

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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The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord
January 6th, 2021

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“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.” St. Matthew 2:10

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“O Welt, ich muss dich lassen”</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Arise and Shine in Splendor”</i>	TLH 126
The Confiteor		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles		TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 1)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 49:1-7
	<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord.
		R: Thanks be to God.
The Epistle		Isaiah 60:1-6
The Gradual		INSERT
The Verse		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“The Alleluiatic Sequence”</i>	INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 2:1-12
The Announcement of Movable Holy Days for 2021		
The Nicene Creed		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”</i>	TLH 92
The Sermon	<i>Wise Men from the East Came</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Recitation of the Catechism		The Sacrament of the Altar
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”</i>	TLH 105
<i>Stand</i>		
The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus		TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer		TLH p. 27

The Verba Domini		TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini		TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
The Hymn	<i>“We All Believe in One True God”</i>	TLH 251 (2 nd Tune)
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis</i>	TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”</i>	TLH 343
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Wie schön leuchtet”</i>	Michael Praetorius
Announcements		

*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6th, 2021



Introit

P: BE- | **HOLD** - || the Lord, the | Ru- | ler, | has | come, *

C: And the kingdom and the power and the glory | are | in |

His - | hand. *(Liturgical text based on Malachi 3:1)*

P: || Give the king Your | judg- | ments, | O | God, *

C: And Your righteousness | to | the | **king's** - | Son.

P: || He will judge Your people | with | right- | eous- | ness, *

C: And Your | poor | with | **just**- - | ice

P: || The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | will | bring | pre- | sents; *

C: The kings of Sheba and Seba | will | of- | **fer** - | gifts.

P: || Yes, all kings shall fall | down | be- | fore | Him; *

C: All na- | tions | shall | **serve** - | Him. *(Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11)*

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Behold the Lord, the | Ru- | ler, | has | come, *

C: And the kingdom and the power and the glory | are | in |

His - | hand. *(Liturgical text based on Malachi 3:1)*

Collect

O God, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thine Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || All those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring | gold | and | in- | cense, *

C: And they shall proclaim the prais- | es | of | **the** - | Lord.

P: || Arise, shine, O | Je- | ru- | sa- | lem; *

C: For the glory of the Lord is ris- | en | up- | **on** - | you. *(Isaiah 60:6b, 1 paraphrase)*

Verse

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- | **lu**- - | ia!

P: || We have seen His | star | in | the | East *

C: And have come with gifts to worship the Lord. | Al- | le- |

lu- - | ia! *(St. Matthew 2:2 paraphrase)*

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ “Listen, O coastlands, to Me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. ² And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me. ³ And He said to me, ‘You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ ⁴ Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, and my work with my God.’ ⁵ And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (for I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength), ⁶ indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You.

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. ⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. ⁶ The multitude

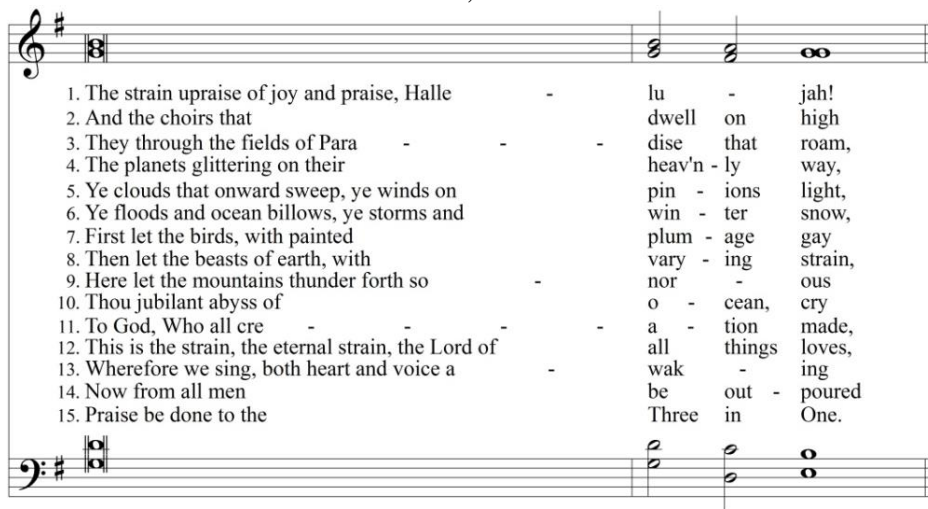
of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.”

