



## HYMNAL Highlight

# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

### ***Note to Worship Planners:***

This week's Hymnal Highlight brings only some ideas for introducing a new hymn—but no message or preview to share by e-mail or social media.

The Year A Planner for April 23 suggests a new hymn: 454 - Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen. The tune, EARTH AND ALL STARS, occurred in CW93 but wasn't widely used—perhaps because of the hymn's unusual poetry. Since the tune is likely unfamiliar to many, it benefits from some special treatment. Here's an idea for the final piece of preservice music. Either two minutes before the service begins (if length is a concern) or right at the beginning the pastor says:

Before we begin worship today, I call your attention to a new hymn: #454. Please turn to that hymn [on page ## of the worship folder.] This powerful Easter text is paired with a vigorous and joyful melody. For our final preservice music now—and to help you to become familiar with the tune—we hear this new hymn.

Alternatively, comments such as these can appear in the worship folder. The pastor then simply calls attention to them before the music plays.

The music can be the solo'd organ setting from the hymn's accompaniment volume followed by one of the other settings. Since the tune dates from 1968, organists are likely to have other settings available in their personal libraries.

Even with this idea for introducing the hymn, it's still good to give at least the first stanza to a soloist or choir.

An additional musical setting for piano by WELS composer Dale Witte is available in: [online.nph.net/songs-from-the-spirit-piano.html](http://online.nph.net/songs-from-the-spirit-piano.html). This could be played during the offering or communion distribution.