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(re)sist
(re)turn
(re)pair
(re)joice

Advent (re)membered

November 27, 2016
The First Sunday of Advent



LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs “Come And Behold Him” & “The Lord Is My Strength”

Come And Behold Him

Words and Music by
John Chisum and George T. Searcy

♩ = 56

VERSE

B \flat F

1. Come and be - hold Him, come, see His glo - ry, come with an
2. Come and be - hold Him, come, see His mer - cy, come find His

5 B \flat C F C/F B \flat /F F B \flat

hon - est heart to see all He is; We will dis - cov - er all of His
ten - der - ness - reach - ing to you; Just as a mir - ror shows a re -

11 F/A F C/E Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C F B \flat /F

beau - ty, His light will burn a - way all the dark - ness we've known. _____
-flec - tion, His Word and Spir - it come, now re - flect - ing His love. _____

CHORUS

16 F Gm⁷ Gm⁷/B \flat C⁷ B \flat /F F F/A

— Come and be - hold Him, come and be - hold Him, come with an
—

21 B \flat Gm⁷ C F C/F B \flat /F F Gm⁷ Gm⁷/B \flat

hon - est heart to see all He is; Come and be - hold

26 C⁷ B \flat /F F F/A

Him, wait now be - fore Him, come with an

Come And Behold Him - 2

29 B♭ Gm⁷ C F B♭/F F

hon - est heart to see all He is. _____

The Lord Is My Strength

Words and Music by
Dennis Jernigan

$\text{♩} = 110$

Fm Eb Fm Cm7 Fm Cm7

1. Re-mem - ber Dan - iel in the li - on's
(2. Re-mem - ber) Paul and Si - las in the
(3. Re-mem - ber) we were all dead in our

4 Fm Cm7 Fm Fm/A \flat B \flat m Fm7

den? He was there for he would
jail? They re - joiced for they knew
sins? My sins were bur - ied when Lord Je -

7 B \flat m Fm7 B \flat m Fm Cm7 Fm Cm7

— not bow to men!
— God would not fail!
— sus rose a - gain!

When

10 Fm Cm7 Fm Eb/G A \flat Fm7 B \flat m A \flat /C B \flat m/D \flat

There's no doubt or de - ny - in' God shut up the mouth
Then a - long a - bout mid - night, God de - liv - ered them
Sa - tan comes like a flood, cry out to Him Who shed

13 A \flat /C B \flat m C^{sus} C/E Fm

— of the li - on when He heard His ser - vant cry!
— by His great might when He heard His child - ren cry!
— His own blood that we might reign with Him on high!

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The Lord Is My Strength - 2

17 C Fm Cm⁷ Fm Cm⁷ Fm Cm⁷

— The Lord is my strength! The Lord in His pow-

— The

21 Fm Bbm Fm⁷ Bbm Fm⁷ Bbm

- er is my strength day by day and ev - 'ry hour! .

24 Fm C Fm Cm⁷ Fm Cm⁷

— The Lord is my strength! The

28 Fm Cm⁷ Fm Bbm Fm⁷

Lord in His pow - er is my strength day by day

31 Bbm Fm⁷ Bbm 1, 2. Fm C

Last time to Coda

— and ev - 'ry hour, Ev - 'ry day and ev - ry hour! .

34 Fm Bbm Fm

37 C Eb 3, 4. Fm C D.S. al Coda

2. Re-mem - ber
3. Re-mem - ber

40 Fm C Fm

Ev - 'ry day and ev' - ry hour! —

43 Bbm Fm C⁷

Ev - 'ry day and ev - 'ry hour! — Ev - 'ry day and ev —

46 Fm

— 'ry hour! —

Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Let us pray the No Longer Strangers Prayer, God of the Stranger, **You always reach for us even as we resist you. Return us to your love so that we remember you are in people all around us: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant, the addicted, the Muslim, the Jew. Turn us toward them, to re-member them as you do. Amen.**

Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is _____. You're new to me." OR "Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.

Reprise of "The Lord Is My Strength" to gather everyone back together.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit as the congregation sings "Service of Light" and Evening Hymn" (pp2-3) from Holden Evening Prayer

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world.

The light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness,

and shine within your people here.

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of

face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us

ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -

round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov-ing Spir - it

God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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Greeting

Evening Thanksgiving and Psalmody, Readings and Canticles found on pp. 4-7 in Holden Evening Prayer

May God be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us sing our thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let My Prayer Rise Up

All

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the
lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Leader or Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my

All or Group Two

O God, I call to you, come to me

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like
now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an
up like incense before you, the lifting up of my

offering to you. Keep watch within me, God;
hands as an offering to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning
watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -
love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of
of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the
Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Text: *Holden Evening Prayer*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 141
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of deliverance,

Daniel resisted earthly power and instead reflected your power, the power you reveal to us in Jesus Christ. Help us to refuse the powers that threaten to separate us from worshiping or following Jesus. Guide us in the ways that reflect the Light of the World. For the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and sea, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

The Word

To the Narrator: please tell the congregation what their parts are before announcing the reading. Also, go over any pronunciations they might have that could be difficult.

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today in the reading is from the book of Daniel, the 6th chapter, from The Message translation of the Bible.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

NARRATOR: Darius reorganized his kingdom. He appointed one hundred twenty governors to administer all the parts of his realm. Over them were three vice-regents, one of whom was Daniel. The governors reported to the vice-regents, who made sure that everything was in order for the king. But Daniel, brimming with spirit and intelligence, so completely outclassed the other vice-regents and governors that the king decided to put him in charge of the whole kingdom. The vice-regents and governors got together to find some old scandal or skeleton in Daniel's life that they could use against him, but they couldn't dig up anything. He was totally exemplary and trustworthy. They could find no evidence of negligence or misconduct. So they finally gave up and said,

(voice 1) VICE REGENTS & GOVERNORS: **"We're never going to find anything against this Daniel unless we can cook up something religious."**

NARRATOR: The vice-regents and governors conspired together and then went to the king and said,

(voice 1) VICE REGENTS & GOVERNORS: **"King Darius, live forever! We've convened your vice-regents, governors, and all your leading officials, and have agreed that the king should issue the following decree:**

ALL: For the next thirty days no one is to pray to any god or mortal except you, O king. Anyone who disobeys will be thrown into the lions' den.

(voice 1) VICE REGENTS & GOVERNORS: **"Issue this decree, O king, and make it unconditional, as if written in stone like all the laws of the Medes and the Persians."**

NARRATOR: King Darius signed the decree. When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God. The conspirators came and found him praying, asking God for help. They went straight to the king and reminded him of the royal decree that he had signed.

(voice 1) VICE REGENTS & GOVERNORS: **“Did you not,” they said, “sign a decree forbidding anyone to pray to any god or man except you for the next thirty days? And anyone caught doing it would be thrown into the lions’ den?”**

(voice 2) KING DARIUS: **“Absolutely! Written in stone, like all the laws of the Medes and Persians.”**

(voice 1) VICE REGENTS & GOVERNORS: **“Daniel, one of the Jewish exiles, ignores you, O king, and defies your decree. Three times a day he prays.”**

NARRATOR: At this, the king was very upset and tried his best to get Daniel out of the fix he’d put him in. He worked at it the whole day long. But then the conspirators were back:

(voice 1) VICE REGENTS & GOVERNORS: **“Remember, O king, it’s the law of the Medes and Persians that the king’s decree can never be changed.”**

NARRATOR: The king caved in and ordered Daniel brought and thrown into the lions’ den. But he said to Daniel,

(voice 2) KING DARIUS: **“Your God, to whom you are so loyal, is going to get you out of this.”**

NARRATOR: A stone slab was placed over the opening of the den. The king sealed the cover with his signet ring and the signet rings of all his nobles, fixing Daniel’s fate. The king then went back to his palace. He refused supper. He couldn’t sleep. He spent the night fasting. At daybreak the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. As he approached the den, he called out anxiously,

(voice 2) KING DARIUS: **“Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve so loyally, saved you from the lions?”**

DANIEL: **O king, live forever! My God sent his angel, who closed the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. I’ve been found innocent before God and also before you, O king. I’ve done nothing to harm you.”**

NARRATOR: When the king heard these words, he was happy. He ordered Daniel taken up out of the den. When he was hauled up, there wasn’t a scratch on him. He had trusted his God. Then the king commanded that the conspirators who had informed on Daniel be thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. Before they hit the floor, the lions had them in their jaws, tearing them to pieces. King Darius published this proclamation to every race, color, and creed on earth:

ALL: Peace to you! Abundant peace!

I decree that Daniel’s God shall be worshiped and feared in all parts of my kingdom.

He is the living God, world without end. His kingdom never falls.

His rule continues eternally.

He is a savior and rescuer.

He performs astonishing miracles in heaven and on earth.

He saved Daniel from the power of the lions.

NARRATOR: From then on, Daniel was treated well during the reign of Darius, and also in the following reign of Cyrus the Persian.

NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God’s story.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

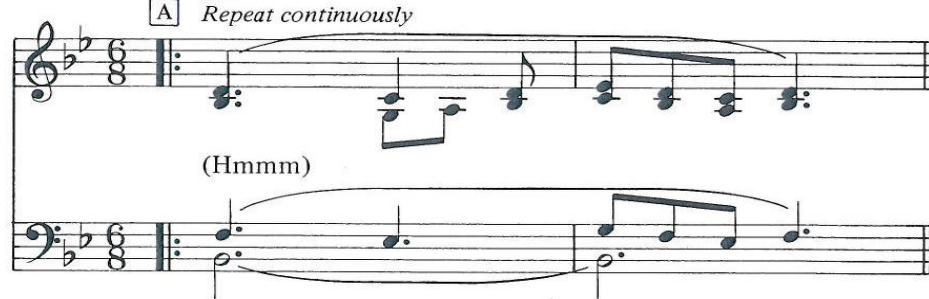
Children's Sermon

Sermon

Prayers of the People

3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

A *All:*
Repeat continuously



(Hmmm)

B



God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**



1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**



2. For peace and sal-vation, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**



3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:

4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer-cy:

Leader:



Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:



Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

Offering

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough. Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive.

