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ADVENT IV

December 19, 2021

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

****Those who are able are invited to stand.***

Preparation

Pre-service music (*A time for silence in preparation for worship.*)

*Liturgy for the Lighting of the Advent Candles Back page

Lessons and Carols

Antiphon: **Wisdom**

Hymn Stanza:

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh;
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

1st Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

*Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort now my people" LBW #29

*Prayer of the Day

Antiphon: **Adonai**

Hymn Stanza:

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2nd Lesson: Isaiah 12:2-6

*Hymn: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LBW #25

The Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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Our Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*) Following, please be seated for ap. 72
*Period of prayer and meditation while the pastor and assistants
commune.*

Communion

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Psalm 96: 9-13

(Leader/**Congregation**)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!

**He has made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved; he will judge the peoples with
equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes,

when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with equity.

*Blessing (Leader)

*Hymn: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Song sheet

Announcements

Dismissal

Antiphon: **Root of Jesse**

Hymn Stanza:

O come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

3rd Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-5, 10

*Carol: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" LBW #23 (1,3,4 &5)

Meditation

Rev. David Vanderlinde-Abernathy

Antiphon: **Key of David**

Hymn Stanza:

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

4th Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*Carol: "Come, O Precious Ransom" LBW #24

Antiphon: **Dayspring**

Hymn Stanza:

O come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

5th Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-3

*Carol: "Creators of the Star of Night" Song sheet

Antiphon: **King of Nations**

Hymn Stanza:

O come, O King of nations, come,
O cornerstone that binds in one;
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

6th Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Carol: "The King of Glory" Song sheet

Antiphon: **Emmanuel**

Hymn Stanza:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

*Carol: "Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW #26

*Responsive Prayer (Leader/**Congregation**)

O Lord, our God, be gracious to us;

we wait for you.

Dispel the darkness,

that all nations may come to your light.

Establish your peace on the earth;

join our voices to sing your praise.

Comfort the sick and weary;

renew their strength and power.

Here other petitions may be offered by worshipers.

O Lord, our God, come to us,

that the earth may behold your glory. Amen.

Peace and Offertory

The Peace of the Lord

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: "Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior" WOV#614

(Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4- Refrain / Stanza / Refrain)

Offertory Prayer - L: God of Abundance, **we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience, hope and love, as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Penitential Rite

Invitation to Confession and Prayer of Confession: God of all time, **we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle
The Wonder of Hope

Response Litany:

P: During Advent we ignite the wonder of expectation.

C: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

P: During Advent we look for the light that shines in the darkness.

C: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

P: During Advent we embrace the hope that enlivens the soul.

C: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

P: During Advent we welcome the Savior who beckons the world.

C: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

P: During Advent we rejoice in the One who has reclaimed the lost.

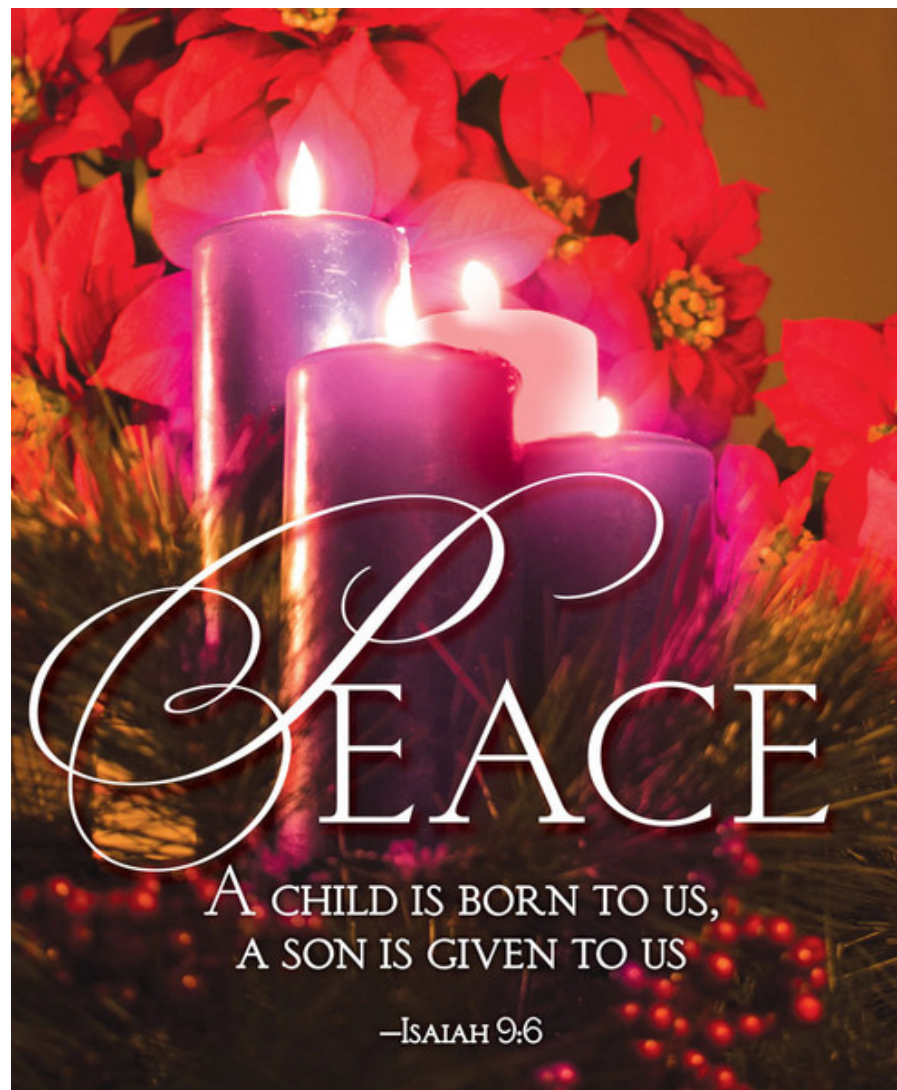
C: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

