

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

Announcements

Prelude **"Winchester New"** **Malcolm Archer**
(On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry)

Advent Wreath: Lighting the Third Advent Candle of Joy – The Smith Family – Jedediah, Heather & Liam

Introduction

Soon we shall celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We worship God with joy in our hearts as we are reminded of the words the angel said on that first Christmas Day.

"Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people."

Scripture

Listen for the Word of God from John, Chapter 15:9-11:

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, in the same way that I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of this light there is hope. With the coming of this light there is peace. With the coming of this light there is joy, joy that is ours not only at Christmas but always.

Advent Prayer

Let us pray:

O Lord, as Christmas draws near, there is a sense of excitement in the air. We can feel a joy in our lives and see it in those around us. Still, for some of us this is a sad time because of unhappy things that have happened in our lives. Help us to have the joy that does not depend upon earthly happiness but upon you. Help us to be filled with your joy so that we may share it with a joyless world. Amen.

*** Call to Worship**

Come and rejoice in God!

Sing praise to God who continually blesses our lives!

In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offering compassion.

Our hope is in the Lord.

Let all the people praise God.

Hallelujah! Amen.

*** Opening Hymn – #107 (From the "Glory to God" Hymnal. See insert hymn) "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" (REJOICE, REJOICE)**

Call to Confession

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Sung Response for Advent – Hymn #1, Stanza 1 – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (STUTTGART)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Assurance of Pardon

The messenger has been sent to you, proclaiming that there is One who is Coming who will heal and lead you. Know that this is a great gift from God, who has always and will always love you. Amen.

**** Gloria – Hymn #23 (Refrain only) – “Angels We Have Heard on High” — (GLORIA)***

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**** Passing of the Peace***

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Children’s Message – Pastor Peter

(Following the Children’s Message, children third grade and below are invited to depart for Children’s Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

God of the universe, revealed to us in Holy Scripture through the writings of the prophets and the preaching of John the Baptist, you have called us to prepare our hearts for your visitation. Ready us now to hear your Word and to respond as faithful servants, to the glory of Christ. Amen.

First Testament Reading — Pastor Ashley

Our first reading is from the 3rd chapter of Zephaniah, beginning with verse 14. Listen as I read God’s word:

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn #71 (From the “Glory to God” Hymnal. See insert hymn) – “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me” (FIRST SONG)**

(Isaiah 12:2-6)

Congregation sings the refrain. Soloist David Campbell sings the verse.

Epistle Reading – Dave Rice

Our second reading is from the 4th chapter of Philippians, beginning with the 4th verse. Listen as I read God’s word.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – Dave Rice

The gospel reading is from the 3rd chapter of Luke, beginning in the 7th verse. Listen as I read God’s word.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Pastor Ashley

*** Affirmation of Faith**

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.

But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.

And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

*** Hymn - #10 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (WINCHESTER NEW)**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. We offer our time, talent, and treasure this morning with joy, trusting that God does amazing things with all we have.

Offertory	“Rejoice in the Lord Always”	Anonymous (16th c.)
	Text from Philippians 4:4-7	
	Sanctuary Choir	

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men:

the Lord is even at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,

let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

*** Doxology No 592 – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (DOXOLOGY)**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray:

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn - #15 “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” (LLANGLOFFAN)**

*** Charge and Benediction**

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude “On Jordan's Bank” (Winchester New) Christopher Tambling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visiting today. **We are grateful** for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will join with us again. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with a Pastor if you are interested in membership. A **Virtual Fellowship Time** is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning are in memory of Elaine J. Rice, Dave's Mom who went to be with the Lord exactly 1 year ago today by David, Christina, Nicole and Matthew Rice.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will take place on the 24th, and all are welcome. The Family Service begins at 4:30 and will include a re-telling of the Christmas story and a special Children's Message. Preludes for the late service will begin at 8:45 PM, with the service starting at 9:00. We look forward to worshipping with you!