St. Matthew 2:1-12

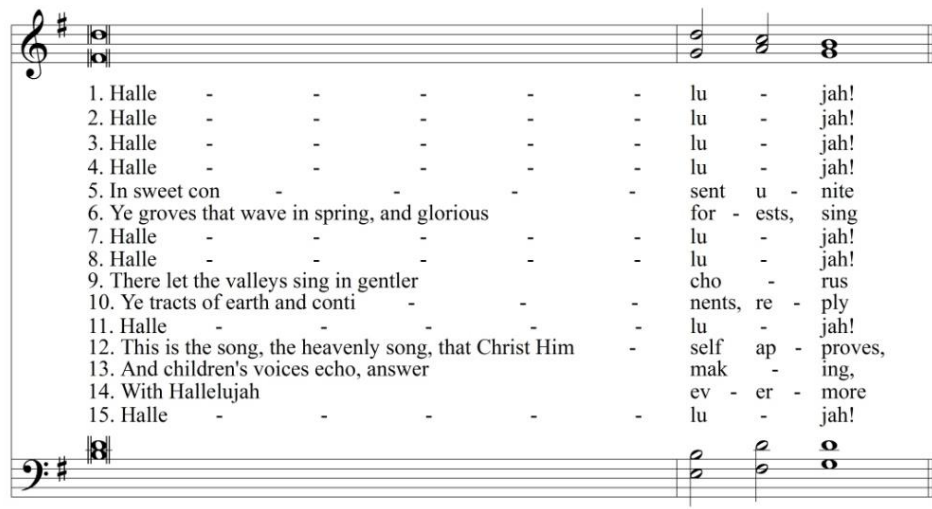
¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

The Alleluiatic Sequence

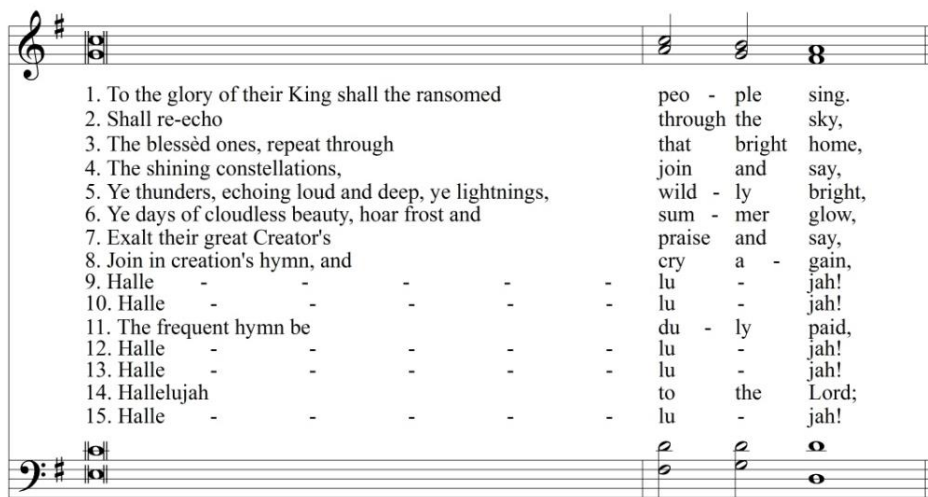
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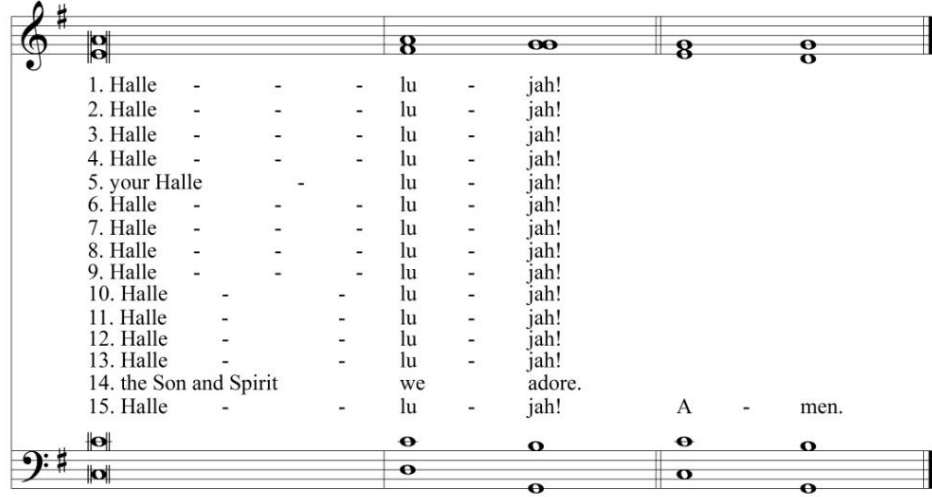
1. The strain upraise of joy and praise, Halle - lu - jah!
 2. And the choirs that dwell on high
 3. They through the fields of Para - - - - - dise that roam,
 4. The planets glittering on their heav'n - ly way,
 5. Ye clouds that onward sweep, ye winds on pin - ions light,
 6. Ye floods and ocean billows, ye storms and win - ter snow,
 7. First let the birds, with painted plum - age gay
 8. Then let the beasts of earth, with vary - ing strain,
 9. Here let the mountains thunder forth so nor - ous
 10. Thou jubilant abyss of o - cean, cry
 11. To God, Who all cre - - - - - a - tion made,
 12. This is the strain, the eternal strain, the Lord of all things loves,
 13. Wherefore we sing, both heart and voice a wak - ing
 14. Now from all men be out - poured
 15. Praise be done to the Three in One.



1. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 2. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 3. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 4. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 5. In sweet con - - - - - sent u - nite
 6. Ye groves that wave in spring, and glorious for - ests, sing
 7. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 8. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 9. There let the valleys sing in gentler cho - rus
 10. Ye tracts of earth and conti - nents, re - ply
 11. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 12. This is the song, the heavenly song, that Christ Him - self ap - proves,
 13. And children's voices echo, answer mak - ing,
 14. With Hallelujah ev - er - more
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!



1. To the glory of their King shall the ransomed peo - ple sing.
 2. Shall re-echo through the sky,
 3. The blessed ones, repeat through that bright home,
 4. The shining constellations, join and say,
 5. Ye thunders, echoing loud and deep, ye lightnings, wild - ly bright,
 6. Ye days of cloudless beauty, hoar frost and sum - mer glow,
 7. Exalt their great Creator's praise and say,
 8. Join in creation's hymn, and cry a - gain,
 9. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 10. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 11. The frequent hymn be du - ly paid,
 12. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 13. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 14. Hallelujah to the Lord;
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!



1. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 2. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 3. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 4. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 5. your Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 6. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 7. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 8. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 9. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 10. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 11. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 12. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 13. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 14. the Son and Spirit we adore.
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - jah! A - men.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:

Congregation:

We be - lieve in one God, — Fa - - - ther Al - might - y,

Mak - er of heav - en and earth and of all things vi - si - ble

and in - vi - si - ble. And — in one Lord — + Jes - us Christ, —

the — only begotten - ten — Son of God, — be - got - ten of His Fa - ther

be - - - fore all - - - - worlds, God — of God,

Light — of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God,

Be - got - ten, not — made, Be - ing of one Sub - stance with the Fa - ther,

By — whom — all things were made; Who — for — us men,

and — for our sal - va - tion, came down — from heav - en,

+ And was in - car - nate by — the Ho - ly Ghost of — the Vir - gin Mar - y,

And was made — man; + And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us —

un - der Pon - tius Pi - late. He — suf - fered and was bur - ied;

And — the third — day He rose a - gain, ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures;

And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;

And — He shall come again with glo - - - - - ry

to — judge both the quick — and the dead; Whose — kingdom shall have — no end.

And — we believe in the Ho - ly Ghost, — The Lord and Giv - er of Life,

Who pro - ceedeth from the Fa - ther and the Son, Who with the Fa - ther and the Son

to - geth - er is + wor - shipped And — glo - - - ri - fied,

Who — spake by — the Pro - phets. And we be - lieve one — Ho - ly cath - o - lic

And — Apo - sto - lic Church. — We — confess one — Bap - tism

for — the re - mis - - - sion of sins,

And — we look for the re - sur - rec - tion of — the dead;

+ And — the life of — the world — to come. A - - - - - men. —

+ — indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverence (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.

TLH 126 “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

Martin Opitz, 1628, abridged

1. Arise and shine in splendor,
Let night to day surrender;
Thy Light is drawing near.
Above thee day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming;
The glory of the Lord is here.

2. See Earth in darkness lying,
The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night.
To thee the Lord of Heaven—
Thy Life, thy Hope—hath given
Great glory, honor and delight.

