

**Communion Practice:** We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

**A Prayer upon Entering Church**

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**A Prayer before Communion**

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

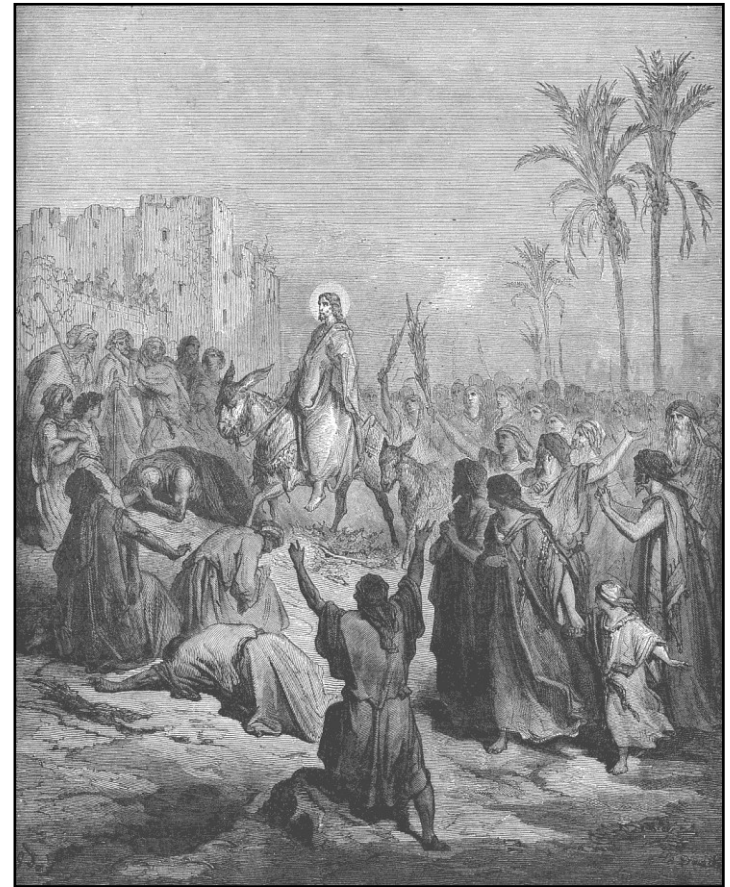
**A Prayer after Communion**

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

**A Prayer at the Close of the Service**

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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Ad te levavi  
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*“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” St. Matthew 21:9*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”</i>	TLH 57
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Confiteor</b>		
<b>The Invocation and Address</b>		TLH p. 15
<b>Versicles</b>		TLH p. 15
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		TLH p. 16
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Tone 6)</i>	INSERT
<b>The Kyrie</b>		TLH p. 17
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 19
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		INSERT
<b>The Collect for the Beginning of the Church Year</b>		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lesson</b>	Jeremiah 33:14-18	
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
R: Thanks be to God.		
<b>The Gradual</b>		INSERT
<b>The Epistle</b>	Romans 13:11-14	
<b>The Verse</b>		INSERT
<b>The Hallelujah</b>		TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Holy Gospel</b>	St. Matthew 21:1-9	
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Savior of the Nations, Come”</i>	Δ TLH 95
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Your King Is Coming</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Recitation of the Catechism</b>	The Ten Commandments	
<b>The Offering</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The General Prayer</b>		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”</i>	TLH 55
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Preface</b>		TLH p. 24
<b>The Proper Preface</b>		TLH p. 25
<b>The Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		TLH p. 26
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		TLH p. 27
<b>The Verba Domini</b>		TLH p. 27

<b>The Pax Domini</b>		TLH p. 27
<b>The Agnus Dei</b>		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Post Communion Canticle</b>	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis</i>	TLH p. 29-30
<b>The Thanksgiving</b>	<i>“And His mercy endureth forever”</i>	TLH p. 30
<b>The Post-Communion Collect</b>		
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”</i>	TLH 73 (Third Tune)
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>The Benediction</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>Announcements</b>		

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

## Christmas Season Schedule

<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b><i>The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord</i></b>	Divine Service 7:00 p.m.
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b><i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i></b>	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b><i>St. Stephen, Protomartyr and Deacon</i></b>	
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b><i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i></b>	
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b><i>Holy Innocents’ Day</i></b>	
<b>December 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b><i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i></b>	Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b><i>The Circumcision of Our Lord</i></b>	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b><i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i></b>	Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m.