Candle Lighting:

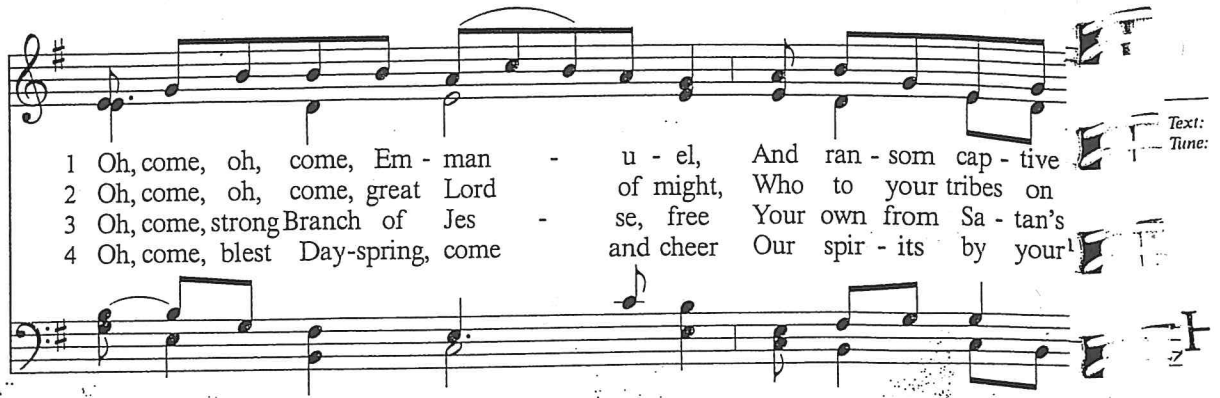
Today we light the four candles. The **first candle** calls us to behold the glory of the season with renewed wonder. Advent is a time to be awed by God's redeeming love for the lost and broken. The **second candle** calls us to reclaim the promises of God spoken in ages past. As the light fills this room, so the Word of God fills our world with hope for the hurting, peace for the restless, and joy for the heavy hearted. The **third candle** is an invitation to wait patiently upon the Lord. In a world where we often lack for patience, Advent reminds us to rest in God's timing and trust God's plan. The **fourth candle** challenges us to grow in faithful expectation. As people whose faith often becomes tamed to the miraculous, Advent is a time to remember afresh a God in whom all things are possible.

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Please join us for Christmas Eve service at 5:30pm. Led by Rev. Rick Neu, we join in singing our favorite carols, celebrating the birth of our Savior, as recorded in Luke 2, and rejoicing with Holy Communion.