3. The world’s remotest races,
Upon whose weary faces
The sun looks from the sky,
Shall run with zeal untiring,
With joy thy Light desiring
That breaks upon them from on high.

4. Lift up thine eyes in wonder;
See, nations gather yonder,
They all come unto thee.
The world has heard thy story,
Thy sons come to thy glory,
And daughters haste thy Light to see.

5. Thy heart will leap for gladness
When from the realms of sadness
They come o’er land and sea.
Thine eyes will wake from slumber
When people without number
Come thronging from afar to thee. Amen.

TLH 92 “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Unknown, about 1300

1. Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to Heav’n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

2. Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,

O pure and holy Child;
Thro’ Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!

3. Now thro’ His Son doth shine
The Father’s grace divine.
Death o’er us had reignèd
Thro’ sin and vanity;
He for us obtainèd
Eternal joy on high.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!

4. Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav’nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav’nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there! Amen.

TLH 105 “Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”

Nikolaus Herman, 1560

1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,
Before His highest throne;
Today He opens Heav’n again
And gives us His own Son.
And gives us His own Son.

2. He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall.
Lies in a humble stall.

3. He veils in flesh His pow’r divine
A servant’s form to take;
In want and lowliness must pine
Who Heaven and Earth did make.
Who Heaven and Earth did make.

4. He nestles at His mother’s breast,
Receives her tender care,
Whom angels hail with joy most blest,
King David’s royal heir.
King David’s royal heir.

5. ‘Tis He Who in these latter days
From Judah’s tribe should come,

By Whom the Father would upraise
The Church, His Christendom.
The Church, His Christendom.

6. A wondrous change which He does make!
He takes our flesh and blood,
And He conceals for sinners' sake
His majesty of God.
His majesty of God.

7. He serves that I a lord may be;
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need?
To help me in my need?

8. He opens us again the door
Of Paradise today;
The angel guards the gate no more,
To God our thanks we pay.
To God our thanks we pay. Amen.

TLH 251 (Second Tune) "We All Believe in One True God"

Martin Luther, 1525

1. We all believe in one true God,
Who created Earth and Heaven,
The Father, Who to us in love
Hath the right of children given.
He both soul and body feedeth,
All we need He doth provide us;
He thro' snares and perils leadeth,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He careth for us day and night,
All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of ev'ry grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, Virgin Mother,
By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder Brother,
That the lost might life inherit;
Was crucified for sinful men
And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who sweet grace and comfort giveth
And with the Father and the Son
In eternal glory liveth;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.

Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come thro' Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally. Amen.

TLH 343 "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

Philipp Nicolai, 1597

1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,
For Thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy,
Great and glorious, Thou victorious
Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav'nly places.

2. O highest joy by mortals won,
True Son of God and Mary's Son,
Thou high-born King of ages!
Thou art my heart's most beauteous Flow'r,
And Thy blest Gospel's saving pow'r
My raptured soul engages.
Thou mine, I Thine;
Sing hosanna! Heav'nly manna
Tasting, eating,
Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.

3. Now richly to my waiting heart,
O Thou, my God, deign to impart
The grace of love undying.
In Thy blest body let me be,
E'en as the branch is in the tree,
Thy life my life supplying.
Sighing, Crying,
For the savor Of Thy favor;
Resting never,
Till I rest in Thee forever.

4. A pledge of peace from God I see
When Thy pure eyes are turned to me
To show me Thy good pleasure.
Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,
Thy body and Thy blood, afford
My soul its dearest treasure.
Keep me Kindly
In Thy favor, O my Savior!
Thou wilt cheer me;
Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun

This ancient world's foundation.
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,
And when in spirit Him I see,
I joy in tribulation.
What bliss Is this!
He that liveth To me giveth
Life forever;
Nothing me from Him can sever.

6. Lift up the voice and strike the string,
Let all glad sounds of music ring
In God's high praises blended.
Christ will be with me all the way,
Today, tomorrow, every day,
Till traveling days be ended.
Sing out, Ring out
Triumph glorious, O victorious,
Chosen nation;
Praise the God of your salvation.

7. Oh, joy to know that Thou, my Friend,
Art Lord, Beginning without end,
The First and Last, Eternal!
And Thou at length—O glorious grace!—
Wilt take me to that holy place,
The home of joys supernal.
Amen, Amen!
Come and meet me! Quickly greet me!
With deep yearning,
Lord, I look for Thy returning. Amen.