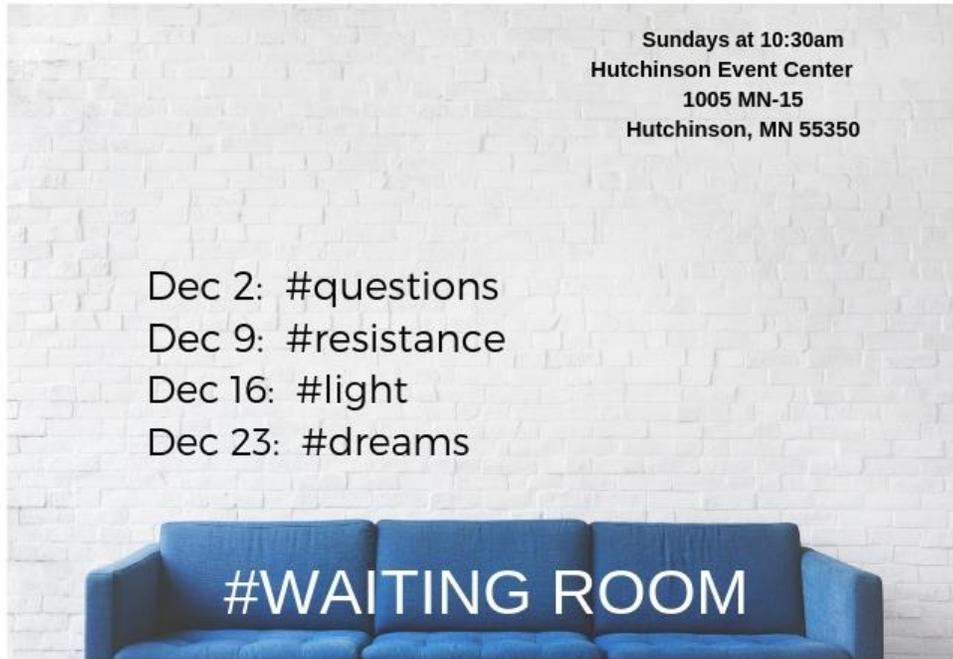


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3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
Sunday Worship at 10:30am

#WAITING ROOM
#light
Holden Evening Prayer



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down & Come All Ye People"

Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down

Words and Music by
Dave Doherty

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D^2 $Gmaj^9/B$ D^2/A

Come, let us wor - ship and bow down, let us

3 Em^7 G D/A A^{sus} A D^2 $Gmaj^9/B$

kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. Come, let us wor-ship and bow

6 D^2/A Em^7 G D/A A^{sus} A $D/F\#$

down, let us kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For

9 G D A^{sus} A $D/F\#$ G/B Em^7 $F\#/A\#$

He is our God, and we are the peo-ple of His pas - ture, and the

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13 G²/B A F[#]sus F[#] G A D

sheep of His hand, just the sheep of His hand.

Come, All You People

Uyaimose

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;

2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;

3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

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come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.

come now and wor - ship the Lord.

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Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger, **You come to us in the most unexpected ways – as a baby, as a refugee. Help us to make room for you, too see you and to reach for you when you surprise us in strangers and friends. Amen.**

Meet Someone New

Now is the time to practice this very dangerous prayer we just prayed – there are no strangers because of the love we know in Jesus. We simply can't afford to be afraid of each other, especially in this place of worship of the God who brings us together. Visitors, stay right where you are. It's our job, as River of Hope, to make ourselves a little bit uncomfortable and to come and say hello to you. So, go and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all.

“Come All Ye People” to bring people back together.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The third 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.

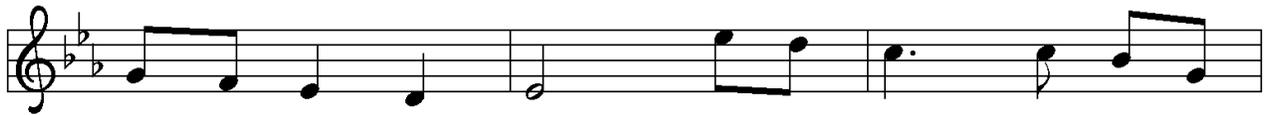
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



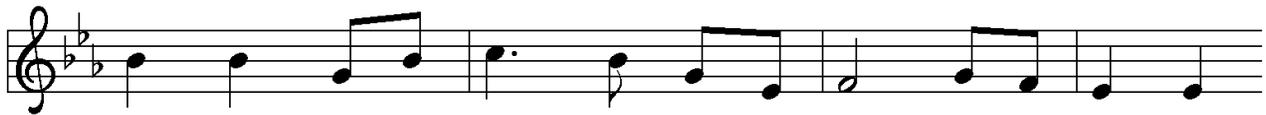
1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



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

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the Triune God – God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God is with you!

And also with you.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for reflection.

Creator God, we admit we are not always loving and kind. Forgive us for the words we say and things we do that hurt other people. It feels impossible to fathom, but we know you love everyone. Everyone. Even the ones who hurts us. Make room in us for your forgiveness. Shows us how to forgive those who are mean to us. Give us your power to forgive the ones who hurt us. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Silence for reflection.

Announcement of Forgiveness

God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love – loves you as you are. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your in in the name of the Holy Trinity – God, Jesus, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Magnificat *(p. 8-9 in Holden Evening Prayer booklet.)*

**My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
And my spirit rejoices in you.**

**You have looked with love on your servant here, And blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,**

Strong is your kindness evermore.

How you favor the weak and lowly one, Humbling the proud of heart.

**You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, And uplifted the humble of heart,
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, And left the wealthy no part.**

**Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, Strong is your justice, strong your love. As
you promised to Sarah and Abraham, Kindness for evermore.**

**My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
And my spirit rejoices in you.**

You have looked with love on your servant here, And blessed me all my life through.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God of light, you sent a savior into the world to bring justice and release to all who are in bondage. Shine this light upon us, and show us how to bring your light of justice and peace to all who suffer. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE STORY

***Note: the scripture won't be projected on the power point during Advent.*

We are making room this Advent season and so, we will encounter scripture in a new way together these next 4 weeks. You are invited to get out your River Source paper and a pen and follow along as I read. Circle or underline phrases that jump out at you. Or simply sit back and close your eyes and listen. What do you hear? I am going to read the scripture two times through. Today, let the word #light accompany you as you listen.

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Isaiah 42:1-9 from The Message version of the Bible.

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

"Take a good look at my servant.

I'm backing him to the hilt.

He's the one I chose,

and I couldn't be more pleased with him.

I've bathed him with my Spirit, my *life*.

He'll set everything right among the nations.

He won't call attention to what he does

with loud speeches or gaudy parades.

He won't brush aside the bruised and the hurt

and he won't disregard the small and insignificant,

but he'll steadily and firmly set things right.

He won't tire out and quit. He won't be stopped

until he's finished his work—to set things right on earth.

Far-flung ocean islands

wait expectantly for his teaching."

God's Message,

the God who created the cosmos, stretched out the skies,

laid out the earth and all that grows from it,

Who breathes life into earth's people,

makes them alive with his own life:

"I am God. I have called you to live right and well.

I have taken responsibility for you, kept you safe.

I have set you among my people to bind them to me,
and provided you as a lighthouse to the nations,
To make a start at bringing people into the open, into light:
opening blind eyes,
releasing prisoners from dungeons,
emptying the dark prisons.

I am God. That's my name.

I don't franchise my glory,
don't endorse the no-god idols.

Take note: The earlier predictions of judgment have been fulfilled.

I'm announcing the new salvation work.

Before it bursts on the scene,

I'm telling you all about it."

Stay tuned for the continuing story that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Wade in the Word

Sermon

Praying Songs "Let My Prayer Rise Up" and "Litany and Prayers" (pp. 4-7 and 10-11 in Holden Evening Prayer booklet.) *As we sing our prayers, you are invited write your prayers on the small piece of paper given to you and then place them in-box in the waiting room. These prayers will not be prayed out loud.*

What are prayers around this week's theme of #light?

How do you shine the light of Christ in your life and the lives of others?

Let My Prayer Rise Up

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing 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

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

of - fer - ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing
watch with - in 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.

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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:

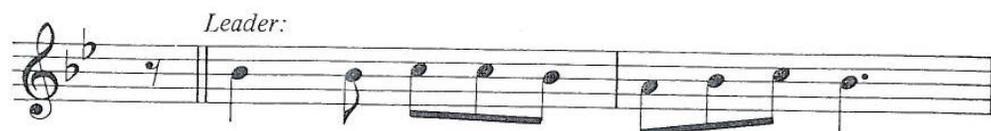
Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, 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.

Pop-Up Choir

The choir will sing as the offering is taken.

Offering

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Offering Song "Come Ye Thankful People Come" (verse 1 only)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, 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.

Let us pray: We offer these small gifts to our great God like children approaching a loving parent. Crudely wrapped in love and decorated with our worship. God smiles and says, "It's just what I have always wanted!" Receive these gifts, loving God, and by your divine touch, turn them into joy for your world. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

There is room for you at this table. So come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. There is room for you.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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."

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.

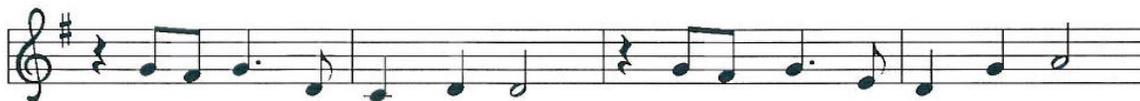
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs "Here I Am Lord & Here is Bread Here is Wine"

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Words and Music by
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VERSE

C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B

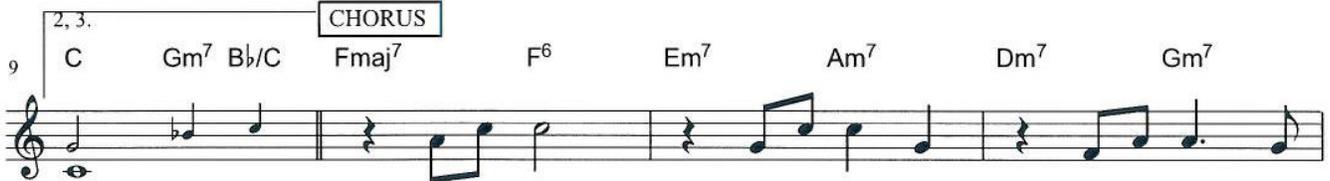


1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.



Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus
We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci -

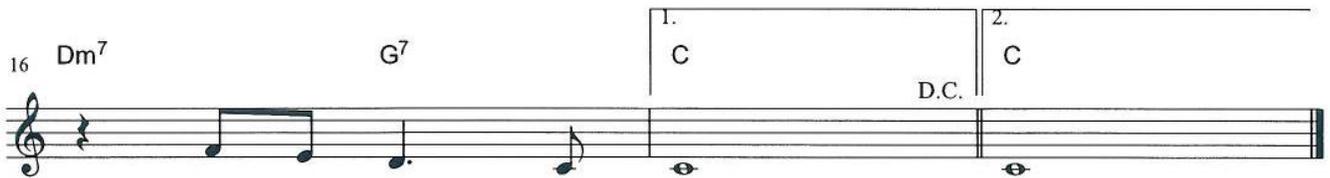
CHORUS



here. In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's
fied.



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here. here.

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THE SENDING

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, **in response to your promise of faithfulness and life, we offer our lives. In response to your promise of love, we offer our love. In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. Amen.**

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

[Please be seated] Purpose Sightings

[Pic on power point] Don't forget to grab your copy of The Current on your way home today. There are lots of opportunities to live into our purpose listed in The Current. *And*, one of the most important things included in these pages are the invitation to pray and to read scripture during the week.

MILESTONES! "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

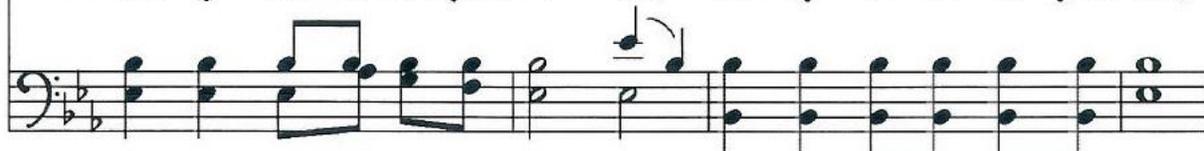
The congregation will sing before Milestones – verse 1 only.

If you've got a good or hard milestone in your life and can share it in a few sentences, meet me at the baptismal font and throw a water drop in as you share your milestone.

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Final Blessing (Sung together from p.12 of Holden Evening Prayer)

Pastor Laura: Let us bless our God: **praise and thanks to you.**

May God, Creator bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days. Amen.

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon"

(Kids are invited to come up and play an 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

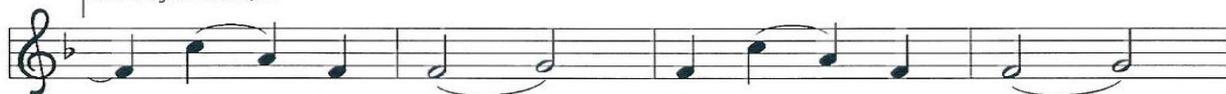


soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



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

Coda after stanza 4



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



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

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Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send You Out

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