

*Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!*

These words from the chorus of the hymn, "Christ Arose," were written by an American minister, Robert Lowry (1826–1899). It is said he was having devotions and was so inspired by his Scripture meditation on the events of Christ's resurrection, that he found himself sitting at his little organ composing both the words and music.

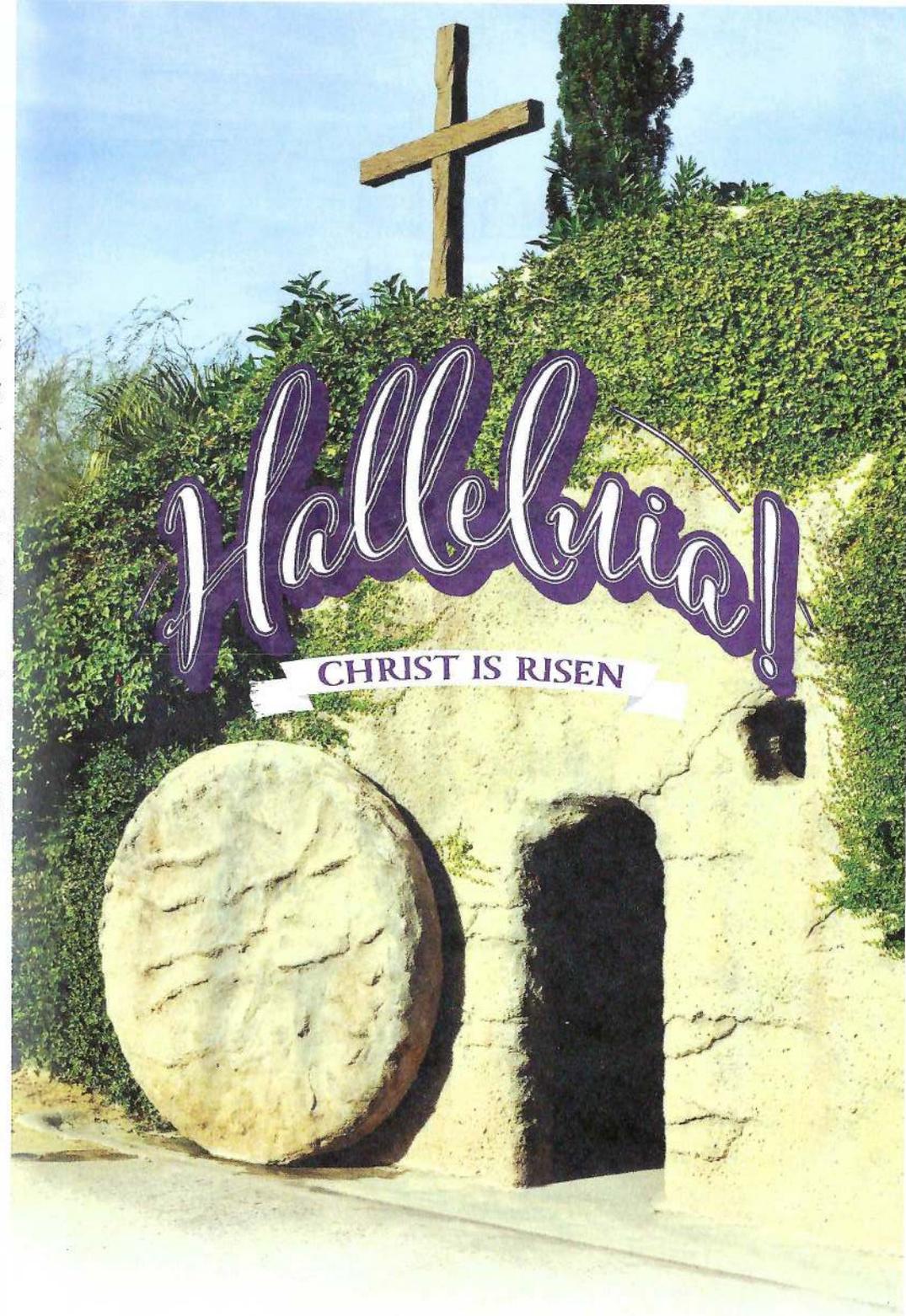
When singing "Christ Arose," we cannot help but be caught up in the exuberance of His resurrection as well. The movement of the musical score lifts our hearts and voices in joyous, triumphant praise and thanksgiving. Its words direct our thoughts to what Jesus did for us (2 Timothy 1:9–10). Jesus said, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40).

The song "Christ Arose" has blessed millions of people for 150 years because of one man's meditation on Scripture and the Holy Spirit's leading. As we meditate on Scripture, perhaps the blessing of our meditation should not be just for our own benefit. Like the music Robert Lowry wrote, may our meditations be a blessing and inspiration to future generations as we share what we have learned. And the most important thing we can share is "Christ Arose"!

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:20–22).

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #367 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Greeting Time

Worship in Song

Hymn #323 At the Cross

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Joe Morgan

Offertory

Rose Morgan

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Sounds of Hope

Sermon: "Everyone Can Come"

Mark 16:1-16

Reverend Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #358 Because He Lives

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for April is King's Ministry in Africa. Closer to home, we will also be collecting supplies for Newberry High School. They are running low and need their closet replenished. Please keep in mind that May is the last month of school and extras will probably be needed to send home with them over the summer.

Celebrate Covenant's 35th Anniversary

**Lunch will be provided after the service April 24th.
Please bring your favorite (or Don's favorite) dessert.**

THAT DAY AT CALVARY

I stood one day at Calvary, where Jesus bled and died;
I never knew he loved me so, for me He was crucified.
And as I stood there in my sin, His love reached down to me;
And oh the shame that filled my soul that day at Calvary.

I knelt one day at Calvary, my eyes were filled with tears;
To think such love I had refused through all those wasted years.
And as I knelt I heard Him say, "I did it all for thee."
And oh the love that filled my soul, that day at Calvary.

I prayed one day at Calvary, "I'm thine forever more;
Forgive me Lord for all my sin, my lost estate restore."
And as I prayed to me He gave salvation full and free;
And oh the peace that filled my soul that day on Calvary.

Walt Huntley