



**November 30, 2025**

*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ  
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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# A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

## November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Song:**               *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**\*Advent Candle Lighting:**

Liturgist: We gather this morning to listen.

**People: To listen for the coming Christ.**

Liturgist: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle for Hope.

**People: Our hope is in the Lord.**

Liturgist: May we indeed lift our heads and open our hearts, for we are filled with hope. Hope that once again Jesus Christ will enter our world and save us.

**People: Come, thou long expected Jesus.**

Liturgist: Jesus Christ, born to set us free, to deliver us from evil. Born a child and yet a king to reign in us forever. Hope of all the earth.

**People: Come, thou long expected Jesus.**

*The first purple candle is lit.*

**\*Opening Hymn:**               *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Please be seated and join in prayer.*

### Unison Prayer for Advent:

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope.  
Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community,  
and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope.  
Amen.

### \*Passing the Hope of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome

Liturgist: Today as we celebrate hope, may we be reminded that our hope comes from the Lord and we should share that hope freely with each other. May the HOPE of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the HOPE of Christ with one another.

*(Congregation shares hope with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)*

**Anthem:**

**Children's Moment**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Gracious God, as we patiently wait for the Prince of Peace, open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds. Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.*

**Scripture Lesson**            Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

**The Message:**        *A Season for Listening: Are You Alert to God's Future?*

**Hymn of Affirmation:**            *Change My Heart, O God*

**Offertory**

**Thanksgiving in Song:**

*In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice*

*Look to God; do not be afraid.*

*Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

**Celebrating the Lord's Table**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Peace be with you in the name of the Lord!

**Let us be joyful together in God's presence!**

Lift up your hearts and rejoice!

**Hallelujah! Praise to the Lord!**

Lift up your hearts and be thankful!

**With thanksgiving, let us give glory and honor to the Lord, our God!**

O God, you created the heavens and the earth. Before there was any of it, there was You. You breathed your world into existence; the grass, the flowers, the sun, and the clouds. And, of course, us too. You called us your people and committed

to never leaving our side, even when we turn away from you. You loved us then and love us still.

***Holy Holy Holy, verse 1***

Lord, God Almighty, you sent your Son to save us. A Prince of Peace to teach us how to live. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and calmed the storm. He taught us to love one another and recognize each other as brothers and sisters. Even after his teachings were met with violence and crucifixion, you raised him from the dead to rule over all creation.

***Fairest Lord Jesus, verse 1***

**Words of Institution**

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Ever-loving God, unite us with Christ in this Holy meal. Surround us with your Holy Spirit so that we may spread your love. May we welcome the opportunity to be your hands and feet in our world. May we embody Christ as we serve others and share your love with those around us. May you receive glory through our actions, O Lord. Amen.

**The 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 debts, as we forgive our  
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

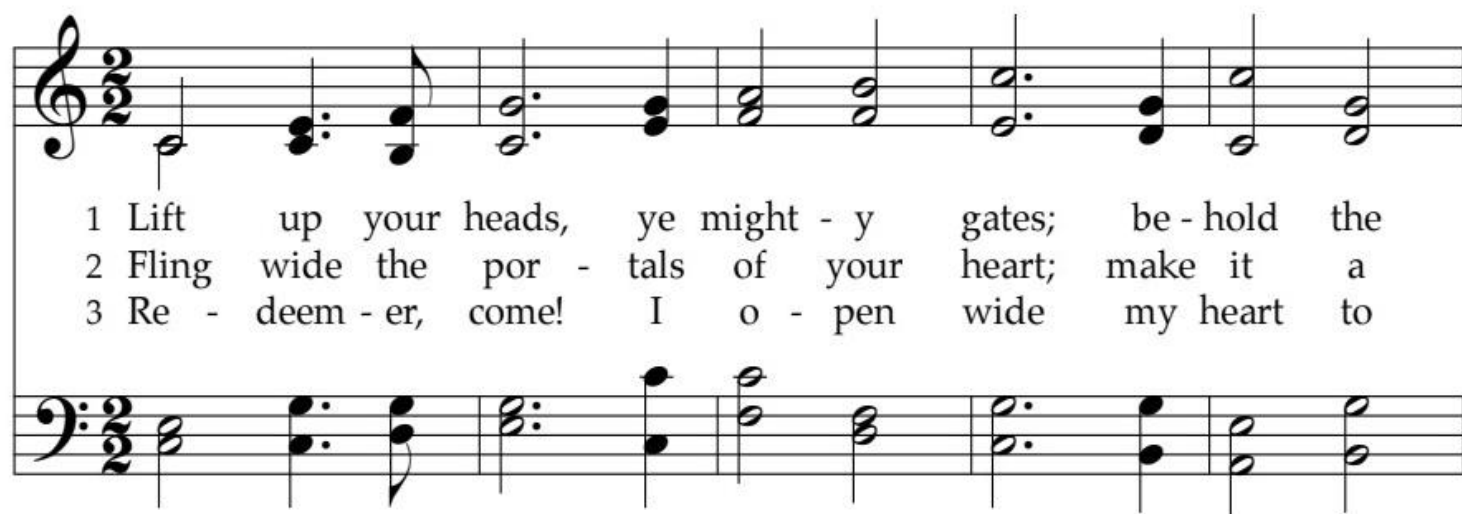
**Sharing the Feast Together  
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Sending Hymn:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

