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Order of Worship

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The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Rev. Darrel Cory at 218-791-0141 to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Gathering Hymn**

Fling Wide the Door

ELW #259

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

(Those who choose to may kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.

(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ✠ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

(Please rise.)

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Candlelighting Hymn**

Light One Candle
The cantor sings stanza 1

(next page)

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You call all nations to walk in your light
and to seek your ways of justice and peace.

Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep

that we may be ready to greet and welcome our Lord. Amen.

***Candlelighting Hymn**

Light One Candle
All sing stanza 1

(next page)

***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Light One Candle

Candlelighting Song



1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:
2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:



let the light pierce the dark - ness.
let the light pierce the dark - ness.
let the light pierce the dark - ness.
let the light pierce the dark - ness.



Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
Forth from the stump of the fam - 'ly of Da - vid
Na - tions, cre - a - tion, RE - JOICE and be glad,
Look, a young wom - an gives birth to a son:



filled with HOPE for the world!
comes PEACE, prom - ised of old!
see the glo - ry of God!
"LOVE, Em - man - u - el!"

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Tune: *TIF IN VELDELE*, Yiddish folk song (FD).

WORD

Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

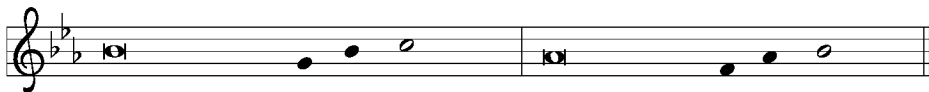
⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

- ¹I was glad when they | said to me,
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD."
- ²**Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**
- ³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;
- ⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.**
- ⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.
- ⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
"May they pros- | per who love you.**
- ⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.
- ⁸**For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**
- ⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good."

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 102

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

***Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW #436

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.

*Offertory

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Unison:



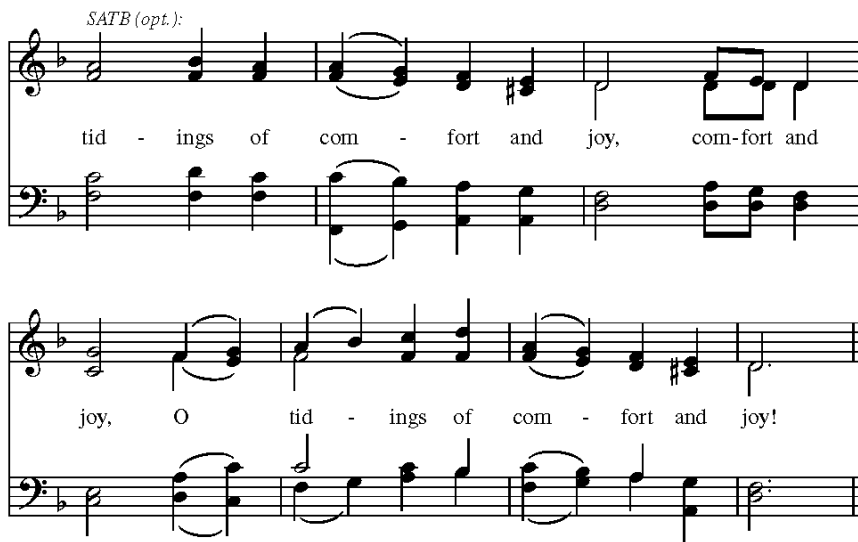
1. I - sai - ah, proph - et, seer of old, re - spond - ing to God's
2. Pre - pare your heart, lift up your voice, join in this Ad - vent

call, pro - claimed the com - ing of the Lord to
song; walk in the light of God's own Son to

peo - ple, great and small. Now on this day we
whom we all be - long. A lit - tle child shall

hear God's word: de - clare good news to all! O
lead us all, his love will make us strong!

SATB (opt.):



tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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Tune: *GOD REST YE*, Traditional English carol (FD).

*Prayers of the Church

L: ...God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

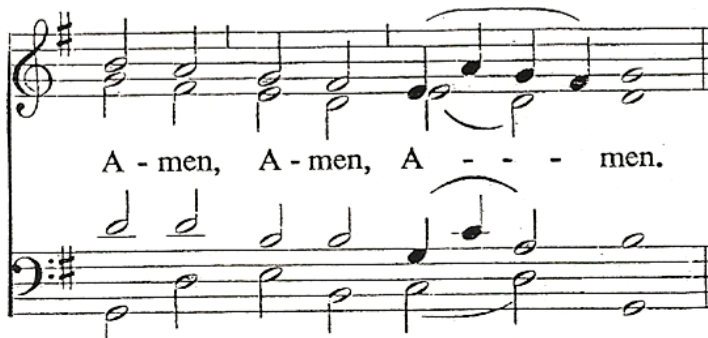
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the Threefold Amen. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first two 'A - men' are followed by a long dash, indicating a sustained note. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