The watering can is for gifts to House of Grace, a mission congregation in Montrose, Minnesota.

Laundry Love: Take a container to collect quarters to support the ministry of Laundry Love.

The Backpack is for pudding for Common Cup and the Backpack program.

Offering Song "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart!"

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
 Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

The Feast

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

In thanksgiving for these gifts, let us pray: **Generous God, you remember us and return to us again and again. In response to your love and faithfulness to us, we offer these financial gifts, we offer our time, we offer our lives - all gifts from you. Amen.**

Confession

Now ready to be welcomed at Christ's table, let us first confess that God is God and we are not.
God of light,

We confess that we have not loved our sisters and our brothers.

We have not looked to your kingdom, but have looked to building our own.

We want more and more and we want bigger and better.

We have squeezed the margins until there is nothing left.

**Forgive us for not looking to your kingdom that is coming,
that encompasses all, that is not full of things, but full of life and the promise of hope.**

Your kingdom includes all of creation, all people, all of our sisters and brothers whom we have squeezed out. Forgive us. Call us to open our tightly clenched fists, to let go of what we have been holding onto, and allow your kingdom, your love, to be our life.

Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is doing something new, and it won't look anything like we want it to. It's how God works best. God will lead us through, transform our lives, forgive long before we ever do. God does not define you as the things you've done but as a Child of God. Trust in God: You are forgiven. As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes your sin from you. God will see you through to the new kingdom, into new life. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, and all the faithful of every time and place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

O God of resurrection and new life:

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.*

Jesus, remember us, and teach us to pray:

**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.
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.**

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Come, be re-united and re-membered at Christ's table.

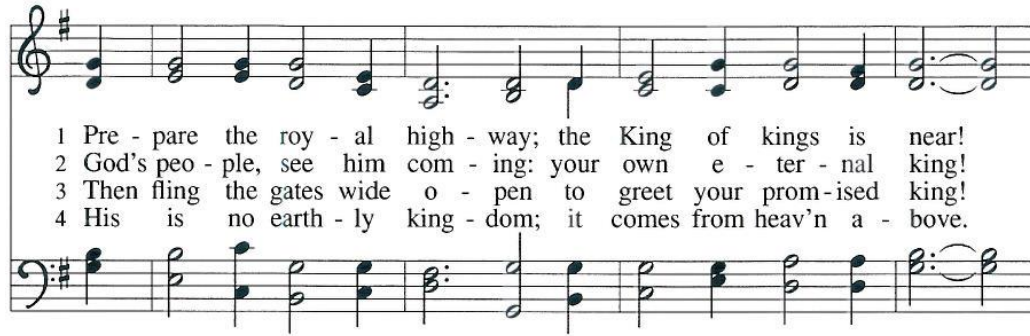
Communion Songs "Lamb of God" & "Prepare The Royal Highway"

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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

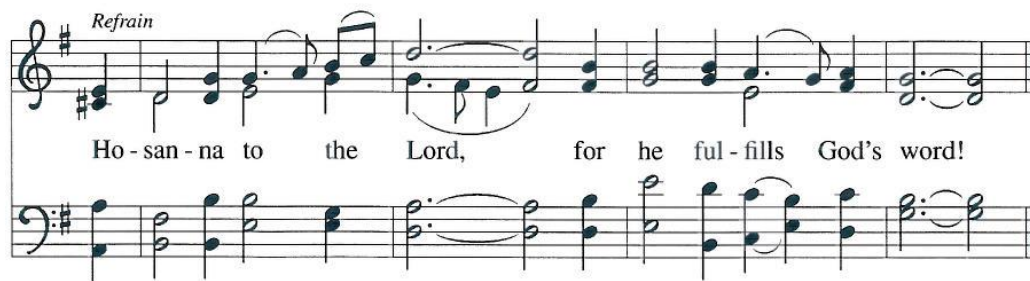


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Almighty God**, we give you thanks that you have fed us with your body and blood. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed and repaired by this sacramental meal, to reflect your love to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; always being returned to you, rejoicing. Through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

MILESTONES

"It's time for milestones-a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share."
After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!" "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" will be sung at the beginning and end of the sharing.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 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.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Blessing

Remember, you are blessed by God when everything has gone wrong, when the wheels have come off the wagon.

Remember, you are blessed by God when all seems right with the world.

Remember, you are blessed by God when you sit alone at the lunchroom table or get bullied in the halls at school.

Remember, you are blessed by God when you stick your neck out, when you're in grief, when you can't get out of bed.

Remember, you are reunited with God's love not by your own power but through God's love and faithfulness to you. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon"

(KIDS – come play a rhythm instrument!)

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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Go in peace, remember Jesus is crazy in love with you. Now go and share that love. **Thanks be to God!**

Music to Send You Out

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