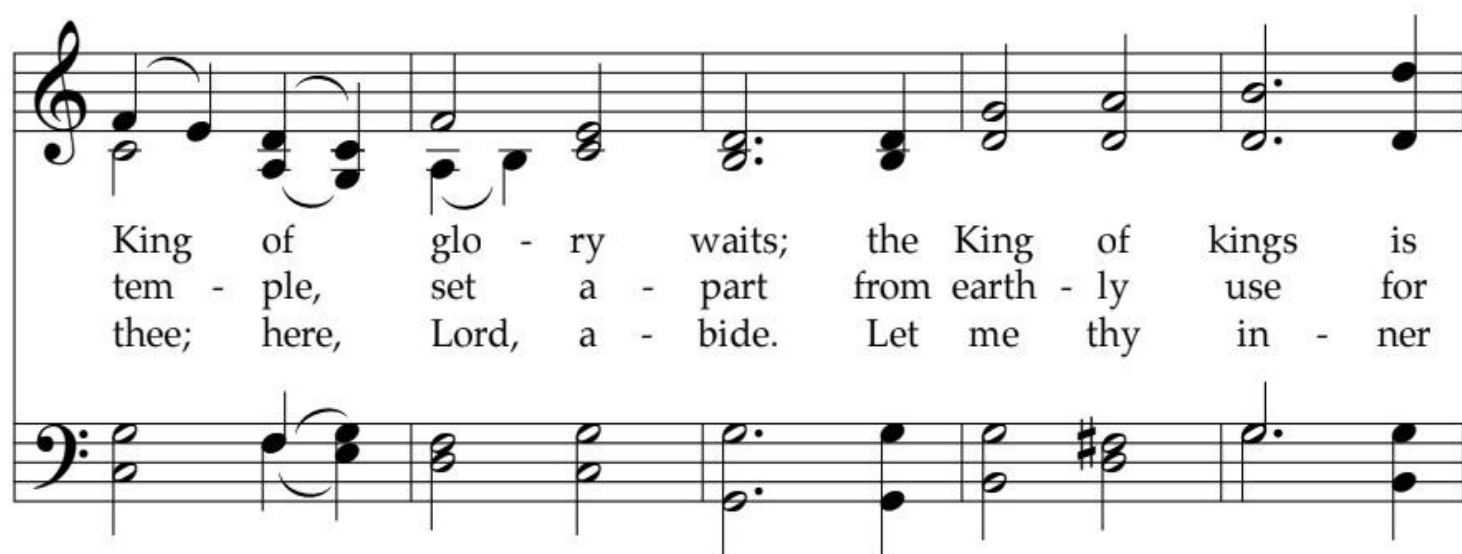
**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

