

Music Blurbs for 5-5-19

News and Notes

This week we will sing “This is the feast of victory” and “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.” The choir will sing “I Got Me Flowers,” a text by Elizabethan metaphysical poet John Donne recently set to music by California based composer Daniel Burton.

Sunday Bulletins

The text of today’s hymn, “This is the feast of victory” is rumored to have been written at a Lutheran student gathering in 1962 in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. More likely, it was written by John Arthur, a member of the Liturgical Texts Committee, a sub-committee of the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship. The text is a paraphrase of Revelation 5:12-13 and was intended to be used in place of the “Gloria” in the Lutheran communion service. While the original intent was to offer an alternative among several options, for Lutherans it has become one of the most popular and widely used songs of praise in place of the Gloria. In 1969, Richard Hillert composed the music that has remained with this text ever since. It was included in our present hymnal as a statement of our strong ecumenical ties between the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches.