



FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 23, 2018*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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# Welcome to Emanuel

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## ***WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!***

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).*

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. •

*(Please ask an usher)*

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm*

*Friday - 8 am to 2 pm*

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

9:30 AM

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<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Two French Noels</i>	Nicholas Lebegue
<b>WELCOME</b>		Pastor Lyn Crase
<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	ELW #263

## **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Yvonne Troedson & Bill Beasley—Candle of Peace)**

SING after Reading: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,  
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,  
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P To you, O God,

**C we lift up our souls.**

**You know us through and through;**

**we confess our sins to you.**

**Remember not our sins;**

**remember us with your steadfast love.**

**Show us your ways;**

**teach us your paths;**

**and lead us in justice and truth,**

**for the sake of your goodness**

**in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P Children of God, come with joy  
and draw water from the well of salvation.

Remember the gift of baptism:

your sin is washed away in the name of ✝ Jesus;

you belong to Christ;

you are anointed to serve.

Stand up and raise your heads!

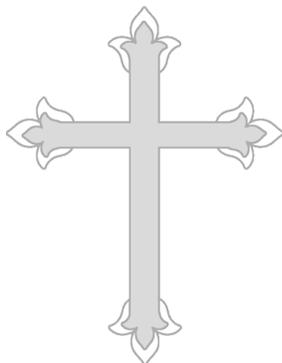
The reign of God is near.

**C Amen**

## **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.**



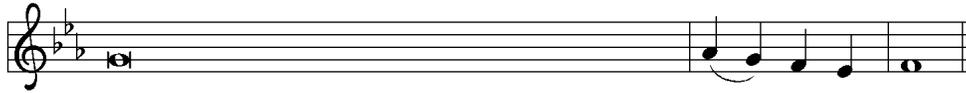
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



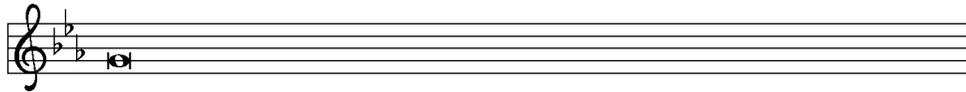
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



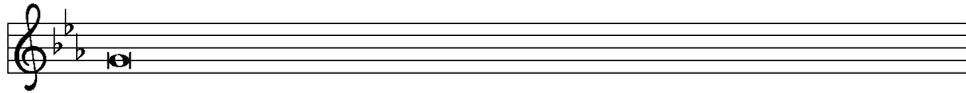
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

**C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## FIRST READING: MICAH 5:2-5A

*The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.*

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 80:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:1-10**

*The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.*

<sup>1</sup>Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach. <sup>2</sup>Otherwise, would they not have ceased being offered, since the worshipers, cleansed once for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? <sup>3</sup>But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin year after year. <sup>4</sup>For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

P The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 1.

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

## GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-56

*We are presented with Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.*

—You are invited to sit & listen—

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

**SERMON**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World, v. 1-3, ELW #726*

Pastor Lyn

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Canticle of the Turning*

ELW #723

## APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

**Response:** ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

*The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please return to your seat at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

A In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

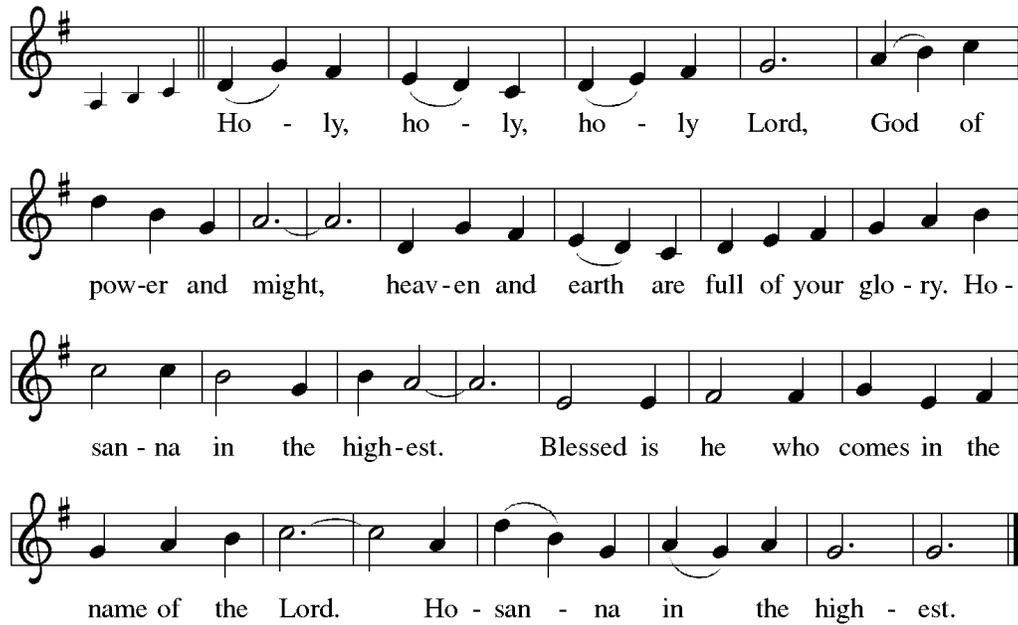
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**P** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

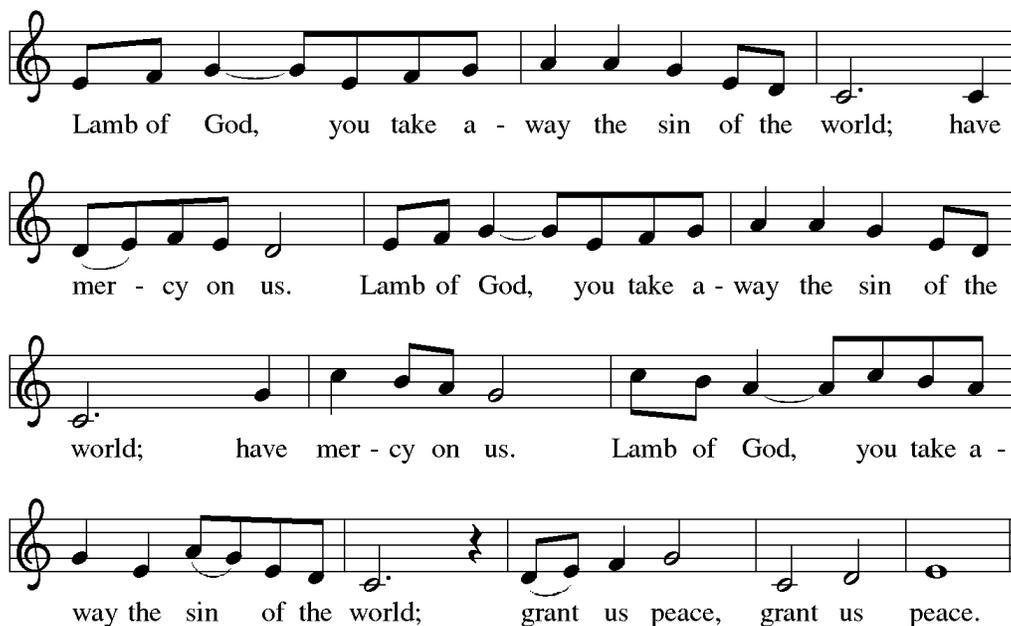
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God fills the hungry with good things.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*We practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All are welcome.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW #279

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

ELW #295

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy One, we give you thanks  
that in this bread and cup  
we have feasted again on your endless love.  
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,  
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,  
harvesters of justice and righteousness,  
and bearers of your eternal Word,  
our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION (please be seated)

