

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION & 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: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.**

P: But if we walk in the light as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C: **and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

(Silence for meditation and self-examinations)

P: Almighty God,

C: **You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence, for our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we have loved darkness rather than the light; we call for night to cover our deeds. The darkness of death awaits.**

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: **For his sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: For his sake God hears your prayer. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in your hearts, to give you the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: **We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.**

P: Walk, then as children of light...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN – “Come, Now Is The Time to Worship”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

on the mountain you showed your glory
in the transfiguration of your Son.

Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world
and to behold the king in all his glory;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “Open My Eyes That I May See”

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

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: Let us pray to the Lord. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION 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 RECESSIONAL HYMN – “Immortal Invisible God Only Wise”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

**Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.**

**One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are
God
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for
those
who gladly choose You now.**

Repeat

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Open My Eyes, That I May See

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1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - 'ry - where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 O - pen my heart and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my eyes - il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my ears - il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart - il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Beautiful Savior

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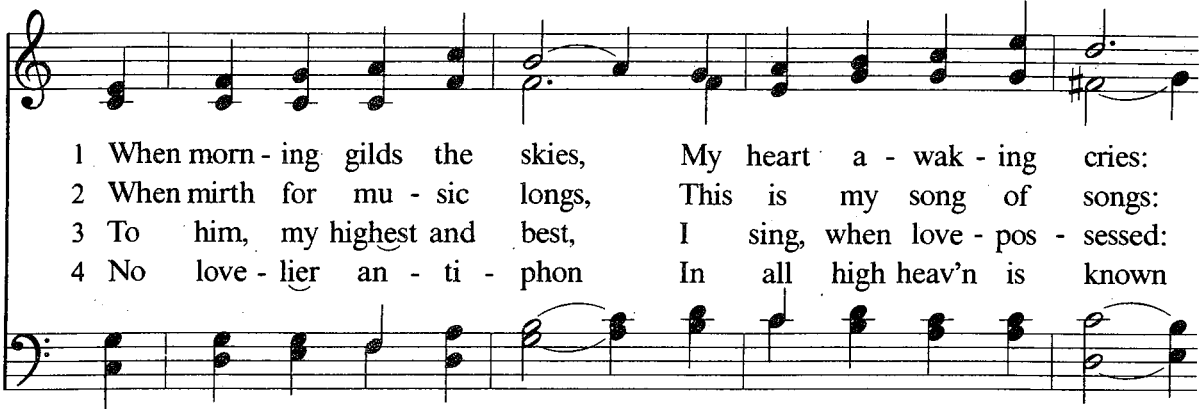
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

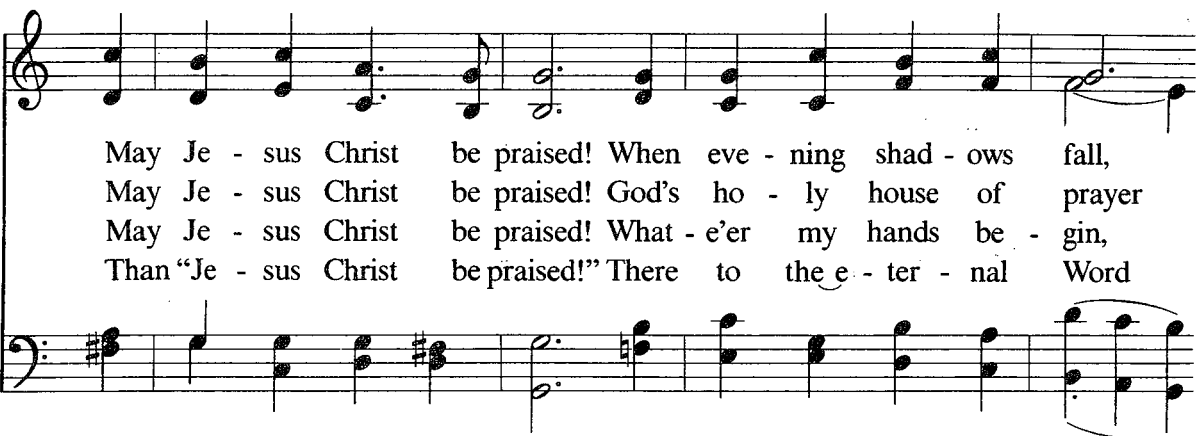
serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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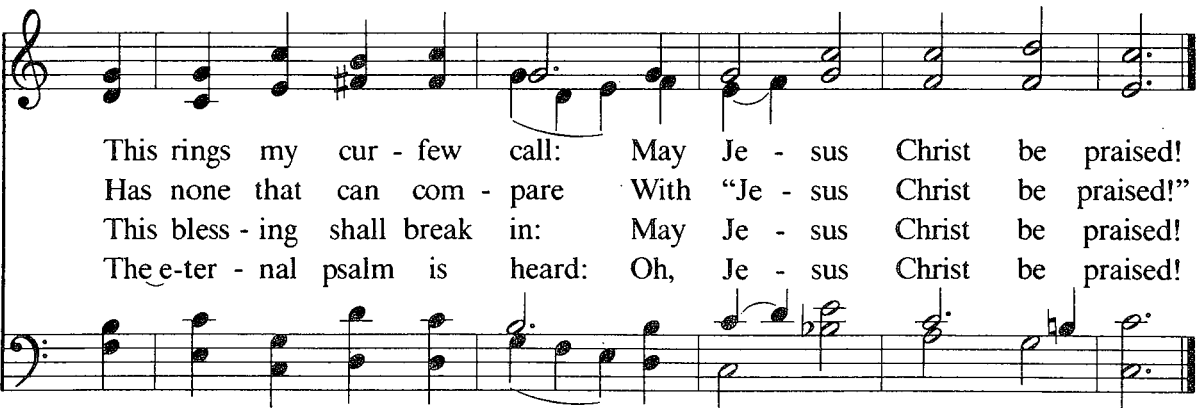
When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love - pos - sessed:
 4 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known



May Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



This rings my cur - few call: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Has none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 This bless - ing shall break in: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: Oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
 In this their concord find:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 Ring joyous with the sound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
 Sing, all who see his face,
 Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 Today and evermore,
 Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Immortal, Invisible

WALTER CHALMERS SMITH, 1824-1908

ST. DENIO

Welsh melody

From Roberts' *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im-mor-tal, in-vis-i-ble, God on-ly wise, In light in-ac-
2. Un-rest-ing, un-hast-ing, and si-lent as light, Nor want-ing, nor
3. To all, life Thou giv-est- to both great and small, In all life Thou
4. Great Fa-ther of glo-ry, pure Fa-ther of light, Thine an-gels a-



ces-si-ble hid from our eyes, Most bless-ed, most glo-rious, the
 wast-ing, Thou rul-est in might; Thy jus-tice, like moun-tains, high
 liv-est- the true life of all; We blos-som and flour-ish as
 dore Thee, all veil-ing their sight; All praise we would ren-der- O



An-cient of Days, Al-might-y, vic-to-rious- Thy great name we praise.
 soar-ing a-bove Thy clouds, which are foun-tains of good-ness and love.
 leaves on the tree, And with-er and per-ish- but naught chang-eth Thee.
 help us to see 'Tis on-ly the splen-dor of light hid-eth Thee!

