

## **HARK, THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES** - (G) 335; all 4

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release, in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the wounded soul to cure;  
and with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humbled poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring with Your beloved name.

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## **FOREVER REIGN**

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me.  
You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.  
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.  
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.  
You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.  
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.  
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

**Chorus:** Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms,  
the riches of Your love will always be enough.  
Nothing compares to Your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say.  
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim.  
You are here, You are here, in Your presence I'm made whole.  
You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go. **Chorus**

My heart will sing no other name. Jesus, Jesus.  
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**Chorus 2x**

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## **LIGHT OF THE WORLD (SING HALLELUJAH)**

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,  
brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.  
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,  
shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight.

Light of the World, from the beginning  
the tragedies of time were no match for Your love.  
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.  
God, You entered in and became one of us.

**Chorus:** Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!  
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World, crown in a manger,  
born for the cross, to suffer, to save.  
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.  
We are the richer by the price that He paid. **Chorus**

Light of the World soon will be coming.  
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.  
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.  
And there He shall reign forever more, forevermore! **Chorus**

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## **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** - (B) 141; all 4

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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**ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY** – (G) 327; all 5  
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin:  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail You as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward.  
Without Your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth Your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more.  
O let Your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to You, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736; tr. composite. Tune: Trier manuscript, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George R. Woodward, 1910. Church CCLI License #133103

### **SHINE, JESUS, SHINE**

Lord the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Chorus:** Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
from the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
so our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus**

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## *Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service* *Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021* *10:00 AM*

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Song of Praise

*"Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"* (G) 335; all 4

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise and Adoration

*"Forever Reign"*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: PEACE– *Dominic Bruno*

Song of Advent

*"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"*  
*(Children may come forward.)*

Children's Message

Offering: Modesto Pregnancy Center

Pastoral Prayer

\*Song of Preparation

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (B) 141; all 4

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Text: Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 961)

Sermon: **"How to Prepare for the Lord"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* (G) 327; all 5

### **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

\*Postlude

**Preaching:** Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

**Organ:** Kevin Tazelaar **Piano:** Laura Koolhaas

**\*Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks  
(B) blue songbooks under pews**