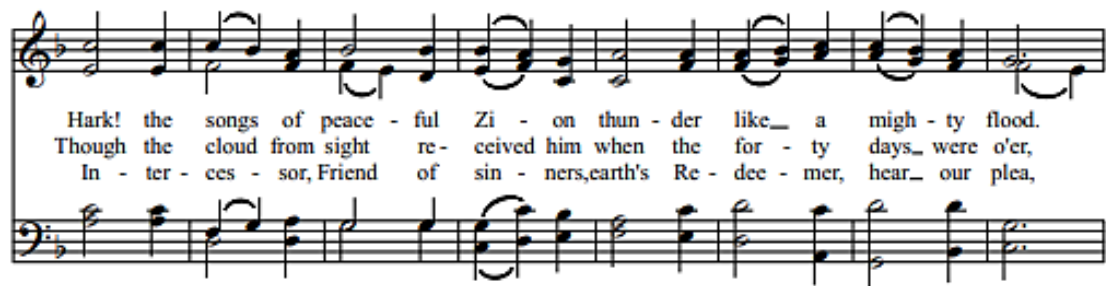
We stand to sing THE CLOSING HYMN



1 Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! hea - venly High Priest, her on earth our help, our stay;



Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor ques - tions how.
 Al - le - lu - ia! hear the sin - ful cry to you from day to day.



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a migh - ty flood.
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - dee - mer, hear our plea,



Je - sus, out of e - very na - tion, has re - deem - ed us by his blood.
 shall our hearts for - get his pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

Text: William C. Dix (1837-1898), alt.
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887);
 arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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POSTLUDE: Voluntary XII in F major by G.F. Handel

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