

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Be on your guard lest the day of the Lord catch you unexpectedly.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are unprepared for the coming of our Lord. With our minds, our lips, and our whole lives we have disobeyed your will. We have ignored the signs of Christ, and seek the power of your Holy Spirit to restore our faith.**

P: The one who is coming has come, born among us to live our life and die our death, and guarantee our resurrection. The Lord is your righteousness. For his sake your sins are forgiven.

C: **Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: "All Hail King Jesus"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

THE SERMON –

THE APOSTLES CREED

LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERTORY AND THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN: "Come Thou Almighty King"

3. ALL HAIL KING JESUS

**All hail King Jesus!
All hail Emmanuel,
King of kings,
Lord of lords,
Bright morning Star.
And throughout eternity,
I'll sing Your praises;
And I'll reign with you throughout eternity**

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JESUS: HIS ADVENT

84 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CHARLES WESLEY, 1707-1788

HYFRYDOL

ROWLAND H. PRICHARD, 1811-1887

Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-

1. { Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
From our fears and sins re-lease us: Let us find our rest in Thee.

2. { Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for-ev-er; Now Thy gra-cious King-dom bring.

Is-rael's Strength and Con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;

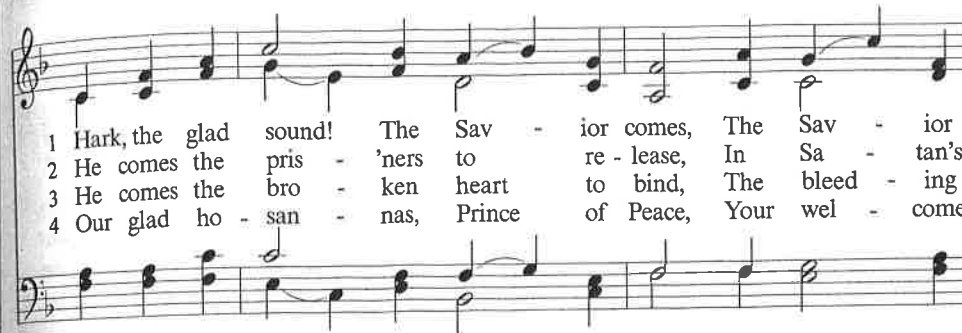
Dear De-sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all suf-fi-cient mer-it, Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

Another harmonization of this tune, in a higher key: 49

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Hark, the Glad Sound!

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1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

58. O CHRIST THE SAME

1. O Christ the same, through all our story's pages-
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
Unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
Who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

2. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
Our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
Still as of old upon your body bearing
The marks of love in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven-
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.

3. O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
Our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
For all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Come, Thou Almighty King

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ITALIAN HYMN

Source unknown, c. 1757

FELICE DE GIARDINI, 1716-1796

1. Come, Thou Al- might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One in Three E - ter - nal prais - es be,

Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
Our prayer at - tend: Come and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
Hence ev - er - more: His sov - reign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess - Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Another harmonization of this tune, in a lower key: 60