**OUR RESPONSE:** *collection of tithes and praise cards. We respond to God's gifts with extraordinary gratitude.*

- OFFERTORY

*Do You Know?*

Linda Spevacik

Paula Barton and Kathleen Reuter

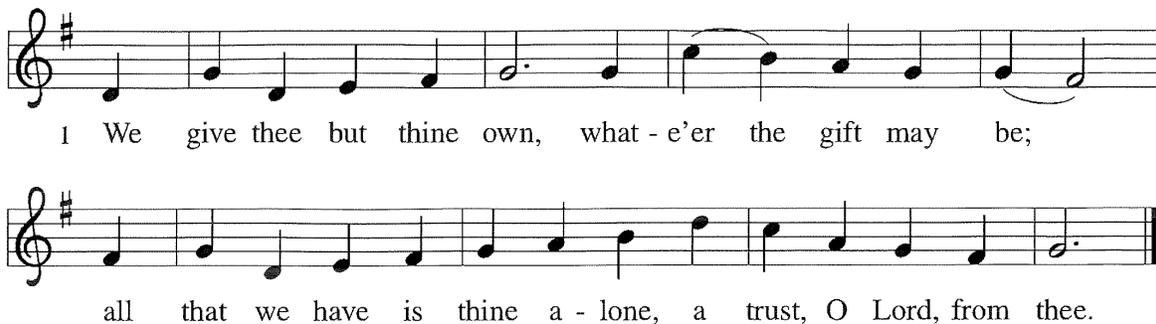
- INTERFAITH COLLECTION

- PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A God of abundance,  
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives.  
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need  
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

### We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

**SENDING**

P Gracious God,  
assist those who go out to share this meal with those  
who are sick, injured, homebound, saddened or imprisoned.  
Let the sacrament prepared at this table and  
blessed by your word strengthen those who receive the Bread & Wine.  
Encourage them by your presence & heal them by your grace.

C Amen

**BLESSING**

P May God direct your ways in peace,  
make you abound in love for one another and for all,  
and strengthen your hearts  
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.  
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

C Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Joy to the World*

ELW #267

**DISMISSAL**

A God fills the hungry with good things.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

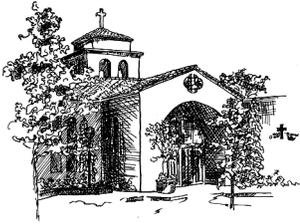
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Paul Manz

**THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY**

**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Lyn Crase  
**Assisting Minister** ..... Suzanne Wilke  
**Acolyte**..... Fanney Bjargardottir  
**Ministers of the Word** ..... Paula Barton, Kathleen Reuter  
**Cantor** ..... Paula Barton  
**Communion Assistant**..... Lois Owen  
**Usher/Greeter** ..... Owen Family  
**Altar Care**..... Van Diepen/Kroeze

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### **Our Mission**

*To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.*

### **Our Vision**

*Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.*

*We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.*

*We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.*

*God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.*



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Faithful Lord, you keep your promises. Move your church to sing like Mary and rejoice like Elizabeth. Teach us to sing of your faithfulness all our days. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ancient of Days, with joy you danced over the waters and birthed creation. Give us joy in caring for the soil beneath us, the water around us, and the sky above us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Prince of peace, your sacrifice gives abundant life to all. Raise up leaders in every nation whose goals are health and well-being for all people and creation. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as you would have them serve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Good Shepherd, you feed your flock. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Comfort the lonely. Heal the sick. Send us in haste to surround them with your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Love Incarnate, you are with us at the manger, on the cross, and on the resurrection road. Walk with all who live with depression, grief, or heartache in this season. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of goodness, we pray for you to wrap your loving arms around all we name before you, aloud or in silence. (pause) Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ever-living God, you are Alpha and Omega. We thank you for all who sing now in the heavenly choir, especially those dear to us. Join our voices with theirs in praise of the Christ child. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

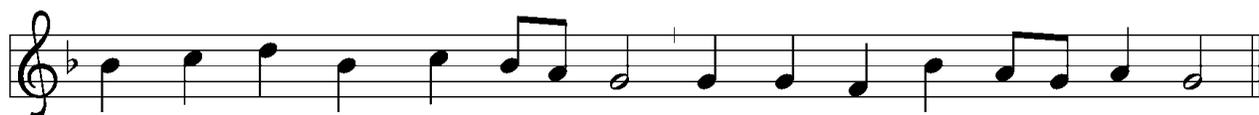
**Amen**

## Entrance Hymn #263

### Savior of the Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
- 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524  
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# Sermon Hymn #723

## 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 pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, 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 - 'ry 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 - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



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.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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# Sending Hymn #267

## Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872