

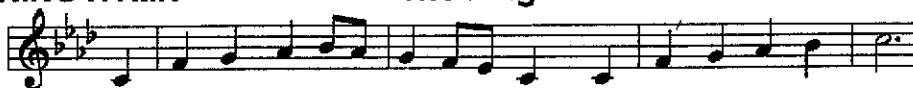
AS WE GATHER - In the season of Advent we pray that Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, will bring light to the darkening world. We hear with joy the prophetic word "Your king is coming to you," and we embrace the hope that it brings. Through our worship we find enlightenment as we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of our eternal King. Together we walk in the path of holiness because the King who is coming to us has covered our shame and bids us welcome Him. The season of Advent calls to us to stop, look, and listen for the Lord.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" J. Bliersch

WELCOME

[♩Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♩ OPENING HYMN *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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INVOCATION

♩ In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

♩ Amen.

ADVENT ANTIPHONS

♩ O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

♩ Come and teach us the way of prudence.

♩ O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

♩ Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

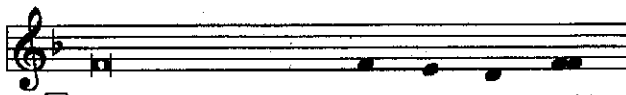
♩ O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior:

♩ Come and save us, O Lord our God.

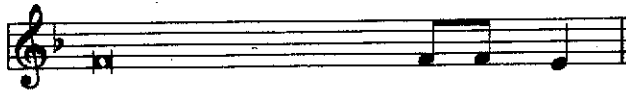
♩ Come, O Lord, among us.

♩ Jesus, our Wisdom from on high. Alleluia! Amen.

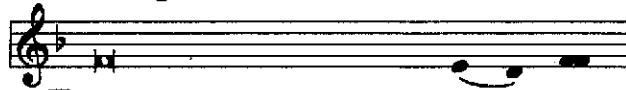
OPENING SENTENCES



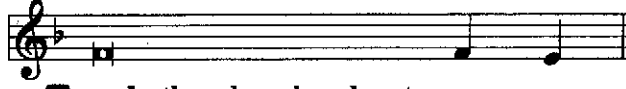
L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



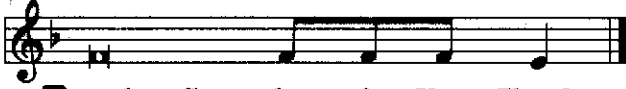
L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C and the day is almost o - ver.



L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

PHOS HILARON

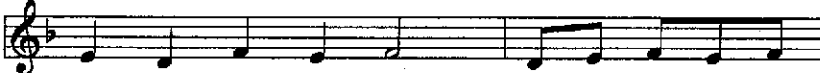
Hymn of Light



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



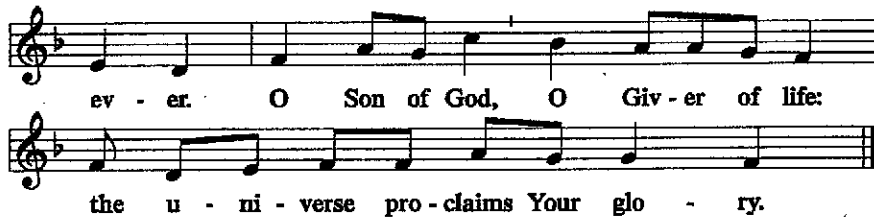
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

C Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:1-17

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

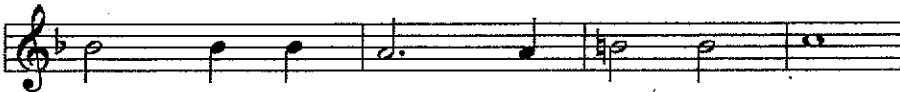
Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be