SPEND SOME TIME WITH CARMEL'S NEW AND GREATLY IMPROVED WEBSITE! It's here! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Lots of Carmel's photos—church events, stained-glass windows, groups for all ages, mission and community outreach, and much more. Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation. New features include *Pastor's Blog*, with a welcome to the website message from Pastor Peter, a *What's Happening at Carmel* section, links to Carmel's local and area mission causes, easy ways to access *The Courier*, and detailed information about the *Carmel Nursery School*. Multiple access points are provided through a Navigation Menu Bar, and clickable photo links. Yes, there will still be a calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page. Carmel's website project team leaders Janet Simon and Kim Williams, along with fellow project team members Ken Schuyler and Rev. Peter Sulyok, have been hard at work with our website provider Worship Times since January, 2021, on this redesign and upgrade. Due to the Pandemic, we're shy of some photos, such as Christmas events and worship! Search your digital photo albums or take digital photos with your cell phone and send them to the Church Office. Did we miss anything that you'd like to see on the Carmel Website? Let us know!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES ARE IN THE FLOYER READY FOR PICK UP! Please pickup your numbered **Stewardship Giving Envelopes** in the church foyer arranged alphabetically. If you need a yearly **Giving/Pledge Card**, they may be picked up near the **Offering Plate** as you enter the sanctuary. Please drop in the plate or return to the Church Office so for Session to finalize the **Church Budget 2022** for approval at its December meeting. Additional yearly giving/pledge cards are available in the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity in caring for others through your church family!

ADVENT IS HERE! – HERE’S HOW TO MAKE IT MEANINGFUL –Please join us after church this week to mark the **Third Sunday of Advent** with a sense of **JOY** and goodwill. We’d like to once again send you home with a warm to-go-lunch, pick it up at the kitchen door, let this small gesture from the **Congregational Life Committee** cross one thing off your to-do list on a busy December Sunday. Before you leave Carmel, please take a moment to **Design an Ornament** (or bring one from home) for the **Tree of Joy**, located just around the corner from the choir entrance. You can add your ornaments at any time during the week as well. The trees representing each **Advent Sunday** look nicer and nicer as the season progresses. The **Prayer Wall** in the foyer is filling with **JOY** this week—an idea Carmel members have been most appreciative of. Please add your prayers for **JOY** this week.

Advent Mission Opportunity—If you would like to participate, the **Congregational Life Committee** will collect socks, underwear and thermals for **Homeless Veterans Inc.**, based in Willow Grove. This organization is ‘committed to promoting purpose driven lives among our nation’s finest men and women.’ The organizations we are supporting each week with your donations—

- **Hope = Lisa’s Army**, comfort items basket collection
- **Peace = Homeless Veterans Inc.**, socks, underwear, thermals (new in packaging, please)
- **Joy = Laurel House**, disposable diapers.
- **Love = Interfaith Food Cupboard**, ‘Baskets of Love’

Please join us for ‘**Cookies, Cocoa and Caroling**’ to put the finishing touches on the **Advent Trees** and the **Prayer Wall** at 4:00 pm on December 19, the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We will support Interfaith’s “Baskets from the Heart” by collecting canned goods and non-perishables. This **Final Sunday of Advent** brings another opportunity for outreach. Please **WELCOME** friends and neighbors to Carmel at **Christmas Time**. Loving our neighbors is a wonderful way to celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. Reminders and details will continue to be sent via all church email and Carmel’s FB page weekly. **Hope is Born, PEACE on Earth, Joy to the World, Love Came Down.**

ROAM WILL GATHER ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 12:30 PM IN CARMEL HALL. Under the circumstances (Covid is still around) we thought a bring-your-own-lunch get-together would be best. We have no plans for a program, just chatting, reconnecting, and catching up. Coffee and juice will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME SING FOR CHRISTMAS! A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will be preparing for the annual **Candlelight Carol Service** on Sunday evening, December 12 and the 9:00 PM **Christmas Eve Service**. The choir is made up of youth and adults from the Carmel choirs and members and friends of the congregation who enjoy singing but who cannot commit to weekly rehearsals year-round. Come and sing for this special festive Christmas season. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:30 PM in the church sanctuary. We hope you can join us! Please tell Abby you are coming so a folder of music will be ready for you!

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE IS TODAY AT 7:30 PM. Christmas cheer begins early with the Candlelight Carol Service with music from all of Carmel’s choirs, soloists and handbell ringers. Congregational singing of beloved carols and scripture readings will add to our preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus once more into our lives this Advent. Nursery Care will be available. Spread the word to all your family and friends as we restore this in-person special time of worship and praise!

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care and Children’s Worship** (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led

by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, **Marleen Heintz for Nursery Care and Melissa MacFarland for Children's Worship**. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, ***please call the Church Office by Friday noon***, so that the nursery is staffed. Children's Worship will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen or Melissa.

CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOVEMBER DATES: **Refuge** will meet on designated Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity and monthly special activities. **Oasis** meets next on TBA, 7:00 pm in the Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Chapel.

MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT: Please mark your calendars for Choir Rehearsals!

- Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2 is held Wednesdays from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8 is held Wednesdays, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12 is held Sundays from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult is held Thursdays from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 6-adult is held Mondays from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

All safety measures will be followed as set up by the CDC, state and local governments. Please contact Abby Palmisano if you have any questions. Hope to see you soon.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING GROUP STUDY LED BY THE SENIOR PASTOR Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am, Fellowship Lounge will take a "pause" during Advent and Christmas and resumes in January. Talk with Pastor Peter about what you would like to take up for study and if you'd like to meet during the week. The group is considering adding a new class time during the week to involve those who are unable to make the Sunday morning class.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES and ORDERS OF SERVICE are available from the Ushers.

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – All are requested to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing at your and other's comfort levels during worship and when inside the church facilities

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. See below!

Participating in Worship this Morning

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor

Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Dave Rice, Liturgist

The Sanctuary Choir

Jed, Heather, and Liam Smith, Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Dave and Christina Rice, Greeter/Ushers

Patricia Agbote and Beth Cherry, Shepherds

Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member

Gary Moll and Jay Raulinaitis, Live-Streaming Operators

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>

Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

“Virtual Fellowship Time” may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

Signup to Help with Worship!

Each Sunday we have several spots you can assist. Click here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

For those Participating and Facilitating in Worship

By attending in-person worship at Carmel Presbyterian Church you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and variants and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and its variants may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against Carmel Presbyterian Church and church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.

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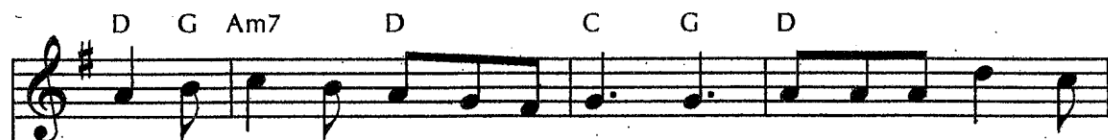
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1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the

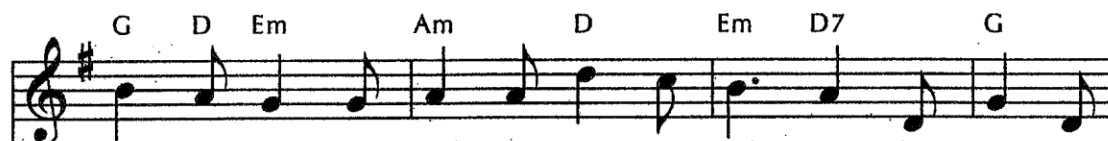
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her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.



born, be-hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing-kind - ness. The thun - der
forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heaven-ly door and lives now in-side us for - ev - er.
of his an-thems rolls to shat - ter all ha-tred and vio-lence.
raised a - bove the strong, and weap-ons be bro-ken a - sun-der.
ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo-ry.



CHRISTIAN YEAR

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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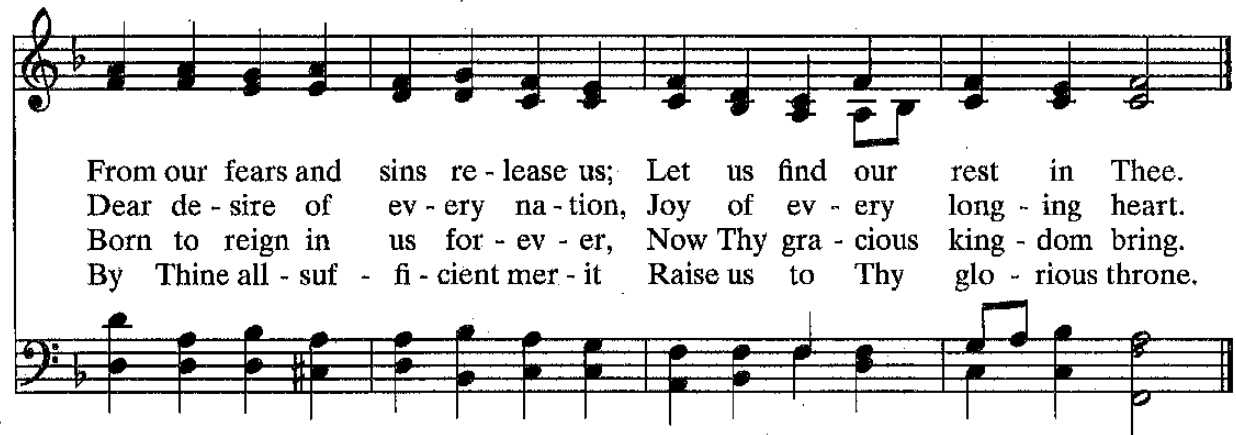
STUTT GART 8.7.8.7

Charles Wesley, 1744

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt.