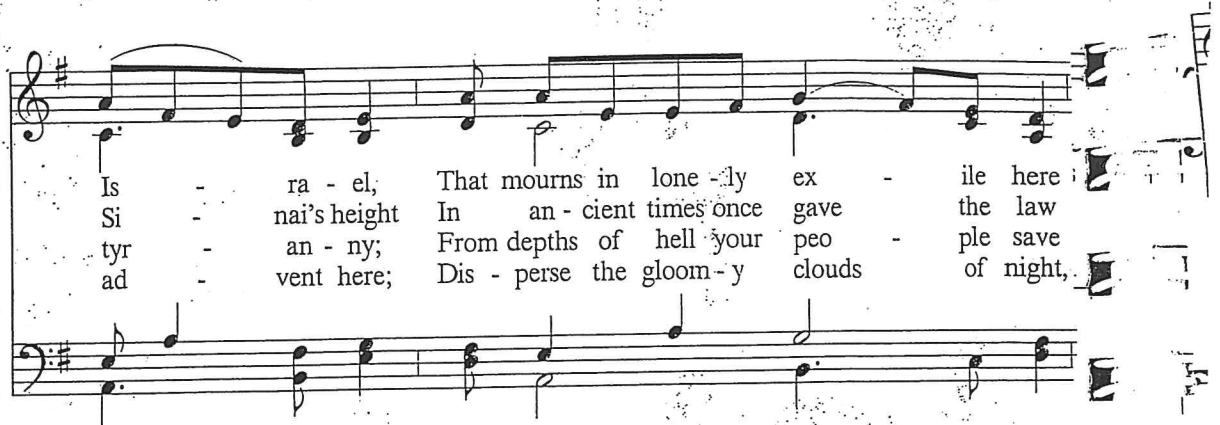


Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

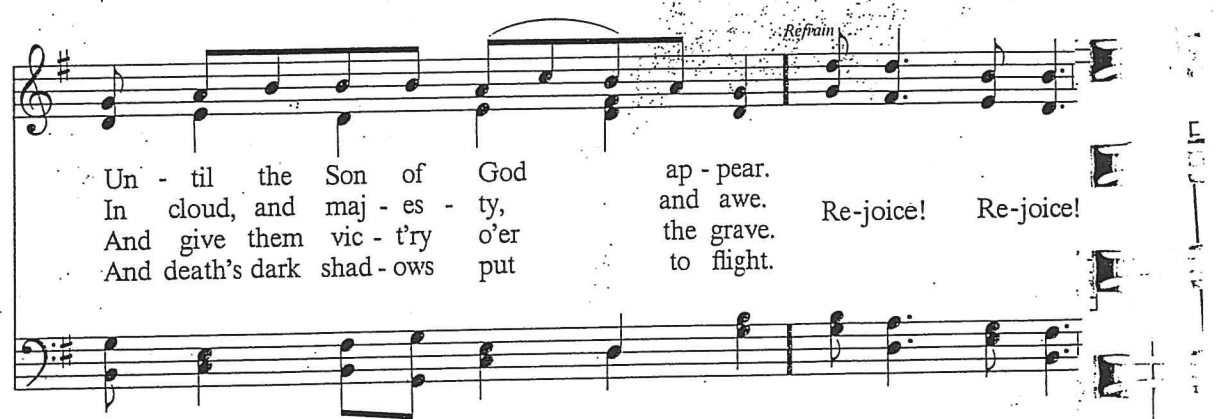


1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your

Text:
Tune:



Is - ra - el; That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here;
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night.

