

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
January 30, 2022
10:00 AM

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude **O Waly Waly (When Love is Found)** **Emma Lou Diemer**

** Please stand if you are able.*

*** Call to Worship**

Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?

"I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

*** HYMN #487** **When Morning Gilds the Skies** **LAUDES DOMINI**

Call to Confession

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

Prayer of Confession

God, who shapes the course of history, it is so hard to be a prophet. We're just ordinary folks. Who will listen to us anyway? Even if they do, they'll only get mad. You'd do better to find someone else—someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, someone with more faith. But still we hear our call and your promise. Forgive our feet of clay—when we try and evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that you are there, and help us respond in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Moment of silence for prayer and self-reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven! AMEN.

*** Gloria Patri (Hymn No. 567) – "Glory to the Father" — (Gloria Patri)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*** Passing of the Peace**

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

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray,

O God, in the midst of the cacophony of voices that crush our spirit and deny our calling, we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have called us to be and do. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls, and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Amen.

First Testament Reading — Deb Gates

The first reading is taken from the 1st chapter of Jeremiah, beginning with the 4th verse. Listen as I read God's Word:

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

*** HYMN Insert**

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

Epistle Reading – Deb Gates

Our second reading is taken from the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians, beginning with the 1st verse. Listen as I read God's Word:

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Gospel Reading – Pastor Ashley

The gospel reading is taken from the 4th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 21st verse. Listen as I read God's Word:

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Sermon – Pastor Ashley

* HYMN #421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the 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.)

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.
In the company of the upright,
let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have received.

Offertory

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

Text: Hymn 335, I Corinthians 13

Sanctuary Choir

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

Though I may give all I possess,

*And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.*

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

*** Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude

Festival March

Norman Warren

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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 given in loving memory of Millie Brecht by her husband and family.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN CARMEL HALL IS SUSPENDED – Due to the pandemic, Session is prudently suspending Coffee Fellowship time after Sunday worship in Carmel Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION MEETING IS JANUARY 30, 2022 – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Carmel Presbyterian Church will be held virtually on Zoom following worship today to receive the reports of the Pastors, the Session, Board of Deacons, Board of Shepherds, special committees, financial reports and pastors’ terms of call, and any other business to be considered. We invite all members to Zoom in with us!

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WELL INFORMED—CHECK OUT CARMEL’S NEW WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and find out the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES LOCATED IN THE FLOYER – Collect your **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 return it to the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity in caring for others through your church family!

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 NOTES: **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 designated Sundays, 7:00 pm in Carmel Kitchen 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.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING GROUP STUDY LED BY THE SENIOR PASTOR – We are trying a new time to include those for whom Sunday mornings are not a good fit! So, we’re moving the **Pastor’s Adult Group Study** to **Wednesday evenings: 7:30-9:00 pm on ZOOM** (and hopefully in Fellowship Lounge when WiFi is available to have a hybrid group meeting). During the four Wednesdays of February, beginning Wednesday, February 2nd, we will discuss the **Follow Me** PC(USA) short four-week course: **Practice Joy**. As we approach the two-year mark of the Pandemic, we all can use some **JOY!** We usually think of joy as a feeling, a response to something we experience. Scripture, however, invites us to experience joy as more than a passive response; instead, we practice joy as a faithful choice. Joy is something that we experience, something we savor, and something that is gifted to us by a loving and merciful God. While we experience joy individually, it is also a communal practice, one that is experienced in different ways by all God’s people. We will use the **Practice Joy** discussion to explore this faithful choice in greater detail together. Pick up an **Adult Reflection Booklet** in the Church Office beginning Sunday, January 30th.

Looking ahead to Lent, a special six-week study ***Practice Spiritual Disciplines*** is planned. It will begin the First Wednesday in Lent, March 2 on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. Make your Lent time preparing for **Holy Week** more meaningful as you prepare for Easter's new life! God's central invitation to followers of Jesus is to draw near to God in Christ and to allow God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform us into Christ's image. **Christian spiritual disciplines and spiritual practices** are ways in which we do that. Spiritual disciplines are usually thought of as those things that help us draw near to God and might include different forms of prayer, meditation, study, and service. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. As with ***Practice Joy***, an **Adult Reflection Booklet** will be available in the Church Office as we approach Lent. We hope you will participate in both group discussions!