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 2

Angels We Have Heard on High

23

French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt.

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be Which in-spire your heaven - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

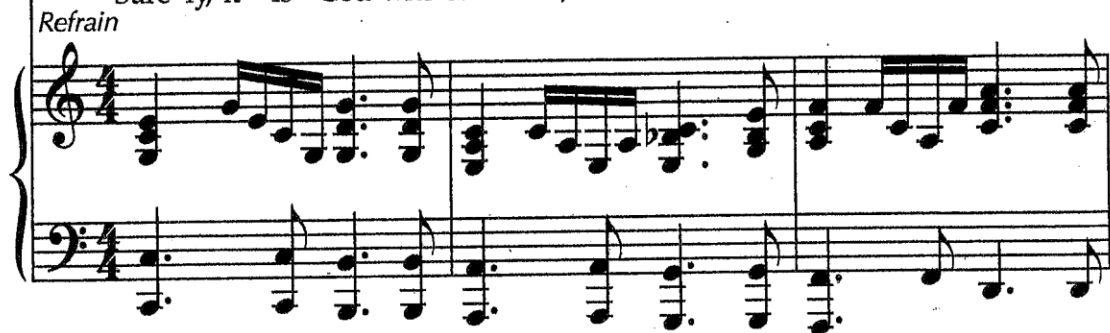
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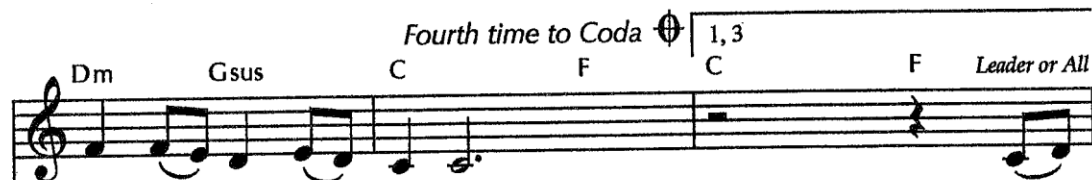
71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -



fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and



God will be my Sav-ior.

1 There -

3 Cry a -



This text is a slightly altered form of an adaptation of Isaiah 12:2-6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. This selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah, a title that influenced the tune name.

TEXT: The Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer, 1976, alt.

MUSIC: Jack Noble White, 1976

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FIRST SONG

Irregular

C G/B Am C7

fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing
loud, in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on;

F Dm7 Gsus G7

from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that
ring out your joy, 7 for the

Em7 Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am

day you shall say, "Give thanks to of the Lord and
great one in the midst of you is the

Dm7 Gsus C F to Refrain

call up - on God's name."
Ho - ly One of Is - rael. to Refrain

2 C

Am
Leader or All

Em

2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the

F G7 C Dm7

peo - ples; see that they re - mem - ber that the Lord is ex -

C Am Em F D7

alt - ed. Sing the prais - es of the Lord, for God has done great

G F Em G7 to Refrain

things and this is known in all the world.

to Refrain

Coda

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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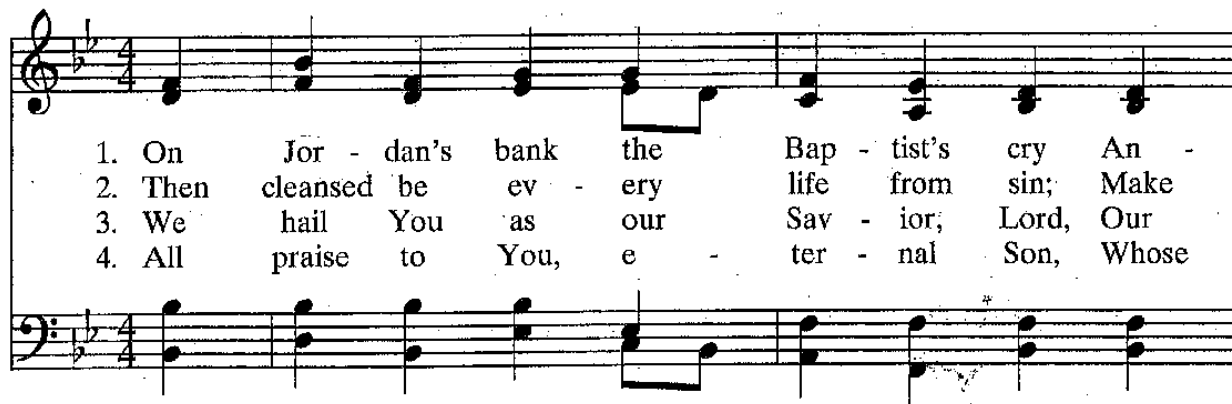
Charles Coffin, 1736

Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

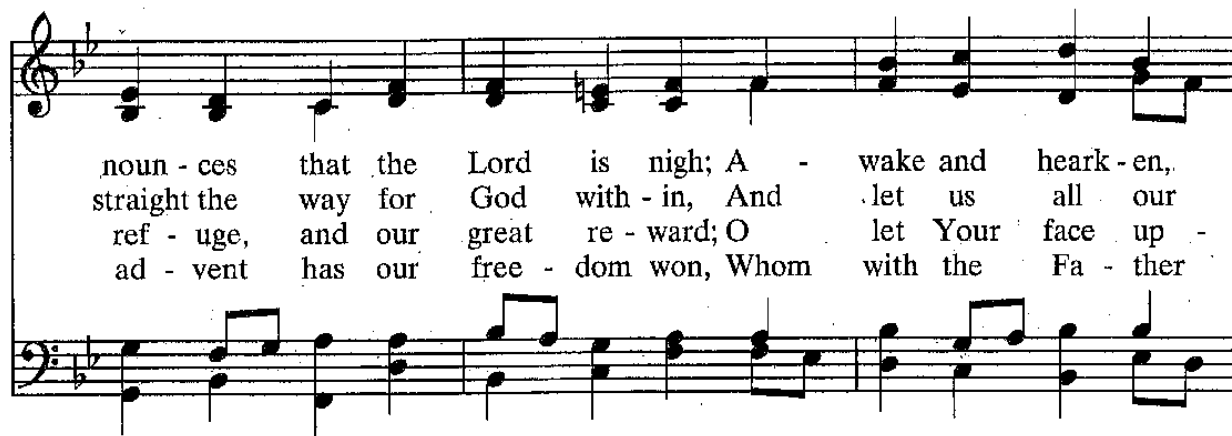
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Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690

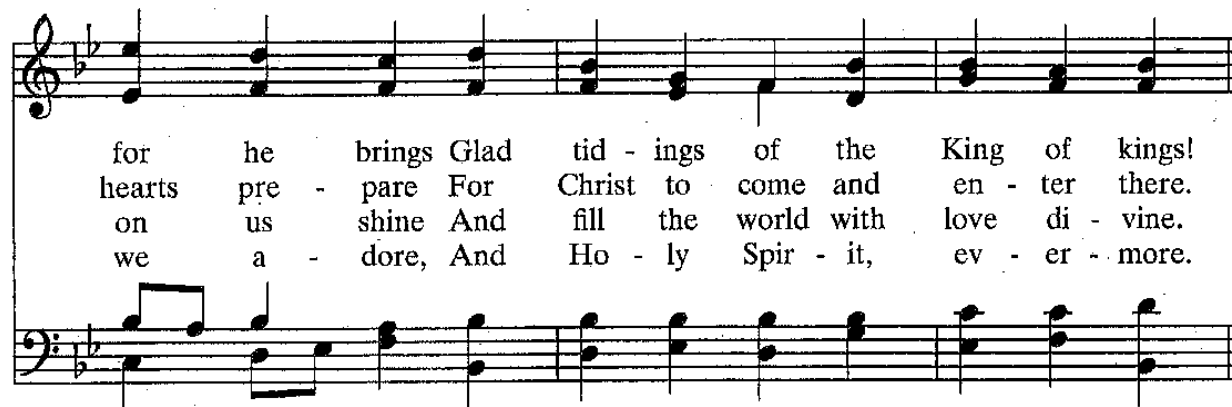
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; Make
 3. We hail You as our Sav - ior; Lord, Our
 4. All praise to You, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; O let Your face up -
 ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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Laurentius Laurenti, 1700

Trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854

Alt. *The Hymnal* 1982

Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

1. Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, Re - plen-ish them with oil;
 3. 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.
 Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.
 A - rise, Thou sun so longed for, A - bove this sha-dowed sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon He will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion, At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry, The Bride-groom is at hand!
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with Thee!