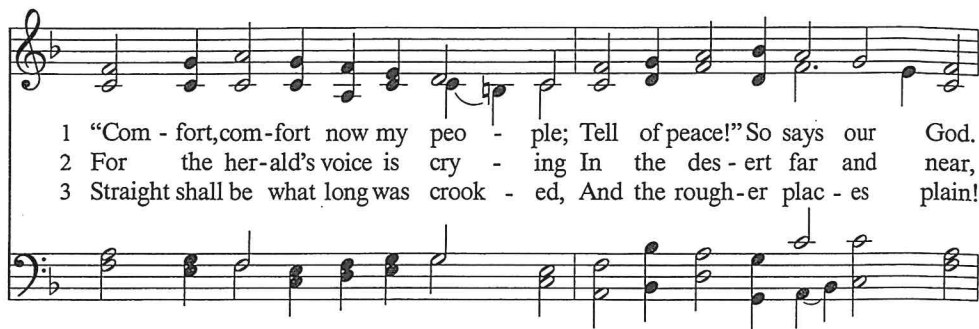


Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

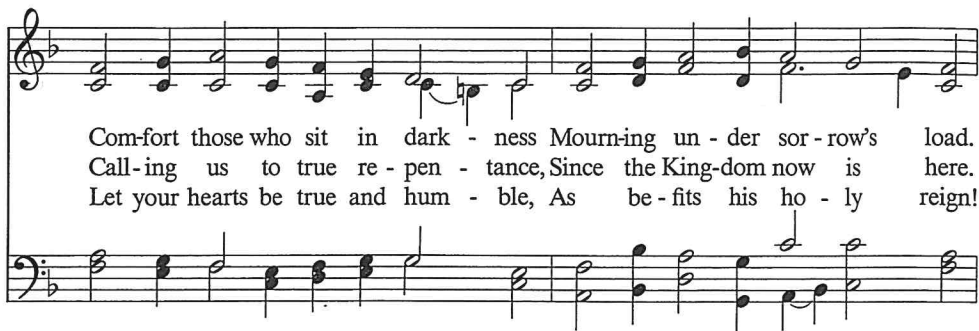


Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

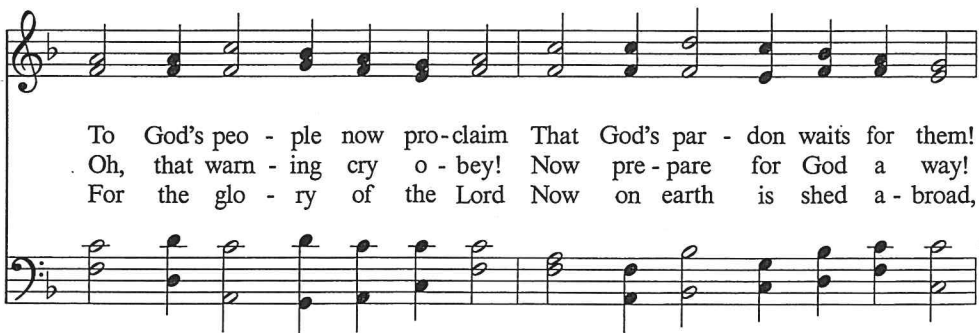
Comfort, Comfort Now My People



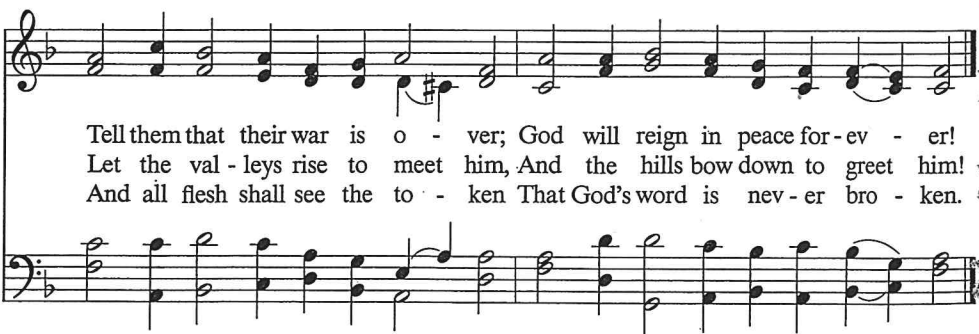
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, And the rough-er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 Call-ing us to true re - pen - tance, Since the King-dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim That God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now on earth is shed a - broad,

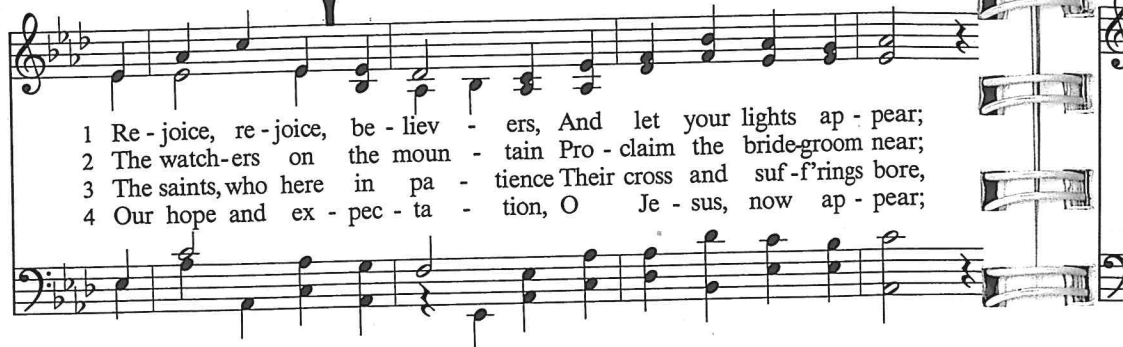


Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him!
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

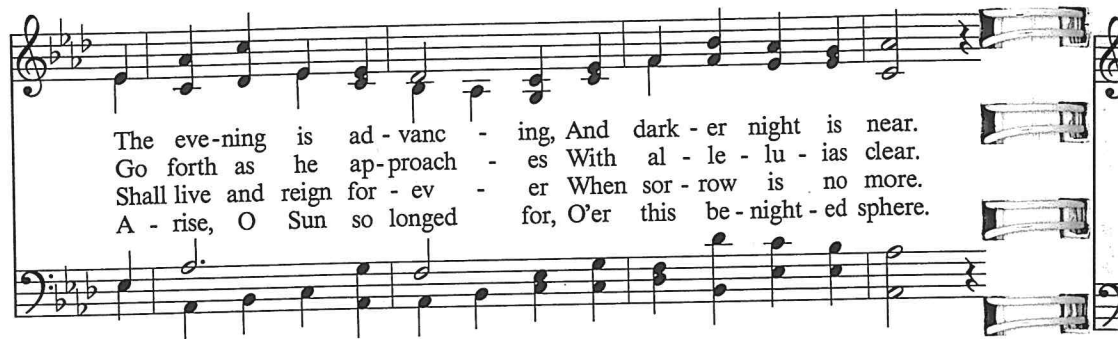
*Text: Johann Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: Trente quatre psaumes de David, Geneva, 1551*