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

Deb Gates, Worship Leader

Barbara Podrost, Greeter

Cindy Keshishian and Margie White, 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.

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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When Morning Gilds the Skies

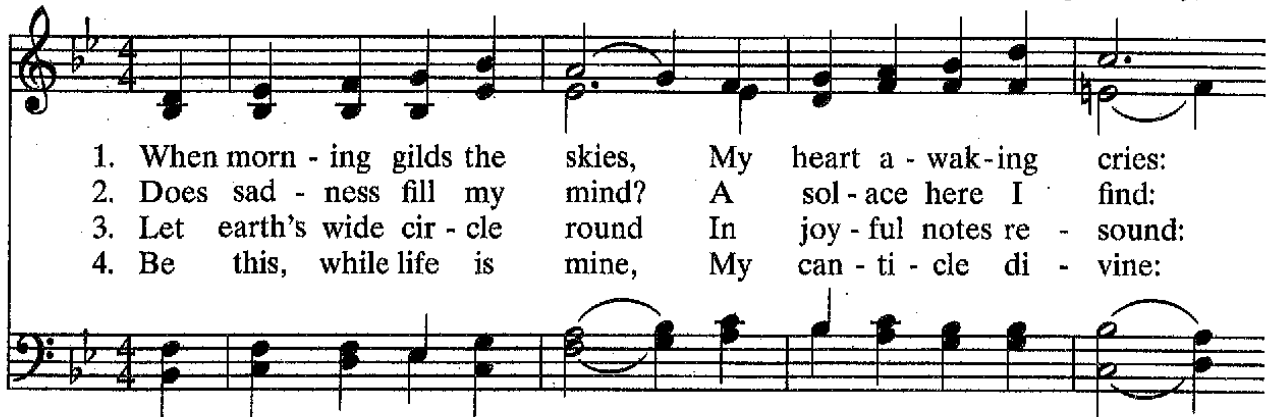
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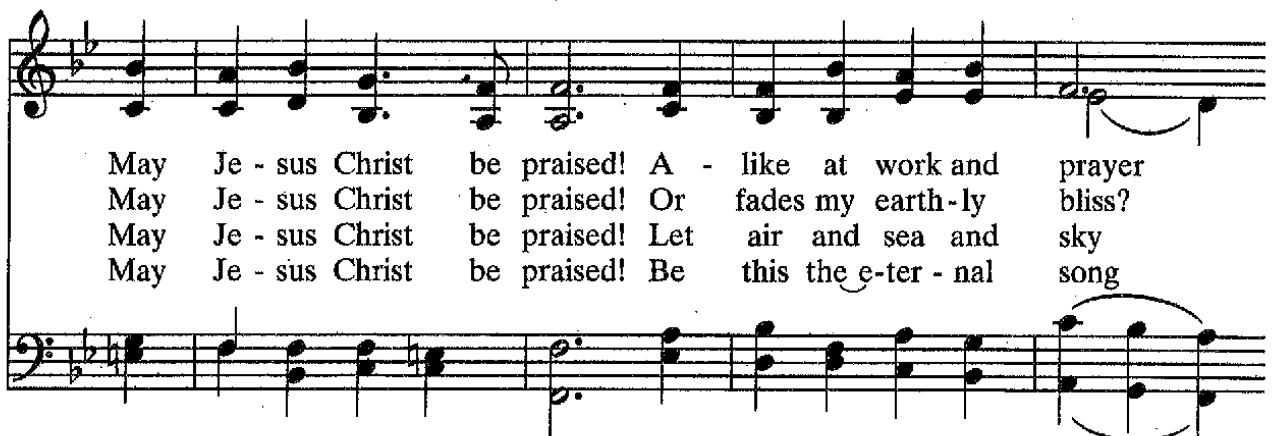
German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

