Refrain (before verse 1 and after verse 4)

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

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
   now is the victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung.
   Holy joy outburst.

2. The powers of death have done their worst,
   and Jesus has his foes dispersed: let shouts of praise to Refrain after verse 4
   to Refrain after verse 4
   to Refrain after verse 4

3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
   Christ rises glorious from the dead: all glory to Refrain after verse 4
   to Refrain after verse 4
   to Refrain after verse 4

4. He broke the age-bound chains of hell,
   the bars from heaven's high portals fell; let hymns of praise to Refrain after verse 4
   to Refrain after verse 4
   to Refrain after verse 4

Text: Latin, 17th c.; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)
Tune: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); arr. William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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