*Sending Hymn

Hark, A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

ELW #246

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding Minister: Rev. Stephanie White

Lector: Jane Aandal

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Organist: Reid Froiland

Video: Dave A. Ulrich

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Presiding Minister: Rev. Stephanie White

Lector: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Becky Smith

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson, Dean Dalen

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Presiding Minister: Rev. Stephanie White

Lector: Sandy Sundahl

Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Organist: Reid Froiland

Video: Dave Ulrich

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Presiding Minister: Rev. Stephanie White

Lector: Maryel Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson, Dean Dalen

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Our Mission Statement: Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 3, 2022

Sunday, November 27	8:15am 9:30am 10:30 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal Worship Potluck to welcome Pr. Stephanie White
Tuesday, November 29	6:00 pm	Altar Guild
Wednesday, November 30	5:45pm/6:30pm	BLAST and Confirmation/Worship
Thursday, December 1	3:00 – 5:30	Violence Intervention – Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 4	8:15am 9:30 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal and Sing Worship with Holy Communion Baptism of Francis Dean Martell
Tuesday, December 6	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Martha Unit – Emmaus Room Worship & Music Committee meeting
Wednesday, December 7	5:45pm 6:30pm	BLAST and Confirmation Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday, December 8	4:00pm	Personnel Reviews – Emmaus Room
Sunday, December 11	8:15am 9:30am	Senior Choir Rehearsal and Sing Worship – St. Lucia Service
Monday, December 12 – Friday, December 16		WIC
Monday, December 12	5:30pm	Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, December 13	5:30pm	Faith & Family Stewardship meeting
Wednesday, December 14	5:30pm 6:30pm	Senior Choir warm-up Christmas Program – no worship
Sunday, December 18	8:15am 9:30am	Senior Choir Rehearsal and Sing Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 20	6:00pm	Church Council meeting
Wednesday December 21	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, December 23		Newsletter Information Due
Saturday, December 24	4:00pm 10:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 25	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 27	6:00	Altar Guild Meeting
Wednesday, December 28		No Worship Service

Happy New Year!!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Robbin Matheson (Dave Thompson's niece), Jamie Elleson (Carol Ihle's niece), Sandy Niemi, Ken Froschheiser, Leona Bugge, Travis Forsberg, Bob Horien, Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Maxine Holmstrom, Rick Hanson, Tami Hanson, David Grovum, Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry Forsberg, LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, and Jeremy Johnson.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

Altar Flowers this day are given by Dave A. Ulrich in loving memory of his father, William R. Ulrich. May his memory be blessed.

We need you!! We need the following volunteers...

- Acolytes for Sunday's worship service.
- Worship readers and communion servers for Sunday worship.

Volunteers will have a rotation schedule. If you are interested, please put your name down on our sign-up sheet in the Narthex or let Dianne know at the church office.

Financial Stewardship for 2022:

Weekly Giving – week of October 24th – 30th: \$(4,504 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

November 2022 Income: \$6,717.59(\$19,517 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

Year-to-Date Income (through September 30): \$127,795.69 (\$175,653 budgeted)
Weekly Giving includes cash and envelopes mailed to the church, dropped off at the church, or placed in the plate each week; it also includes some forms of electronic giving (e.g.: Vanco). Monthly income includes all forms of electronic giving.

Church Announcements: Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Dianne Stroh at your earliest convenience.

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Martell or the church office.

BLAST Coordinator still needed – if you like working with children PreK – 5th grade, prayerfully consider this position.

Altar Guild Flower sale has ended. There are several weekends still available. If you wish to purchase a bouquet in memory of a loved one or in honor of, please check in the office for available dates. Thank you all for your orders. They are greatly appreciated.

Giving cards for 2023 are located on the table in the Narthex. Please take one, fill it out and leave it in the basket. Thank you for celebrating generosity!

“I Can” sheets are in your bulletin. Please take a moment and consider where your talents could best be utilized serving and assisting at church. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

A Thank you from Faith & Family Stewardship. \$350.00 was donated during Mission Sunday last week. Thank you for supporting the mission of the *Violence Intervention Project*. VIP appreciates Redeemer's support!

O, Come O Come Emmanuel – and Redeemer Ladies/Women of the ELCA!
Our Advent Breakfast is back!!! Please join us on Saturday, December 10th, at 9:30 AM in the Redeemer Lutheran Fellowship Hall for breakfast, - and bring a friend with you! We will need you to reserve your spot and a spot for a friend, by Sunday, December 4th. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex! Pastor Stephanie will have an Advent message to share, and we'll have wonderful food and conversation. The cost? Please bring any non-perishable food item to be donated to the TRF Area Foodshelf.

