



All Saints Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome here! Seriously, Everyone!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 27, 2025 at 9:30 am

Wales, WI



WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING!

We are glad that you've come to worship with us.

Everything you need to participate in this morning's service is in your handout.

We celebrate God's love and forgiveness with Holy Communion

every Sunday and you are welcome to join us.

All Saints Lutheran Church is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture,

every sexual orientation and gender identity,

any socio-economic status and every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.



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Welcome to Holy Humor Sunday Worship!

April 27, 2025

Congregational Responses will be in Bold.

PRELUDE

Judy Knoernschild

WELCOME & PRAYER REQUESTS

EASTER LITANY

P: Joy is loose,

C: In the wiggles of the children,

P: The whispers of the youth,

C: The smiles of the adults.

P: We praise God for this glorious day,

C: Let the praise break forth, in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#836 vs 1,2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving in to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.



FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.”

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

PSALM

Psalm 118:14-29 (*Read Responsively*)

P: ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C: ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

P: ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

C: ¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

P: ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C: ¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

P: ²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

C: ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

P: ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: ²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: ²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

P: ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: ²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

P: ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

C: ²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

ALLELUIA VERSE **"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

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GOSPEL **John 20:19-31**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Rose

HYMN OF THE DAY “Give To us Laughter” *to the tune of “Be Thou My Vision”*

Verse 1:

**Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.**

Verse 2:

**Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.**

Verse 3:

**Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your promise among us increase.**

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to
the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each prayer petition will end with:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers will end with:

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We encourage you to share God's peace however you are comfortable.

Handshakes, high-5's, fist bumps, peace signs, and waves are all appropriate.

OFFERING

The offering is an act of worship. We offer a portion of what God has blessed us with for the purpose of doing God's work in the world through the church. You can donate via collection plate, by scanning the QR Code, or Texting to Give at 262-233-1776.



OFFERING MUSIC

Judy Knoernschild

POST OFFERING CANTICLE “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of great gifts,

C: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is a table of grace where all are welcome! Please come forward to receive Holy Communion. For those of you who are with us online, please find some sort of bread & wine/juice at home to use & share during Communion. Feel free to say to one another, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you."

COMMUNION HYMN "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #860

COMMUNION HYMN "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" #857

COMMUNION HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #367

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the God of Isaac, that is "laughter," the Christ, who for the joy set before him endured the cross and the Spirit of Joy be with you both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

#267 vs 1,2

DISMISSAL

P: Go in laughter; go in grace.
Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for worship this Holy Humor Sunday!



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Worship Participants	Holy Humor Sunday, April 27 th	Confirmation Sunday, May 4 th
<i>Reader</i>	Cookie Brehm	Nansi Hawkins
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Rick and Pam Gasper	Nansi Hawkins and Brenda Calhoun
<i>Communion Prep</i>	Rick and Pam Gasper	Brenda Calhoun
<i>Greeters</i>	Kathy Neubert	Rick and Pam Gasper
<i>Coffee Hosting</i>	Caroline Basley and Cookie Brehm	Barb and Jeff Johns
<i>Ushers</i>	Bob and Daryl Stelter	Bob and Daryl Stelter

To sign up for Greeters and Readers, you can go online at:

[All Saints Lutheran Church: 2025 Sunday Service Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Coffee Hosts can sign up in the kitchen and Ushers are assigned by Greg Cholka.



All Church Rummage Sale

May 2 - 3, 2025
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

All Saints Lutheran Church
705 Tomlin Rd
Wales, WI, 53183

Silk Flowers,
Dishware, Toys,
Holiday Decor,
Glass Ware,
Vases, Jewelry,
Clothes



YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE



CONFIRMATION

MAY 04, 2025 • 9:30 AM

ALL SAINT'S CLASS OF 2025

A stack of various colorful fabric scraps, including red, yellow, pink, and blue patterns, is visible on the left side of the image.

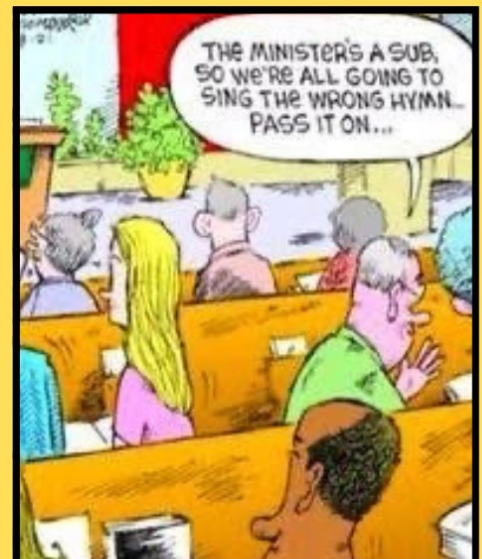
Cross + Stitch Workday

JOINS US FOR ANY PROJECT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON!