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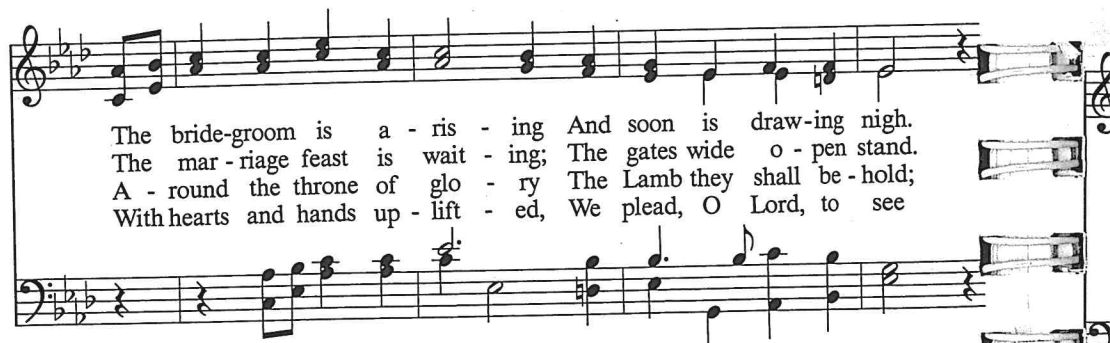
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



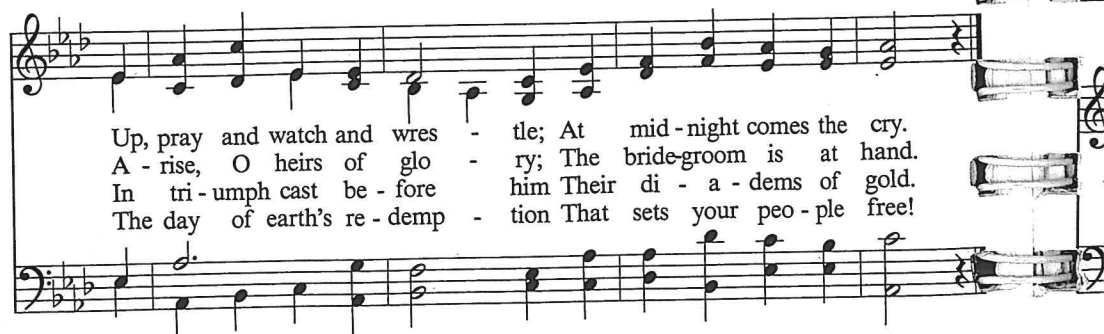
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as he ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The bride - groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free!

1, 3, 4, 5

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How welcome you a -
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore you Green boughs and fair - est
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me
 4 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you down to

right? Your peo - ple long to greet you, My hope, my heart's de -
 palms; And I, too, will a - dore you With joy - ous songs and
 free. I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or
 me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er -

light! Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my
 psalms. My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For you with prais - es
 me. A glo - rious crown you give me, A trea - sure safe on
 ty. Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led you to em -

breast To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please you best.
 new And from your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
 high That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
 brace In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

Text: Paul
Time: Joh

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5 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn your joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not; he is near you,
There, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to his foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams so cheering
And guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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Come, O Precious Ransom

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1 Come, O pre-cious Ran-som, come, On - ly hope for sin - ful mor - tals!
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo-rious King and Lord most ho - ly.
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra-cious - ly re - ceive, I pray you;
4 Hail! Ho - san - na! Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our sup - pli - ca - tion!