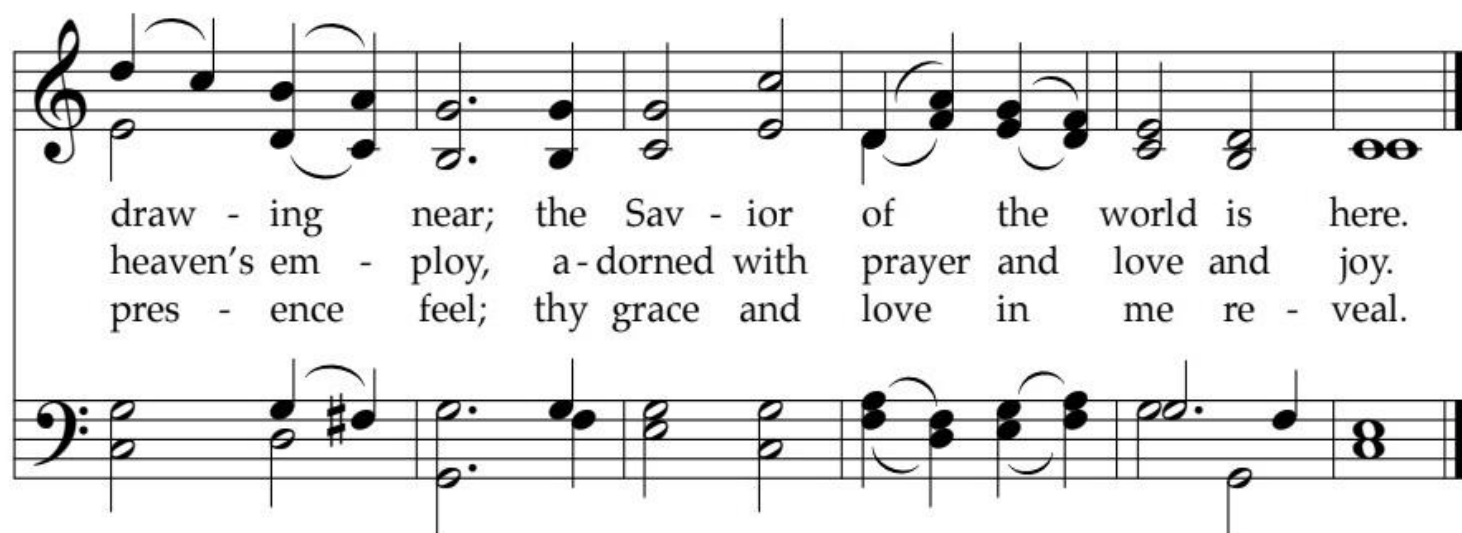
# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

# 244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*The Lord has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives. Isaiah 61:1*



1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free.  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and yet a King,



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

# 654 Change My Heart, O God

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10*

Unison

Change my heart, O God, Make it ev - er true.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note F#2. The lyrics 'Change my heart, O God, Make it ev - er true.' are written below the vocal line.

Change my heart, O God,

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note F#2. The lyrics 'Change my heart, O God,' are written below the vocal line.

May I be like You. You are the

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note F#2. The lyrics 'May I be like You. You are the' are written below the vocal line.

Pot - ter, I am the clay;

The fourth system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note F#2. The lyrics 'Pot - ter, I am the clay;' are written below the vocal line.



Mold me and make me, This is what I

pray. Change my heart, O God,

Make it ev-er true. Change my heart, O God,

May I be like You. You.

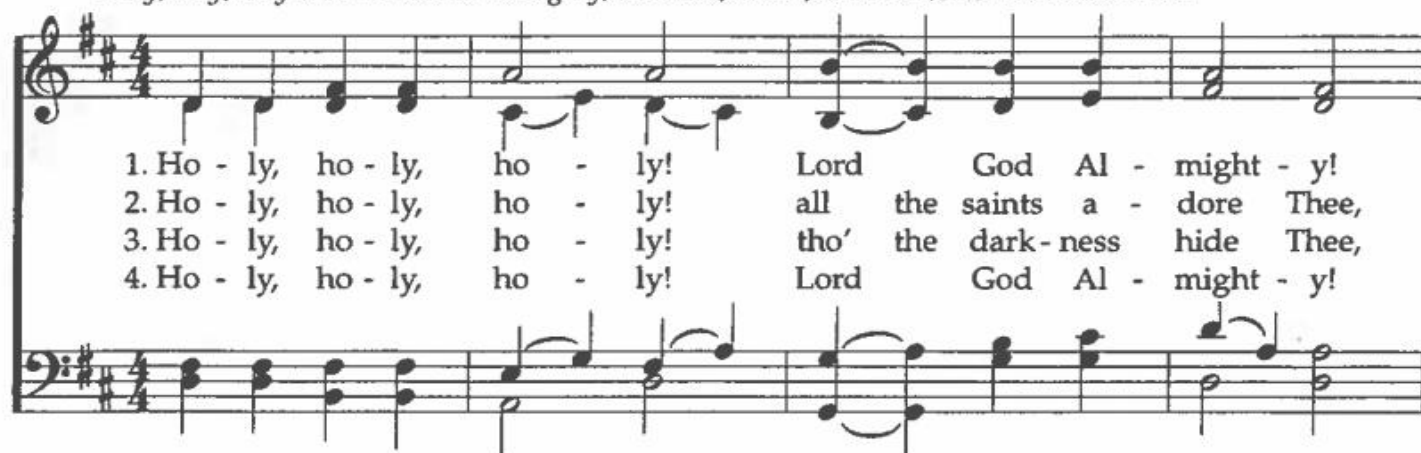
*Optional extended or choral ending*  
*Freely Harmony optional*

Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

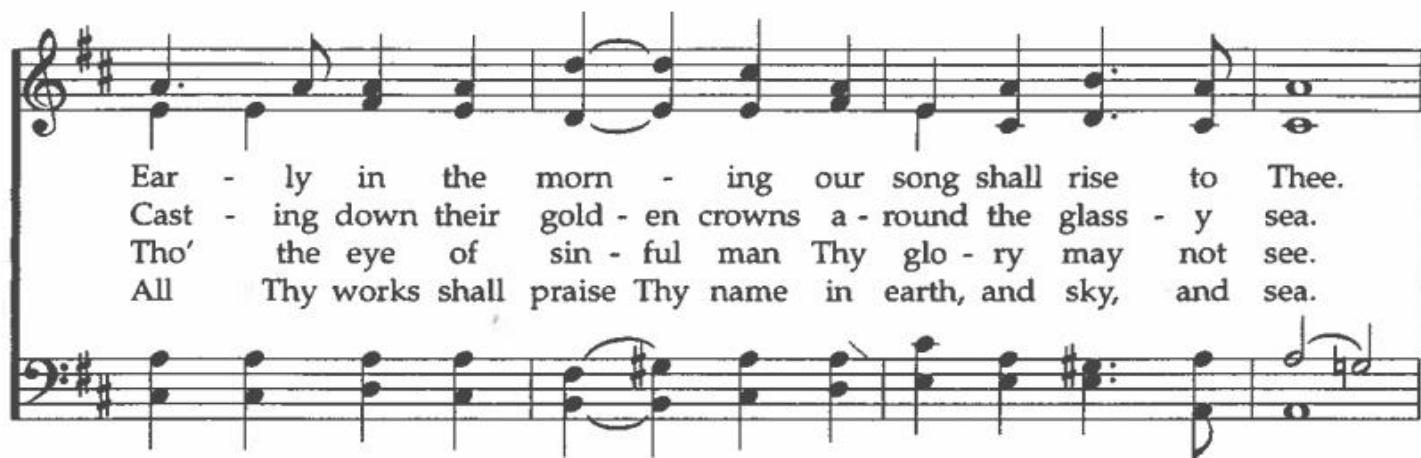


# 3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

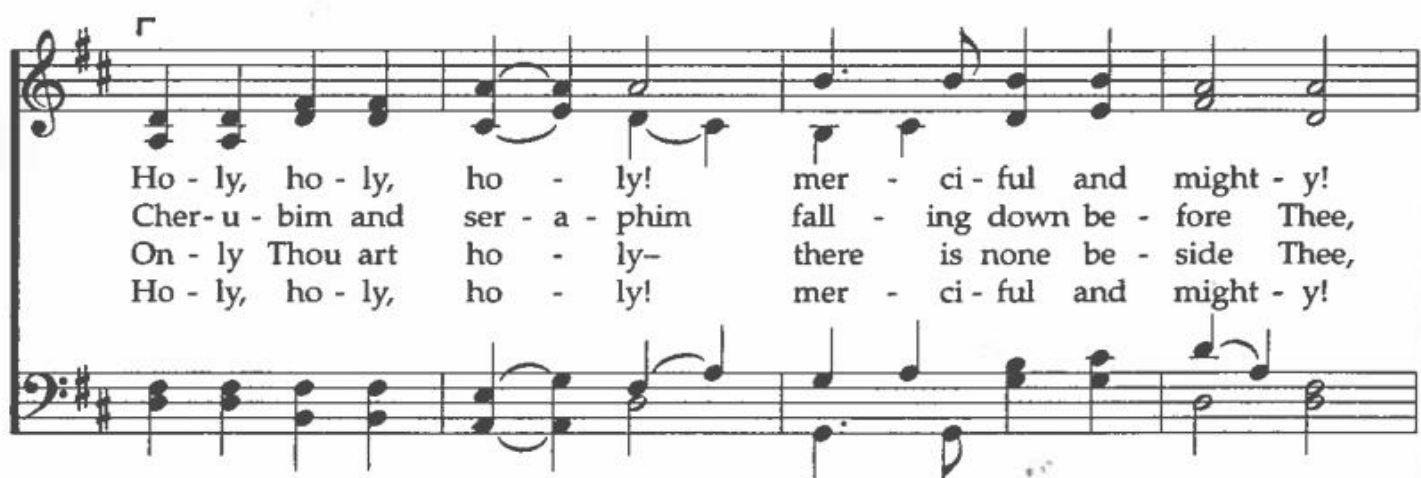
*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Revelation 4:8*