## December 9<sup>th</sup>—Populus Sion

### Old Testament Lesson:

Micah 4:1-7

### Epistle:

Romans 15:4-13

### Holy Gospel:

St. Luke 21:25-36

### An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

“This Gospel encourages and demands faith, or it pre-figures Christ coming with grace, and none may receive or accept save he who believes Him to be the Man, and has the mind, as this Gospel portrays in Christ. Nothing but the mercy, tenderness and kindness of Christ are here shown, and he who so receives and believes on Him is saved....He come[s]...sitting upon an ass,...He indicates by this that He comes not to frighten man, nor to drive or crush him, but to help and to carry his burden for him....it also shows the pomp and conduct of the disciples towards Christ...also that of the multitude...They manifested no fear nor terror, but only blessed confidence in Him....” *From the Church Postil for Ad te levavi, 1521.*

### In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Rev. Charles Hudson, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Brandon Dennie, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, Marie Scheck, Maile Manalo, Richard Noegel, Doris Armstrong, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR; Lamb of God Ev. Lutheran Mission, Rogers, AR; and Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and their pastor, the Rev. Eric Stefanski.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Luke Sekula, Joshua and Christopher Heck, and Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Week after Ad te levavi

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Isaiah 5-6; Luke 1:1-25	Isaiah 7-8; Colossians 1:12-23
<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 9-10; Matt. 11:25-30	Isaiah 11-12; Genesis 3:1-24
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 13-14; Acts 3:22-26	Isaiah 15-16; Genesis 9:1-19
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 17-18; Col. 1:15-29	Isaiah 19-20; Genesis 22:1-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 21-22; Heb. 1:1-4	Isaiah 23-24; Genesis 49:1-28
<b>Friday:</b>	Isaiah 25-26; Heb. 2:1-4	Isaiah 27-28; Numbers 24:14-25
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 29-30; Eph. 3:1-12	Isaiah 31-32; Deuteronomy 18:15-19

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 1, 9-11	Psalms 143, 12-17
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 1, 18	Psalms 143, 19-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 1, 23-25	Psalms 143, 26-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 1, 31-32	Psalms 143, 33-34
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 1, 35	Psalms 143, 36-37
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 1, 38	Psalms 143, 39-41
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 1, 42-44	Psalms 91, 45-48

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Ecumenical Creeds (All Three)  
**Tuesday:** The Small Catechism, Preface  
**Wednesday:** The Small Catechism, I-III  
**Thursday:** The Small Catechism, IV-VI  
**Friday:** The Small Catechism, Prayers-End

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

**Sunday:** Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer  
**Monday:** Baptism, Confession, Lord's Supper  
**Tuesday:** Morning & Evening Prayer; Prayers Before & After Meals

**Wednesday:** Table of Duties I—Bishops, Pastors, & Preachers; What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors; Of Civil Government; Of Subjects

**Thursday:** Table of Duties II—To Husbands; To Wives; To Parents; To Children; To Servants, Hired Men & Employees; To Employers; To the Young in General; To Widows; To All in Common

**Friday:** How One Should Be Taught to Confess

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

### Hymns for the Week:

**Morning:** TLH 95—“Savior of the Nations, Come”

**Evening:** TLH 55—“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

### Calendar for the Week after Ad te levavi

**Today: Ad te levavi—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

**Monday:** Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

5 p.m. Divine Service

**Tuesday:** Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

**Wednesday:** 7 p.m. Midweek Advent Vespers

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday:** *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Populus Sion—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Parish Vestry

3 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

4:15 p.m. Bible Class in Augusta, GA

### The Lutheran Herald

The December issue of “The Lutheran Herald,” the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald>. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave.

### Needs for the McCall Hospice House

There is need at the hospice house for the following items: Hard Candy (individually wrapped) any kind, mints included; Chips, individual size, any kind; Ponytail Holders; Notebooks and notepads; Men’s deodorant; Hair brushes; Q-Tips; Toothpaste, in regular and travel size; and Individual teeth flossers.

Other needs for in-home patients: XL Twin Sheet Sets; Ensure, any kind; and Baby wipes and adult wipes. Please give all collected items to Mike Miller.

### Midweek Advent Vespers

This year’s Midweek Advent Vespers will begin this Wednesday on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 19<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be focusing on the readings from St. Luke 1.

### Parish Vestry Meeting

The next Parish Vestry Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Service. Our two main topics will be the budget for 2019 and confirming the Parish Vestry members for 2019.

### Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Joshua Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

### Justification Made Clear Videos

The videos that make the doctrine of justification clear and exposes the false doctrine of objective justification are available on Facebook and YouTube. To view them do a search for “Justification Made Clear.”

### New Catechism for the Diocese with Q&A by Pastor Rydecki

A new catechism will be available in January. It will contain Luther’s Enchiridion translated from the German Book of Concord and has over 780 questions and answers. The cost is \$20 a copy. We are ordering 20 copies, so that every one in the parish receives one, and to have a few extra for new members. If you would like to offset the price of these please earmark your gift for “Catechisms.”

### To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

**Today—Ad te levavi**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Jeremiah 33:14-18

**Epistle:**

Romans 13:11-14

**Holy Gospel:**

St. Matthew 21:1-9

**Introit**

P: TO YOU, - | O Lord, I lift | up | my | soul. \*

C: O my God, | I | **trust** - | in | You;

P: || Let me not | be | a- | shamed; \*

C: Let not my enemies tri- | umph - | o- - | ver | me.