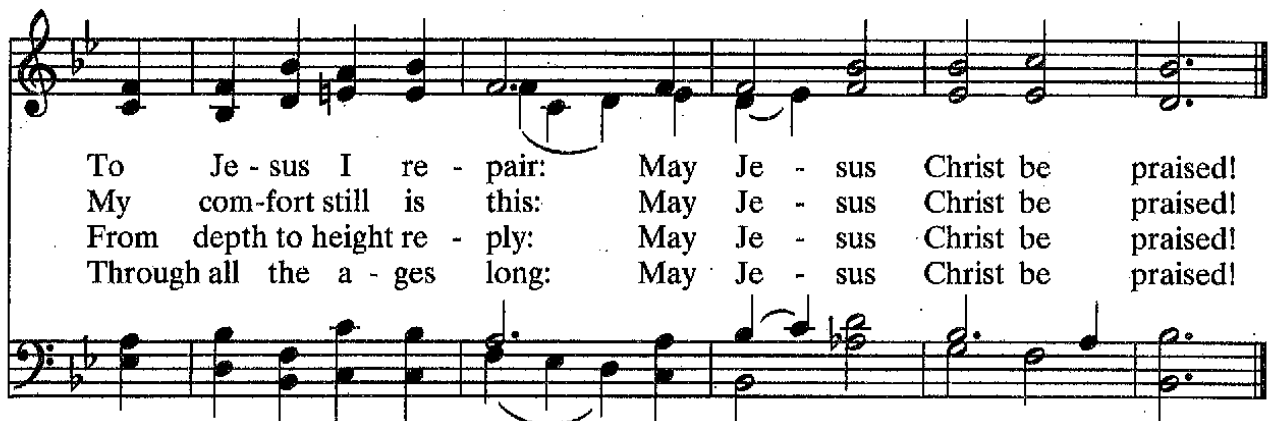
Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

Glory to the Father

567

Gloria Patri

John Weaver, 1978

*
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

* *
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

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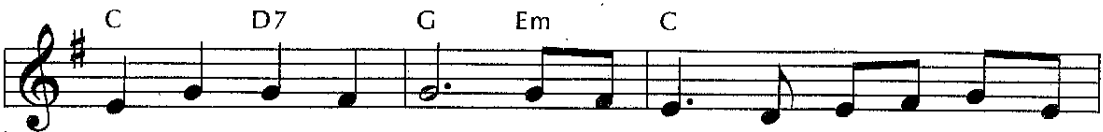
488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

The Church of Christ in Every Age 421

WAREHAM LM

Fred Pratt Green, 1969

William Knapp, 1738

1. The church of Christ in every age, Be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, A car - ing
4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the

change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for
church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to

her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

5. We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord:

To care for all, without reserve,
And spread Christ's liberating word.

Another harmonization of this tune, 265

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SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures

here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* Or "God."

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart 'is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



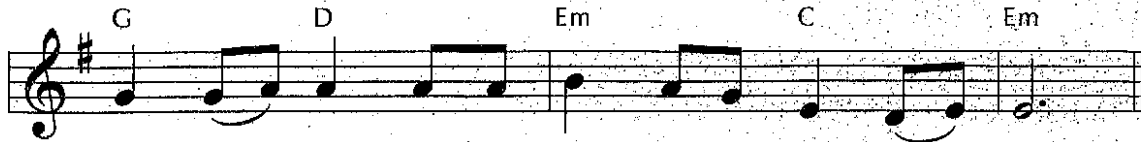
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name, puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

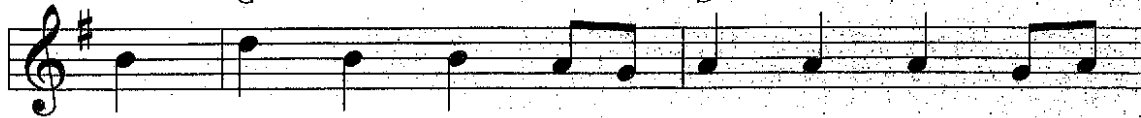
By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

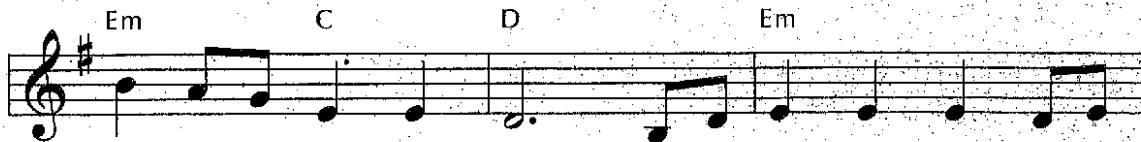


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.