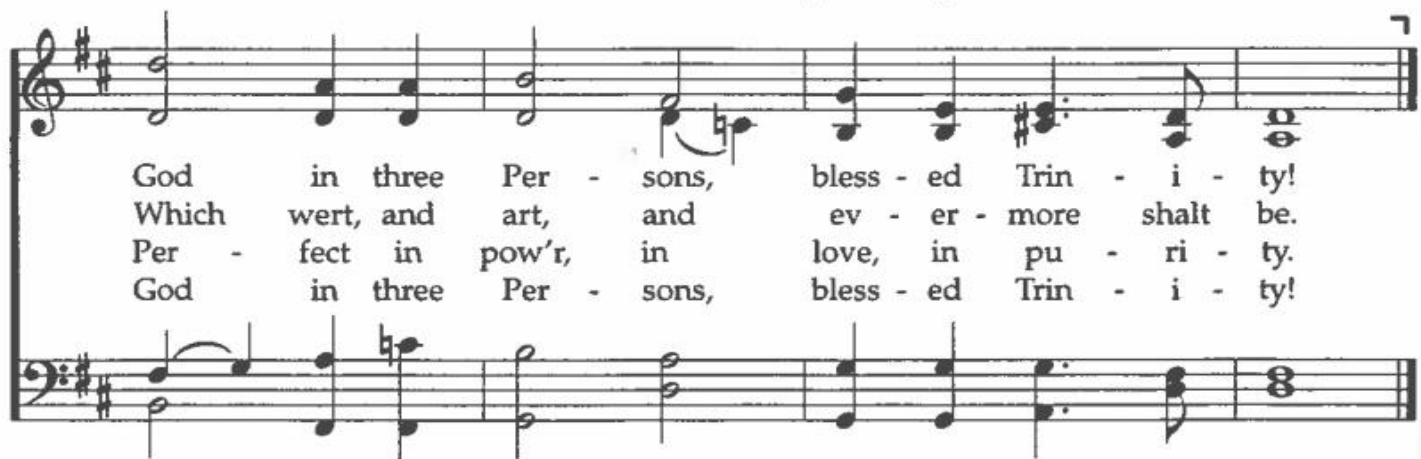
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! tho' the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea.  
Tho' the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see.  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly - there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, in pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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## Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

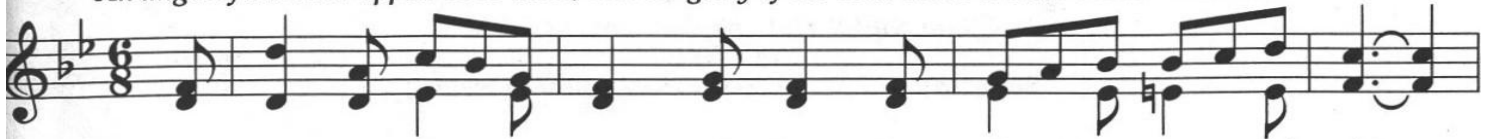
na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

# It Came upon the Midnight Clear 251

*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. Luke 2:9*



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
2. Still thro' the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;  
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,  
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good-will to men, From heav'n's all-gra - cious King!"  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:  
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
O rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.  
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