P: || Let no one who | waits | on | You \*

C: Be | — | a- - | sham- | ed. (*Psalm 25:1-3a*)

P: || Show me Your | ways, | O | Lord; \*

C: Teach | — | **me** - | Your | paths.

P: || For You are the God of my | sal- | va- | tion; \*

C: On You I | wait | **all** - | the | day.

P: || Let integrity and uprightness | pre- | serve | me, \*

C: For | I | **wait** - | for | You.

P: || Redeem Isra- | el, | O | God, \*

C: Out of | all | **their** - | trou- | bles. (*Psalm 25:4, 5b, 21-22*)

**GLORIA PATRI (From hymnal)**

P: || To You, O Lord, I lift | up | my | soul. \*

C: O my God, | I | **trust** - | in | You;

P: || Let me not | be | a- | shamed; \*

C: Let not my enemies tri- | umph - | o- - | ver | me.

P: || Let no one who | waits | on | You \*

C: Be | — | a- - | sham- | ed. (*Psalm 25:1-3a*)

**Collect**

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Collect for Beginning of the Church Year**

Almighty Lord God, Who by Thy grace hast this day permitted us to enter into a new Church Year, we beseech Thee to pour upon Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy Name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Gradual**

P: || Let no one who | waits | on | You \*

C: Be | a- | **shamed**, - | O | Lord

P: || Show me Your | ways, | O | Lord; \*

C: Teach | — | **me** - | Your | paths. (*Psalm 25:3a, 4*)

**Verse**

P: || Al- | le- | lu- | ia! \*

C: Al- | — | **le**- - | lu- | ia!

P: || Show us Your | mer- | cy, | Lord, \*

C: And grant us Your salvation. | Al- | **le**- - | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 85:7*)

**Jeremiah 33:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” <sup>17</sup> For thus says the LORD: “David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; <sup>18</sup> nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.”

**Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

**St. Matthew 21:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” <sup>4</sup> All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: <sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” <sup>6</sup> So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. <sup>8</sup> And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!”

**TLH 57 “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”**

Unknown Danish author, about 1600

1. O Bride of Christ, rejoice;  
Exultant raise thy voice  
To hail the day of glory  
Foretold in sacred story.  
Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.

2. Let shouts of gladness rise  
Triumphant to the skies.  
Now comes the King most glorious  
To reign o'er all victorious.  
Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.

3. He wears no kingly crown,  
Yet as a King is known;  
Tho' not arrayed in splendor,  
He still makes death surrender.  
Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.

4. The weak and timid find  
How meek He is and kind;  
To them He gives a treasure  
Of bliss beyond all measure.  
Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.

5. Thy heart now open wide,  
Bid Christ with thee abide.  
He graciously will hear thee  
And be forever near thee.  
Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.

6. Then go thy Lord to meet;  
Strew palm-leaves at His feet;  
Thy garments spread before Him  
And honor and adore Him.  
Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.

7. E'en babes with one accord  
With thee shall praise the Lord  
And every Gentile nation  
Respond with exultation:  
Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee. Amen.

**TLH 95 “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

St. Ambrose, died 397; German version, Martin Luther, 1524

1. Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!  
Marvel now, O Heav'n and Earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
Of the Virgin undefiled!  
Tho' by all the world disowned,  
Still to be in Heav'n enthroned.

4. From the Father forth He came  
And returneth to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell—  
High the song of triumph swell!

5. Thou, the Father's only Son,  
Hast o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;  
When shall we its glories see?

6. Brightly doth Thy manger shine,  
Glorious is its light divine.  
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;  
Ever be our faith thus bright.

Δ 7. Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally. Amen.

**TLH 55 “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”**

Johann G. Olearius, 1664

1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,  
Only Hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world!  
Open are to Thee all portals.  
Come, Thy beauty let us see;  
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2. Enter now my waiting heart,  
Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,  
Tho' I am but poor and lowly.

Ah, what riches will be mine  
When Thou art my Guest Divine!

3. My hosannas and my palms  
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;  
Evermore, as best I can,  
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,  
And in faith I will embrace,  
Lord, Thy merit thro' Thy grace.

4. Hail, hosanna, David's Son!  
Help, Lord, hear our supplication!  
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,  
Bring us blessing and salvation,  
That forever we may sing:  
Hail, hosanna! to our King. Amen.

**TLH 73 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"  
(Third Tune)**

Georg Weissel, 1642

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of Glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring,  
Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:  
We praise Thee, Father, now,  
Creator, wise art Thou!

2. A Helper just He comes to thee,  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Wherefore the Earth is glad and sings:  
We praise Thee, Savior, now,  
Mighty in deed art Thou!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless Sun of joy He is,  
Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.  
We praise Thee, Spirit, now,  
Our Comforter art Thou!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for Heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sovereign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.

To Thee, O God, be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me Thy inner presence feel,  
Thy grace and love in me reveal;  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy Name. Amen.