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Come and Worship the Lord

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Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. John Innes

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit of God swept over the waters.

People: God is on the move.

Leader: The Spirit of God speaks creation into existence.

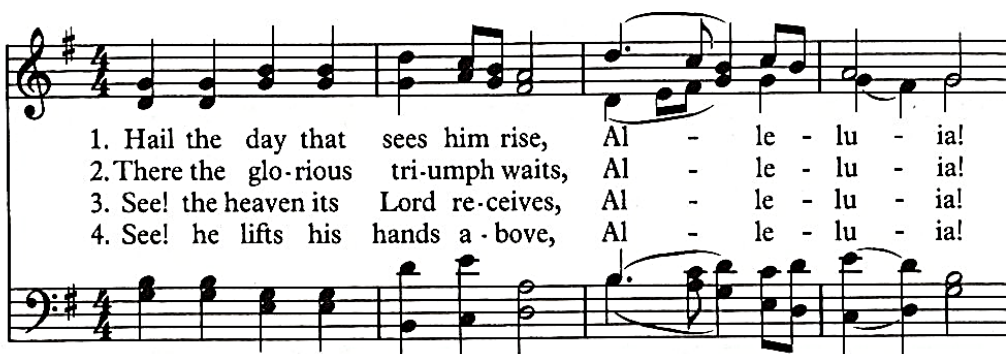
People: God is on the move.

Leader: The Spirit of God moves every one of our mountains.

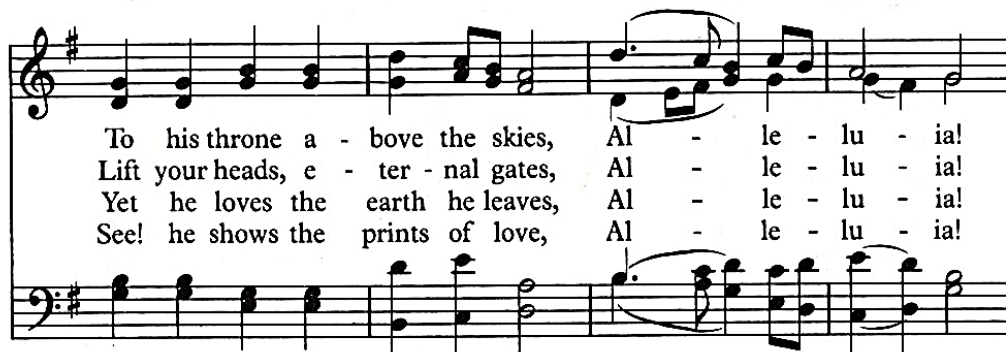
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Hymn

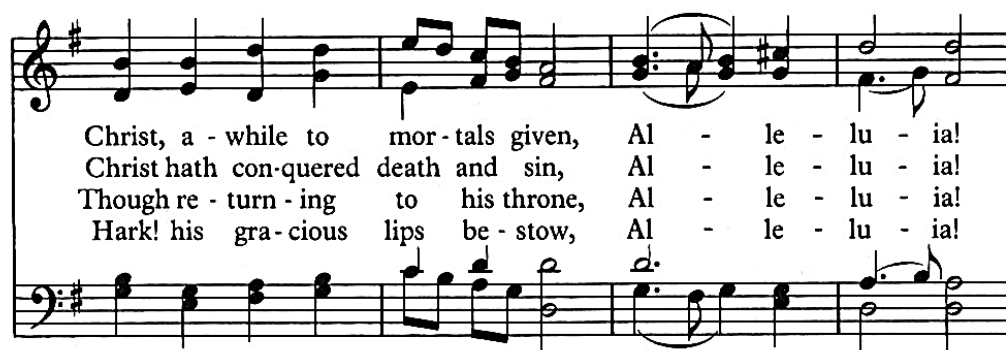
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There the glo-rious tri-umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See! the heaven its Lord re-ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



To his throne a - bove the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor-tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath con-quired death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra-cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!



Re - as - cends his na - tive heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Still he calls the world his own, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Bless-ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Prayer

Holy God, you call us again and again to leave our comfort zones and follow where you lead. We resist out of uncertainty and fear because the outcome seems uncertain. We become stuck, paralyzed by the unknown before us. Help us to hear your voice still speaking, help us to see you at work in the world. Grant us courage to have faith. Grant us the boldness to serve how you call us to serve. Walk beside us as we journey in faith to encourage and strengthen us. Amen.

Chorus

Hosanna

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings!
Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Glory to the King of kings!

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-8 and 12:1-9

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Message

*God is On the Move and
God Calls Us to Move with Him*

Part 1 of 2 Sermon Series, "Move Mountains"

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I who made the stars of night,
I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I will break their hearts of stone,
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide
I will tend the poor and lame,
till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

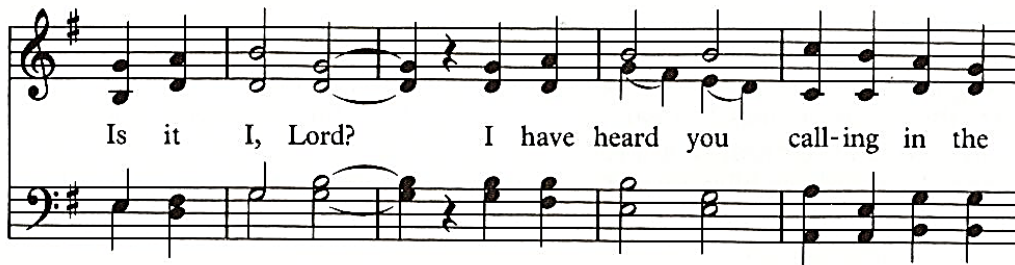
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All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will speak my word to them.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 I will give my life to them.



Whom shall I send?
 Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
 Whom shall I send?



Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the



night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

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I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

This musical score is for a two-part setting of the hymn 'I will hold your people in my heart.' It features a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes.

Offering Conversation

Senior Choir

It's Time for Song

Eugene Butler

Prayers of the People

Hymn

He Touched Me

1. Shack-led by a heav - y bur - den, neath a load of
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, since he cleansed and

guilt and shame, then the hand of Je - sus touched me,
made me whole, I will nev-er cease to praise him;

Refrain

and now I am no long-er the same. He touched me, O he
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

This musical score is for the hymn 'He Touched Me'. It is written for a two-part setting (treble and bass staves) in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score includes two verses of lyrics, a refrain, and a final line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes.

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:
Vocal: touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Some-thing
Piano: Accompaniment for the first system.

System 2:
Vocal: hap-pened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.
Piano: Accompaniment for the second system, ending with a double bar line.

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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