

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Alleluia!  
Christ is Risen!

## Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist

*Parish of All Saints Church, Belmont, Massachusetts*

April 28, 2024 10:00 am

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## THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 529 In Christ there is no East or West

*McKee*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson – Acts 8:26-40

Bible p.131

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

*Standing*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \* **he rules over the nations.**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

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

The Epistle – 1 John 4:7-21

Bible p. 260

Reader     The Word of the Lord  
People     **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn LEVAS 50 The angel said to Philip

*Nyland*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Gospel – John 15:1-8

Bible p. 113

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

The Sermon             The Rev. Paul L. Minor, D. Min.

Hymns at Baptism     LEVAS 134 Take me to the water,  
                                  LEVAS 141 Shall we gather at the river

## The Baptism of Griffin and Hazel Gosse

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents & Godparents:** I present Griffin James and Hazel Wren to receive the  
Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought  
up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents & Godparents:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full  
stature of Christ?

**Parents & Godparents:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Parents & Godparents:** I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Parents & Godparents:** I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Parents & Godparents:** I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Parents & Godparents:** I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Parents & Godparents:** I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Parents & Godparents:** I do.

The Congregation Stands. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Griffin James and Hazel Wren in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant                      Standing

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for Griffin James and Hazel Wren who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

## **The Baptism**

Griffin James, Hazel Wren, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then the Priest lights a candle for the baptized person from the Paschal Candle*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism (oil blessed by a Bishop) and saying*

Griffin James, Hazel Wren, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Congregations stands.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace (*Standing*)

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

People: **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Text to give at 617-315-6113 or at

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Offertory Hymn 704 O thou who camest from above

*Hereford*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus LEVAS 252

Lena McLin Eucharist of the Soul 1928-2023

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of power and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san-na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*Please kneel or sit as you are able. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the

remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

LEVAS 268 Christ our Passover Lena McLin Eucharist of the Soul 1928-2023

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Fine

This musical system features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

*Leader* Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; *Response* There - fore let us keep the feast.

This system shows the 'Leader' and 'Response' parts. The 'Leader' part is in the treble clef, and the 'Response' part is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us;' and 'There - fore let us keep the feast.' The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat.

*Leader* Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; *Response* There - fore let us keep the feast.

This system is identical to the previous one, showing the 'Leader' and 'Response' parts. The lyrics are 'Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us;' and 'There - fore let us keep the feast.' The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat.

*Leader* Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; *Response* There - fore let us keep the feast. *D.C. al Fine*

This system includes the 'Leader', 'Response', and 'D.C. al Fine' parts. The 'Leader' part is in the treble clef, and the 'Response' part is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us;' and 'There - fore let us keep the feast.' The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C. al Fine'.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The congregation is invited to join the choir for the communion Hymns. Remain seated or kneeling*

Communion Hymns:

323 bread of heaven, on thee we feed  
379 God is love, let heaven adore him

*Jesu, Jesus, du mein Hirt*  
*Abbot's Leigh*

The Post-Communion Prayer

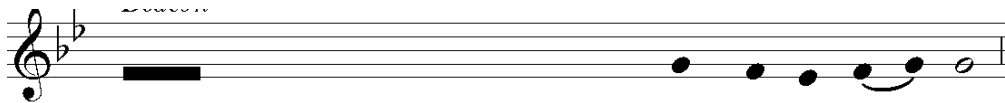
**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

An Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn Closing Hymn 47 On this day, the first of days