Come, O Sav - ior of the world; O - pen are to you all por - tals.
Dwell in me and nev - er leave, Though I am but poor and low - ly.
Ev - er - more, as best I can, Hom - age I will glad - ly pay you,
Let your king - dom, scep - ter, crown Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion;



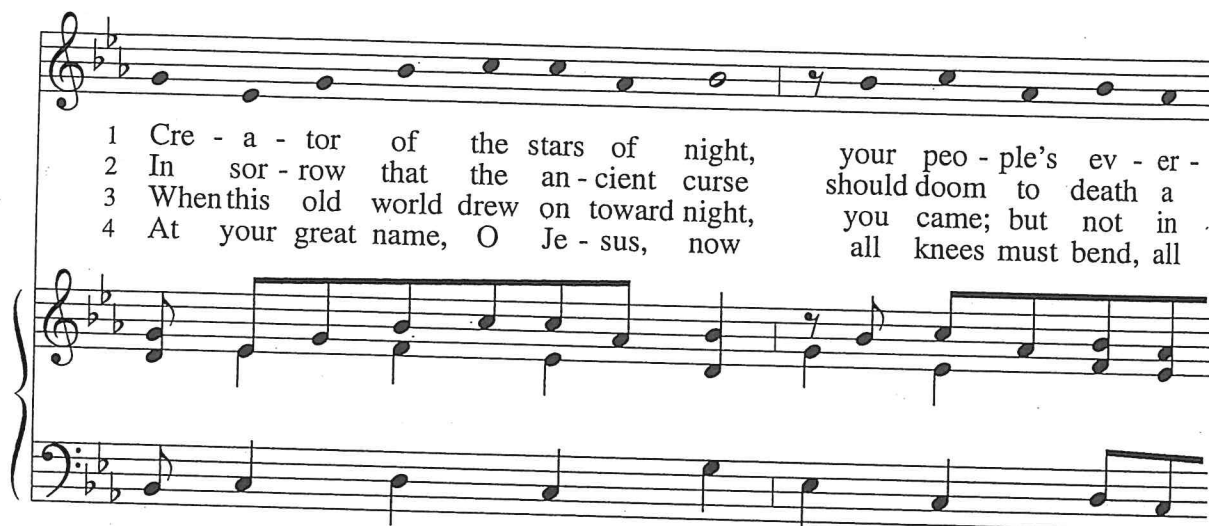
Come, your beau - ty let us view; Anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
What vast rich - es will be mine When you are my guest di - vine!
And in faith I will em - brace Life e - ter - nal by your grace.
That for - ev - er we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our king!



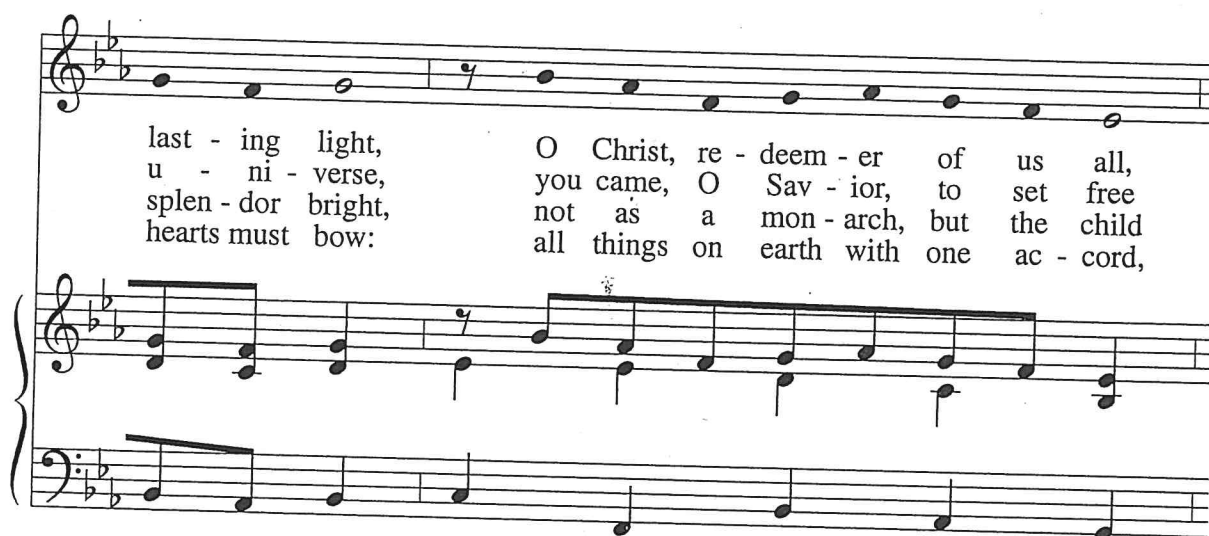
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Tune: Neuverfertigtes Gesangbuch, Darmstadt, 1699

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Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse should doom to death a
3 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
4 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
u - ni - verse, you came, O Sav - ior, to set free
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,



we pray you hear us when we call.
your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord. A - men.

