Gathering Hymn: Worship Fourth Edition #529

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
Now ascends the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

2. There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!
Christ has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

3. Highest heav'n its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

4. See, he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love; Alleluia!
Hark, his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

5. Christ, for us still intercede, Alleluia!
By your suff'ring for us plead; Alleluia!
Make us worthy of the place, Alleluia!
Which you offer us by grace. Alleluia!

6. There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!
Partners of his endless reign; Alleluia!
There your face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Live with you eternally. Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.; st. 5 from The New Century Hymnal, ©1992, The Pilgrim Press

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47
Antiphon:
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Text: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Music: Owen Alstott, ©1977, 1990, OCP. All rights reserved

Presentation Hymn: Worship Fourth Edition #530

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod.
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. To whom the shining angels cry,
'Why stand and gaze upon the sky?'
Alleluia! Alleluia!
'This is the Savior!' Thus they say,
'This is his glorious triumph day!'
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Hymnum canamus gloria; Venerable Bede, 673-735; tr. ©1978, Lutheran Book of Worship

Communion Song: Worship Fourth Edition #680

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain
Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **Refrain**

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! **Refrain**

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Concluding Hymn: Worship Fourth Edition #532

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

2. Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day,
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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