Confirmation pictures are here and are available for pick up in the office.

The 13th Annual Spirit of Giving is taking place at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 3rd. If you are in need or know of someone in need, please send them to “shop” at Zion.

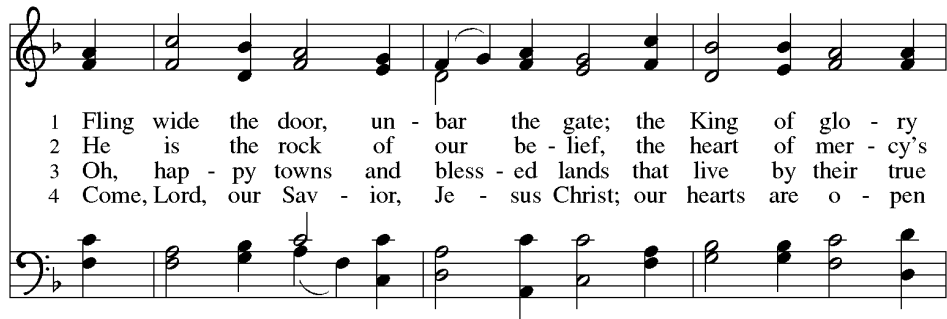
Reminder: please sign the red friendship pad at the end of the pews during offering each week.

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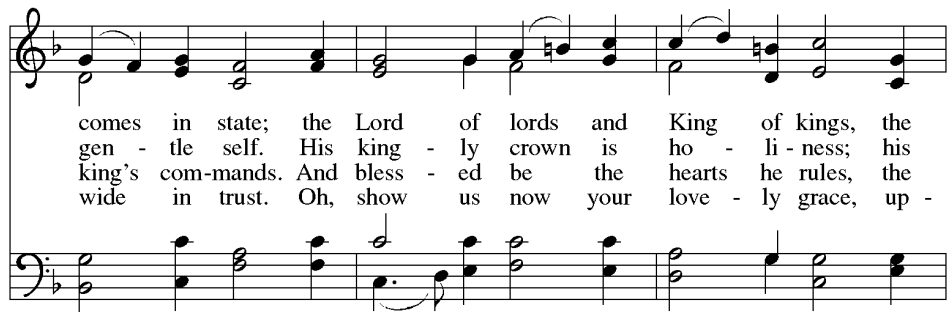
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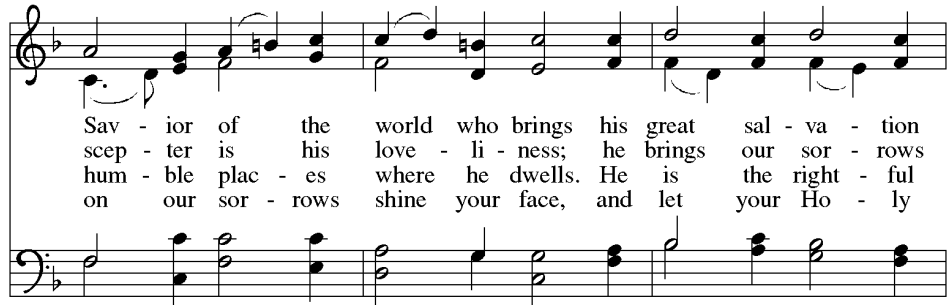
Fling Wide the Door



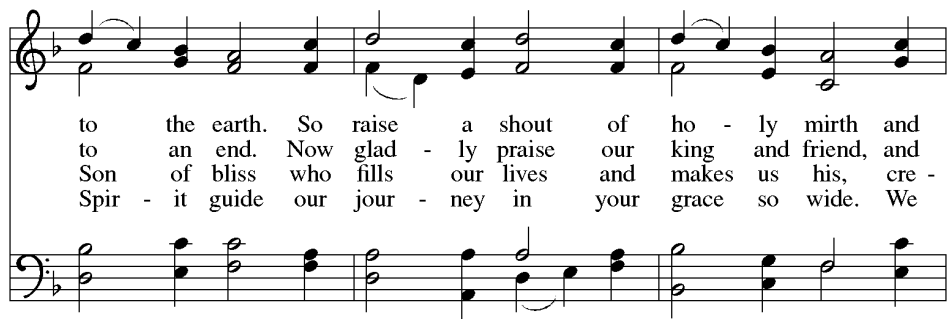
1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version
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Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889