Joseph Grigg, c. 1722-68
alt. Benjamin Francis, 1734-99

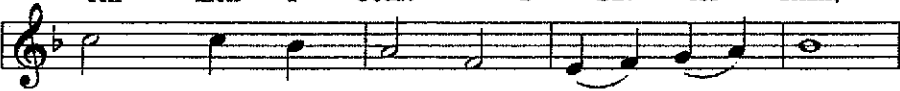
FEDERAL STREET
Henry K. Oliver, 1800-85



1 Je - sus! And shall it ev - er be,
2 A - shamed of Je - sus? Soon - er far -
3 A - shamed of Je - sus? Just as soon
4 A - shamed of Je - sus, that dear Friend
5 A - shamed of Je - sus? Yes, I may
6 Till then— nor is the boast - ing vain—



A mor - tal man a - shamed of Thee?
Let eve - ning blush to own a star.
Let mid - night be a - shamed of noon.
On whom my hopes of heav'n de - pend?
When I've no guilt to wash a - way,
Till then I boast a Sav - ior slain;



A - shamed of Thee, whom an - gels praise,
He sheds the beams of light di - vine
'Tis mid - night with my soul till He,
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
And oh, may this my por - tion be,



Whose glo - ries shine through end - less days?
O'er this be - night - ed soul of mine.
Bright Morn - ing Star, bids dark - ness flee.
That I no more re - vere His name.
No fear to quell, no soul to save.
That Christ is not a - shamed of me!

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SERMON

"JOSEPH: OF DAVID'S LINE"

Matthew 1:16

OFFERING

"To Thee My Heart I Offer"

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To Thee My Heart I Offer

CORDIS DONUM

Ausserlesnes . . . *Gesangbuchlein*, Trier, 1653
Tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

Clausener Gesangbuch, 1653
Setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941



1 To Thee my heart I of - fer, O Christ - child sweet and dear,
2 My heart with - in is glow - ing, O Christ - child sweet and dear,
3 What brought Thee to the man - ger, O Christ - child sweet and dear?
4 With all my heart and be - ing, O Christ - child sweet and dear,
5 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, O Christ - child sweet and dear;



Up - on Thy love re - ly - ing; Oh, be Thou ev - er near!
I love Thee, Lord and Sav - ior, Oh, be Thou ev - er near!
Thy love for me, a strang - er— Oh, be Thou ev - er near!
I love Thee, and Thee on - ly; Oh, be Thou ev - er near!
Up - hold me with Thy mer - cy. And be Thou ev - er near.



Take Thou my heart and give me Thine And let it be for - ev - er mine,
I see Thee in a man - ger laid, Near cat - tle rest - ing un - a - fraid;
O Lord, how great is this Thy love That reach - es down from heav'n a - bove,
My heart I in Thy man - ger lay, Let it re - main there and for aye
From Thee I glad - ly all re - ceive, And what is mine to Thee I give.



O Je - sus, ho - ly, un - de - filed, My Sav - ior meek and mild.
I see Thy deep hu - mil - i - ty And low - ly bow to Thee.
Thy love for us, by sin - de - filed, That made Thee, God, a child!
Draw it to Thee that it may be Se - cure e - ter - nal - ly.
My heart, my soul, and all I own. Let these be Thine a - lone.

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LITANY

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

LITANY (continued)

- P** *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Roger Schlechte, our district president; and Joseph Murphy, our circuit visitor, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:*
- C** **Alleluia.**
- P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

[Silence for individual prayer may follow.]

- P** *Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:*
- C** **To You, O Lord.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- C** **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.**

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- P** God Almighty bless you with Advent peace. The Lord Jesus Christ keep you from all harm as you await His returning in glory. The Holy Spirit remain in your heart and life, now and forever.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Sun of My Soul



1. Sun of my soul, Thou Sav - ior dear, It is not
2. When the soft dews of kind - ly sleep My wea - ry
3. A - bide with me from morn till eve, For with - out
4. Be near to bless me when I wake, Ere thro' the



- night if Thou be near; O may no earth - born
eye - lids gent - ly steep, Be my last tho't, how
Thee I can not live; A - bide with me when
world my way I take; A - bide with me till



- cloud a - rise To hide Thee from Thy - ser - vant's eyes!
sweet to rest For - ev - er on my Sav - ior's breast!
night is nigh, For with - out thee I dare not die.
in Thy love I lose my - self in heav'n a - bove.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Praising" by Kevin Hildebrand

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