The King of Glory

Refrain
Em Bbm⁷ Em

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Em Bbm⁷ Em

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

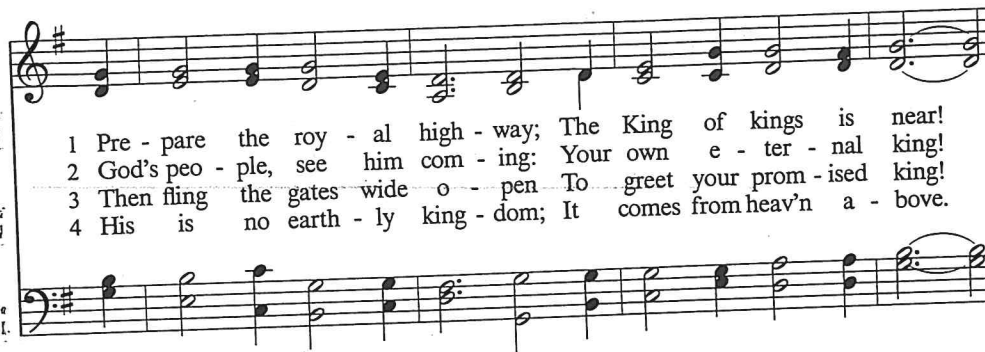
G C Bbm/D D⁷ G

1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

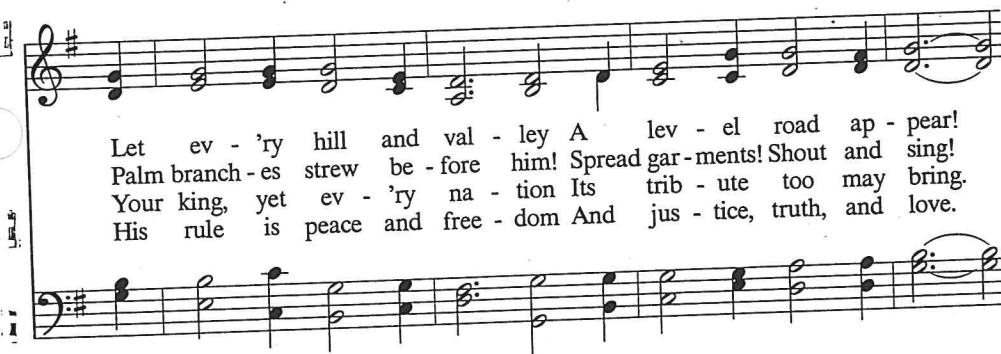
Em CM⁷ G/Bb CM⁷ D⁷ G *Refrain*

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

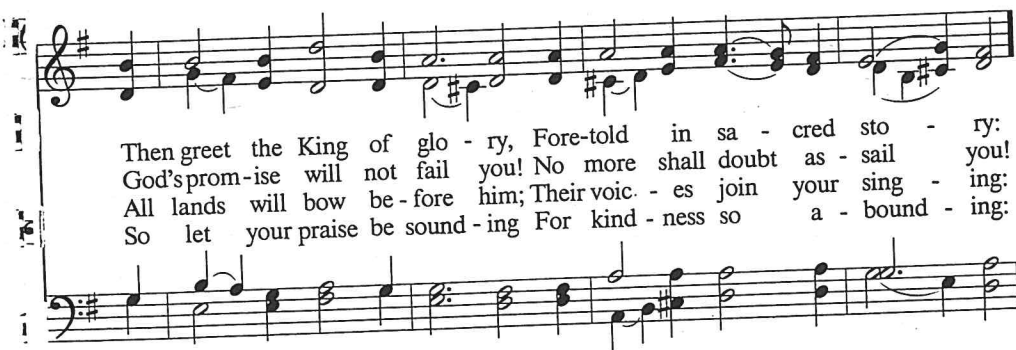
Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; Their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho-san - na to the Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Refrain
Em Bm Em Am D Em C G Am D Em C Bm

Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life:

Em Am Em Bm Am D G Em C Em⁷ Am Bm Em

Son of God who leads us to free-dom; glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

1 You are the Word who calls us out of dark-ness;
2 You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for;
3 You are the Word who calls us to be ser-vants;
4 You are the Word who binds us and u-nites us;

C G Am Bm C D

you are the Word who leads us in-to light; you are the Word who
you are the one who speaks to us to-day; you are the one who
you are the Word whose on-ly law is love; you are the Word made
you are the Word who calls us to be one; you are the Word who

Em Em⁷ C Am Dsus⁴ D G Em

Refrain

brings us through the des-ert: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
leads us to our fu-ture: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
flesh who lives a-mong us: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
teach-es us for-give-ness: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Refrain
C Am Dsus⁴ D C Am D Bm

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
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Return to the Lord

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Re-t-urn to the Lord, your God, re-t-urn to the Lord your God, who is