*Gott sei Dank*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of*

*Pamela Troth Gobetz*

# Hymn 529

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

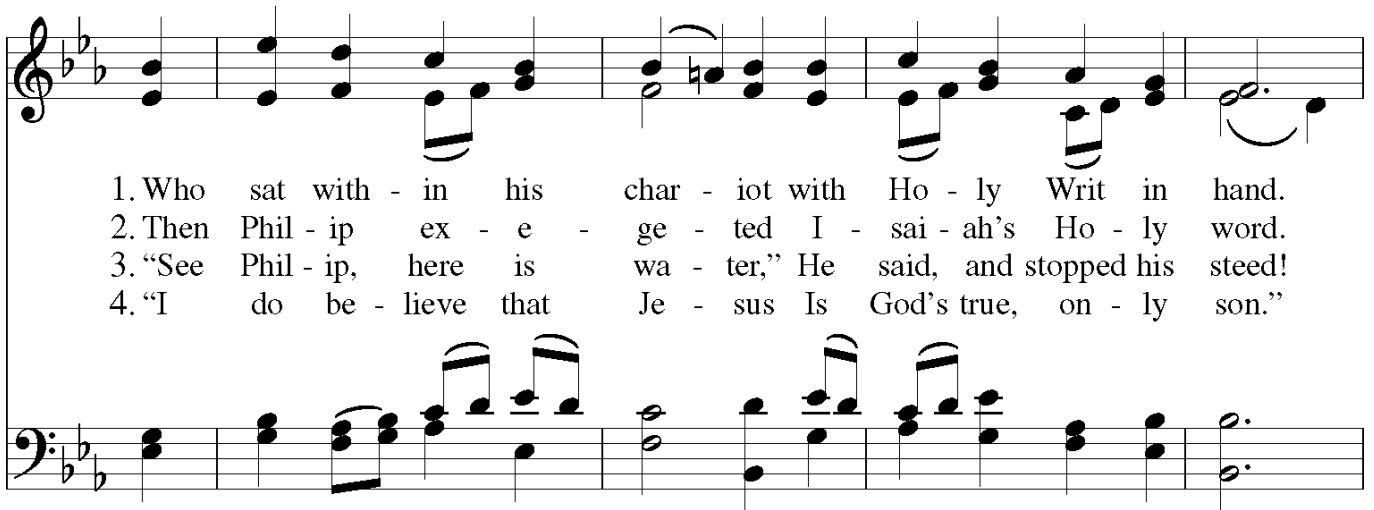
# LEVAS 50



1. The an - gel said to Phil - ip: "Go to a des - ert place."  
2. The E - thi - ope re - spond - ed: "Lead me and be my guide.  
3. They trav - eled in the char - iot, And came up - on a brook;  
4. Saint Phil - ip told the E - thiope: "Be - lieve with all your heart;



1. And there he found an E - thiope, the treas - urer to Can - dace,  
2. Ex - plain the scrip - ture to me; Here, sit down at my side."  
3. The E - thi - ope, ex - ci - ted then looked up from his book.  
4. And God the Ho - ly Spir - it Will His own gift im - part."



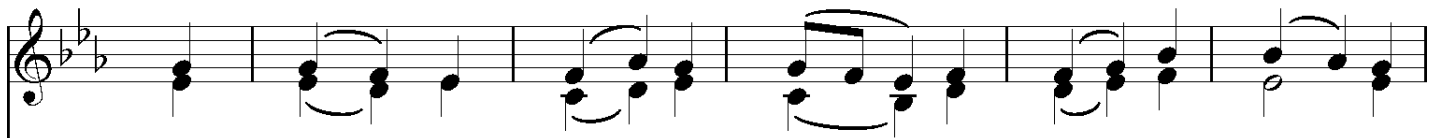
1. Who sat with - in his char - iot with Ho - ly Writ in hand.  
2. Then Phil - ip ex - e - ge - ted I - sai - ah's Ho - ly word.  
3. "See Phil - ip, here is wa - ter," He said, and stopped his steed!  
4. "I do be - lieve that Je - sus Is God's true, on - ly son."

1. Asked Philip: "Can you, brother, the Prophet understand?"  
 2. And preached unto the Ethiopians that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
 3. "What can now," he implored him, "My baptism impede?"  
 4. And with these words, the treasurer a greater treasure won.

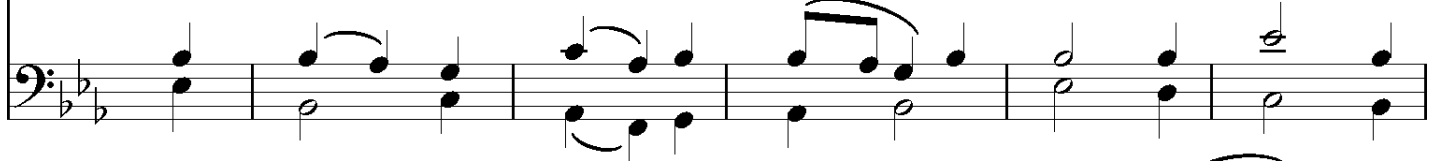
5. O Philip, the evangelist  
 You brought to Africa's seed  
 The Gospel of our Savior  
 In thought, and word and deed,

O may we share Thy fervor  
 And press on towards the prize;  
 And heed our Lord's commission  
 To teach, preach and baptize.

# Hymn 704



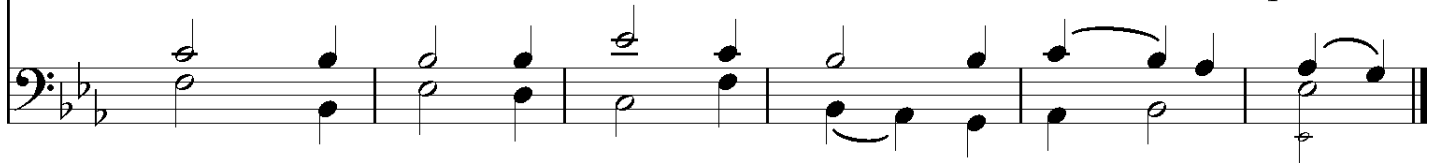
1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -  
2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -  
3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and  
\* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of



les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of  
bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its  
speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the  
faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less



sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.  
source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.  
ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.  
mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.





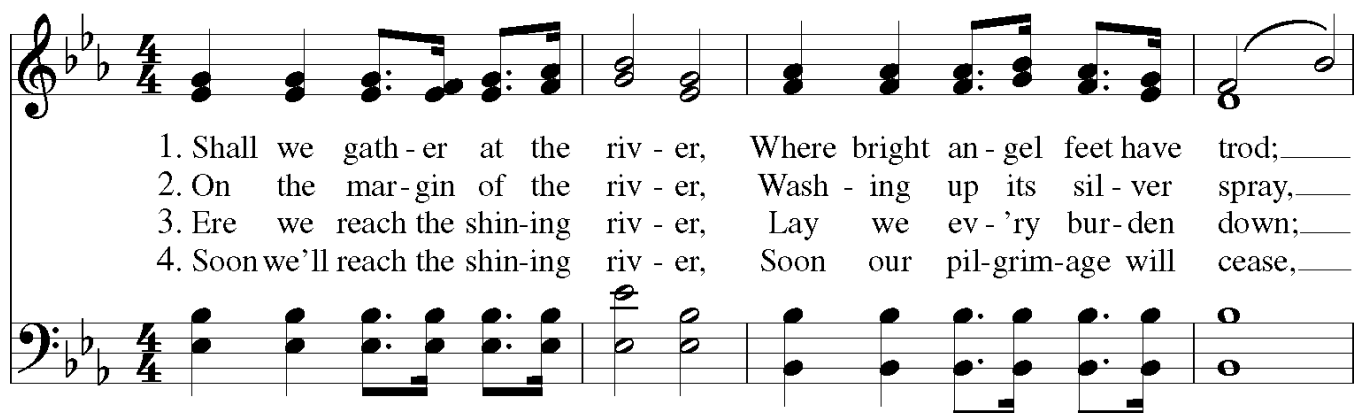
# LEVAS 134

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the  
 2. None but the right - eous, none but the  
 3. I love Je - sus, I love  
 4. He's my Sav - ior, He's my

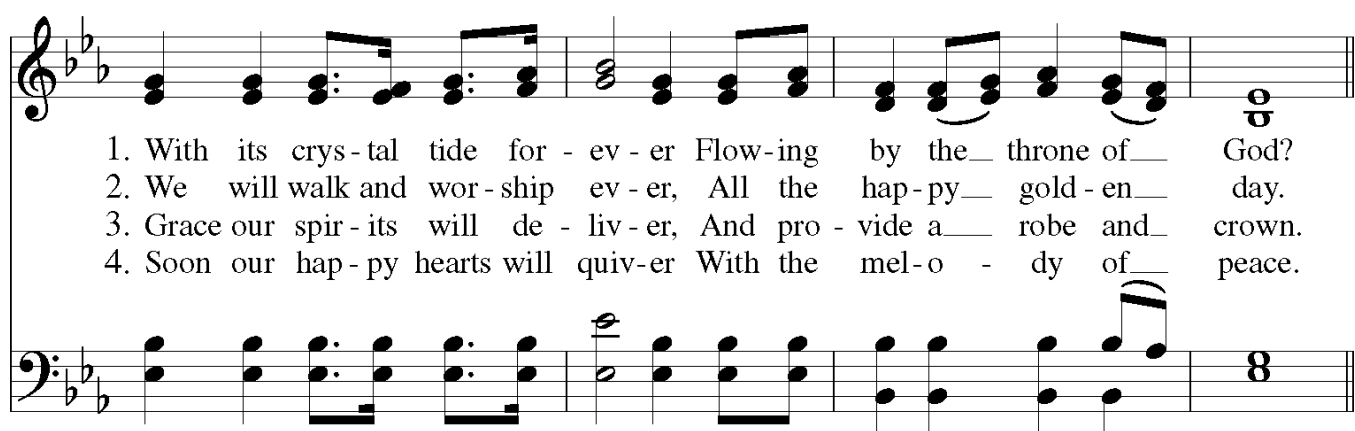
1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -  
 2. right - eous, none but the right -  
 3. Je - sus, I love Je -  
 4. Sav - ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.  
 2. eous shall see God.  
 3. sus, oh yes, I do.  
 4. ior, oh yes, He is.

# LEVAS 141




1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, \_\_\_  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_\_\_  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, \_\_\_



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

# Hymn 323

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is  
2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies this blest cup of

meat in-deed; ev-er may our souls be fed  
sac-ri-fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal-ing give,

with this true and liv-ing Bread; day by day with  
to thy cross we look and live: Je-sus, may we

strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died.  
ev-er be graft-ed, root-ed, built in thee.

# Hymn 379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

## Hymn 47

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
 2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
 3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;  
 5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.  
 2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
 3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.  
 4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.  
 5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,  
 dwell within my heart alone;  
 thou dost give thyself to me:  
 help me give myself to thee.