

## Hymn No. 255 – “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing  
with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;  
today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 That night the apostles met in fear;  
among them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, “My peace be with you here.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples’ word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 “My pierced side, O Thomas, see;  
and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be.”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## “As Each New Horizon Beckons”

As each new horizon beckons,  
May it challenge them anew,  
Children of creative purpose,  
Helping others love the Lord.  
May their dreams prove rich with promise,  
Each endeavor well begun.  
Great creator, give them guidance,  
Till their lives and yours are one.

## Hymn No.256 – “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”

1 These things did Thomas count as real:  
the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
the grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
the last frail twitch of blood and bone.

2 The vision of his skeptic mind  
was keen enough to make him blind  
to any unexpected act  
too large for his small world of fact.

3 His reasoned certainties denied  
that one could live when one had died,  
until his fingers read like Braille  
the markings of the spear and nail.

4 May we, O God, by grace believe  
and thus the risen Christ receive,  
whose raw imprinted hands reached out  
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

## Hymn No. 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Hymn No. 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

1 Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

3 We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

4 Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

### 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### John 20:19-31

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.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.’

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.’ 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.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ 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.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.