May 9th & 10th

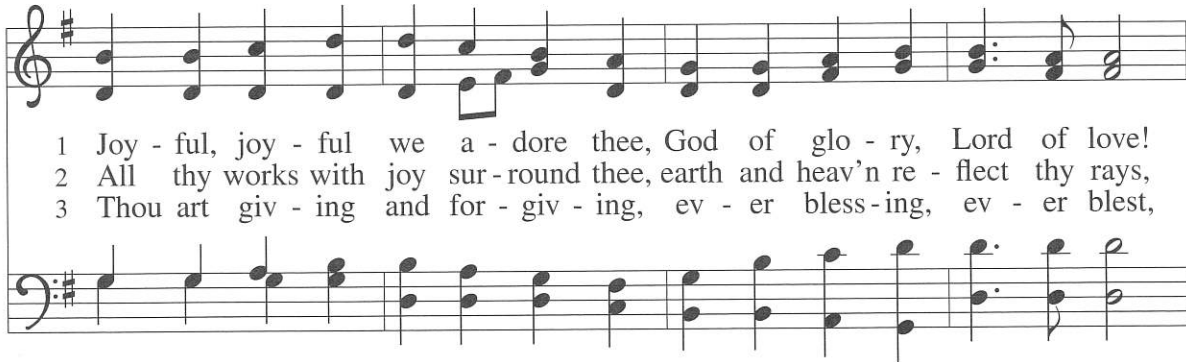
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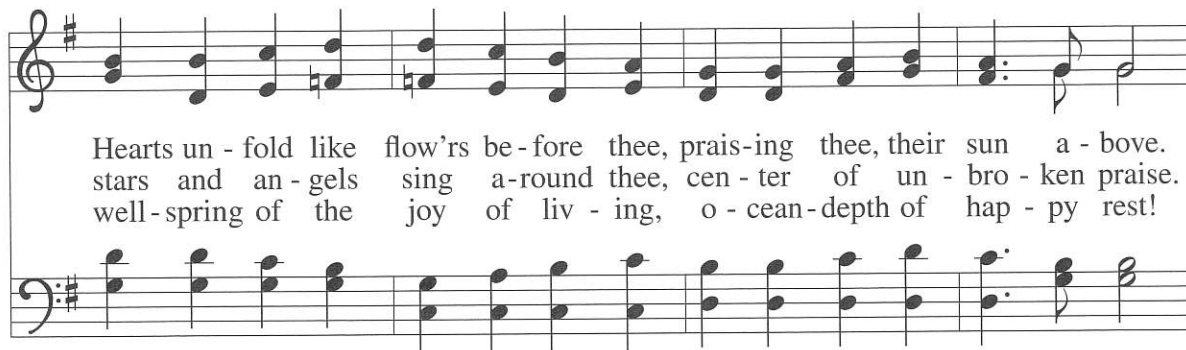


Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

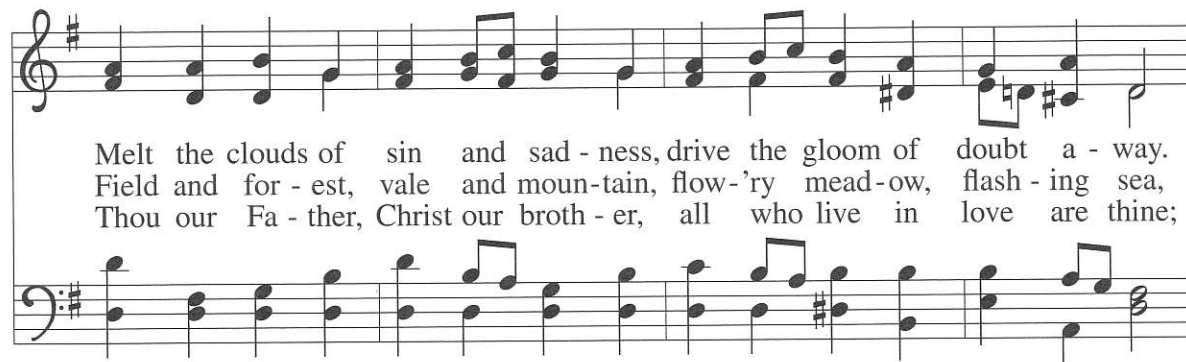
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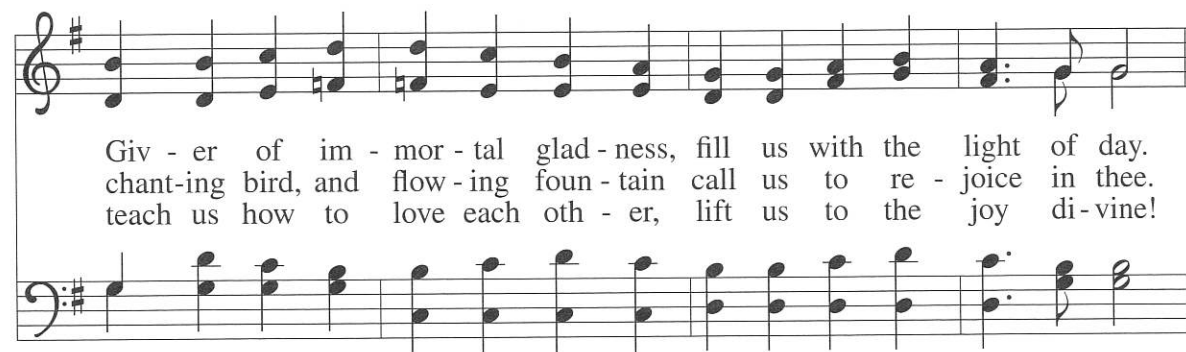
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines, with a double bar line and repeat sign (two dots) appearing after the first line of the second system. The third system contains the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

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1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



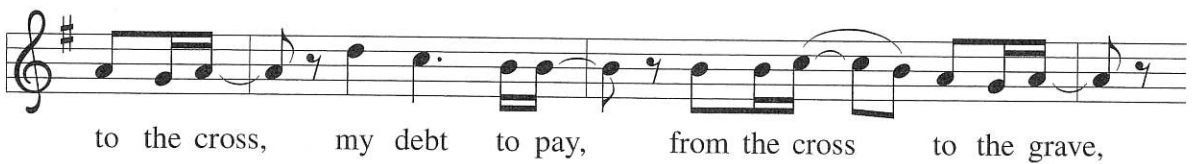
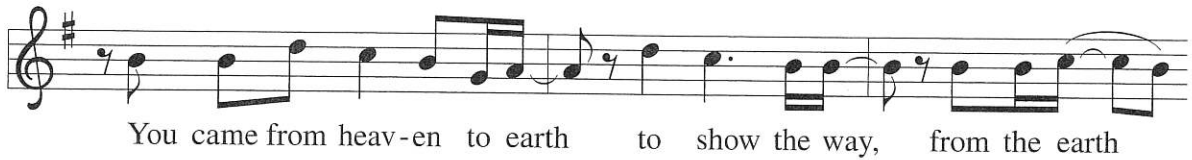
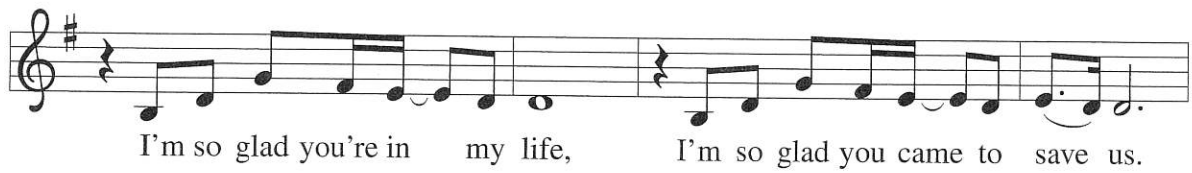
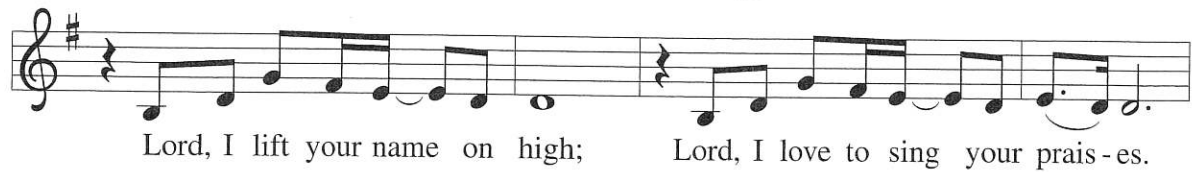
sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

JESUS LIFTED ME
Irregular

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

ANTIOCH

CM and repeat