Cm Cm(#7) Cm⁷ F⁹ A^b G⁷

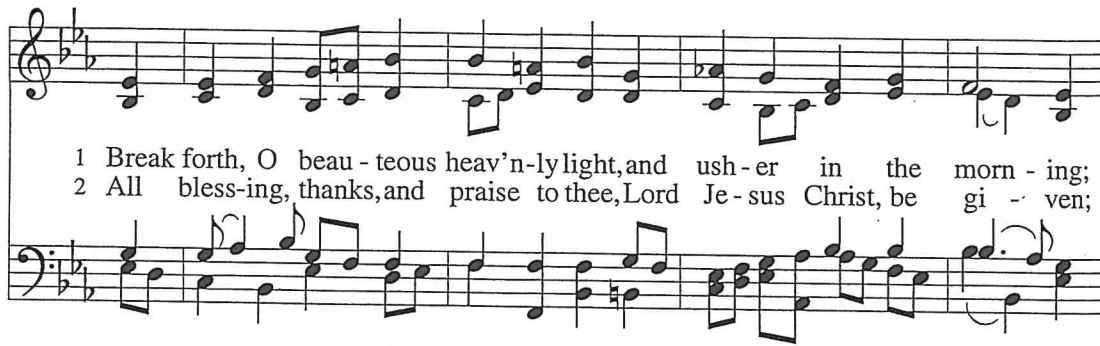
gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-b-ound-ing in stead-fast love.

Cm Cm(#7) Cm⁷ F⁹ A^b Gsus⁴ G

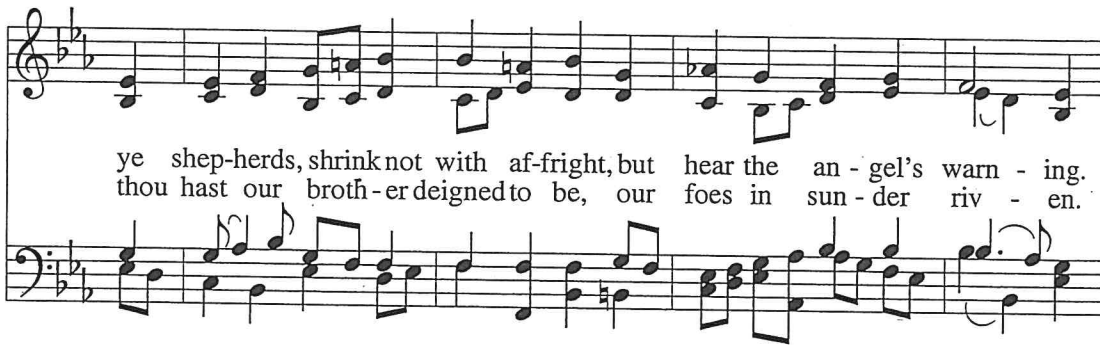
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Music: Jay Beech, b. 1960
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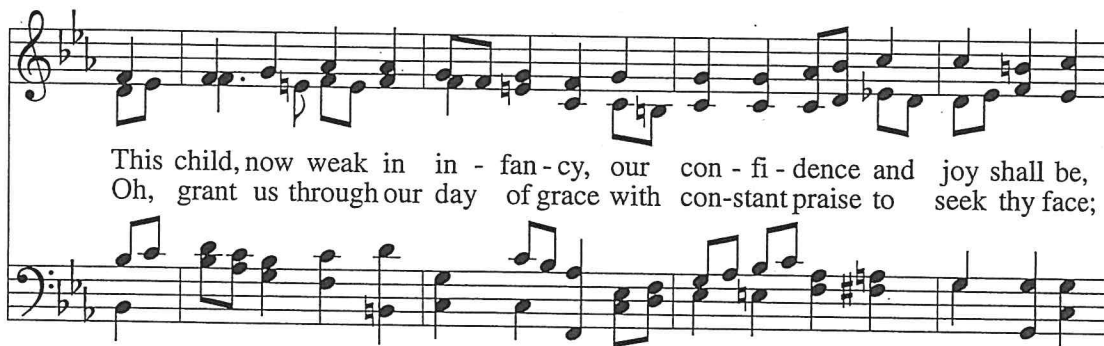
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light



1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n-ly light, and ush - er in the morn - ing;
2 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to thee, Lord Je - sus Christ, be gi - ven;



ye shep - herds, shrink not with af - fright, but hear the an - gel's warn - ing.
thou hast our broth - er deigned to be, our foes in sun - der riv - en.



This child, now weak in in - fan - cy, our con - fi - dence and joy shall be,
Oh, grant us through our day of grace with con - stant praise to seek thy face;



the pow'r of Sa - tan break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.
grant us ere long in glo - ry with prais - es to a - dore thee.