

494 See, He Comes, the King of Glory

CW 494



1 See, he comes, the King of glo - ry, an - gels
2 See, he comes, the King of glo - ry, nam - ing
3 See, he comes the King of glo - ry, with a
4 Till he comes, the King of glo - ry, an - gels



blaz - ing round his throne, wield - ing wrath to
deeds we did for him: feed - ing, cloth - ing,
king - dom to a - ward. We have not de -
blaz - ing round his throne, we will turn our



those who spurned him, bear - ing bless - ings for his own.
shar - ing, car - ing, vis - it - ing, in - vit - ing in.
served or earned it; it's his gift, not our re - ward.
eyes to heav - en, tune our ears to trum - pet's tone.



Do not dread that day, dear Chris - tian! Do not fear his
We may ask, "When did we do this— show you, Lord, such
All our works are but an of - f'ring of our grat - i -
But we won't ne - glect our neigh - bors need - ing com - fort,



fear - some face, for the judge is our dear
cour - te - sy?" He will say, "The least, the
tude and praise. We serve not so God will
shel - ter, love. Kind - ness - es for friends and



Sav - ior; we are guard - ed by his grace.
low - ly— serv - ing them was serv - ing me."
save us; we serve God be - cause we're saved.
stran - gers serve our Sav - ior - King a - bove.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



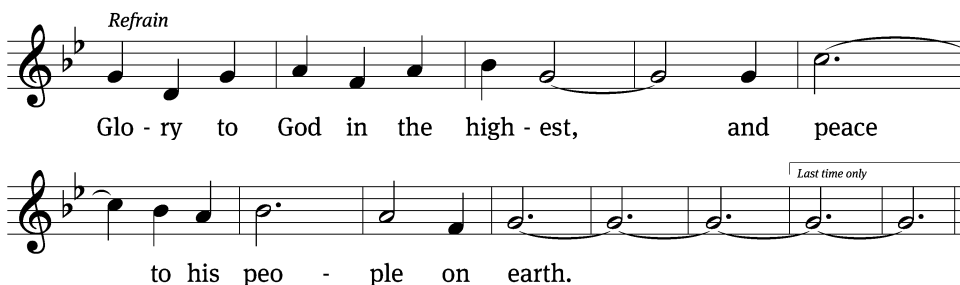
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory to God in the Highest

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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

¹Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them.

²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. ³You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies.

⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, which I commanded to him at Horeb to serve as statutes and judgments over all Israel.

⁵Look! I am going to send Elijah the prophet to you before the great and fearful day of the LORD comes! ⁶He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with complete destruction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

All the Ends of the Earth

Refrain

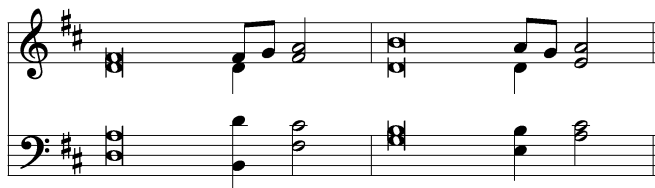


All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,

for he has done / marv'lous things;

his right hand and his / holy arm

have worked salvation / for him.

The LORD has made his sal- / vation known

and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with / music.

Let the rivers / clap their hands,

let the mountains sing together / for joy;

let them sing be- / fore the LORD,

for he comes to / judge the earth.
He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:3–10

³We are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love that each and every one of you has for one another is increasing. ⁴So we ourselves boast about you in God's churches in regard to your patient endurance and faith in all your persecutions and in the trials that you are enduring. ⁵This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. ⁶Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, ⁷and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, ⁸he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, ¹⁰on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Be faithful, even to the point of death,



Refrain

and I will give you life as your vic - tor's crown.

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Gospel

Luke 21:5–19

⁵As some were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, Jesus said, ⁶“These things that you see here—the days will come when there will not be one stone left on another—every one will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what is the sign that these things are about to happen?”

⁸He said, “Watch out so that you are not deceived! For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.

⁹Whenever you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not be right then.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be horrifying sights and great signs from heaven.

¹²But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³It will turn out to be your opportunity to

testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand how to defend yourselves, ¹⁵for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all people for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By patient endurance you will gain your lives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
 shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their
 tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on
 plea - sures, who here de - spised his pre - cious Word and loved their



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
 sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by
 earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and
 earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 God's al - might - y, bound - less pow'r, be changed at his com - mand - ing.
 all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 at the judg - e's stern com - mand to Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
and for my sin was smitten;
within the Book of Life I know
my name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
and Satan cannot threaten me;
there is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
but hasten our salvation;
we often tremble on our way
in fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
come soon, Redeemer, make us free
from ev'ry evil. Amen.

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Sermon

2 Thessalonians 1:3–10

“Judgment Day Is Coming!”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

*May be left in the offering box in the
entryway or given online*



Prayer of the Church

Eternal and gracious Father, as we draw near to the end of the church year and the end of the world ...

work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.

We are aware that we live in dangerous times as Satan and his forces of evil assault your people again and again. Give us wisdom to discern teachings that blatantly or subtly deny the Scriptures. Provide courage and strengthen our resolve to confess the truth and then to speak the truth in love.

Work in us every day to be watchful and cautious as we live in our world.

Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.

Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.

Provide opportunities to reach out to family members and friends with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments.

Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.

Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, and the oppressed, and move to support them whenever we can. [Today we ask that you keep in your care... .] Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you.

Work in us daily to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.

If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies.

Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

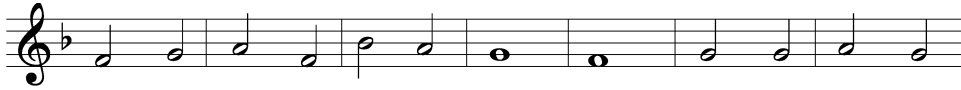
Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories knowing heaven is really our home. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet.

Amen.

Hymn

485 Day of Wrath



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the
 2 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing; all cre - a - tion
 3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed, where - in all has
 4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing, who for me be



proph - ets' warn - ing: heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.
 is a - wak - ing, to its judge an an - swer mak - ing.
 been re - cord - ed; thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.
 in - ter - ced - ing when your mer - cy I am need - ing?

- 5 King of majesty tremendous, 6 Think, good Jesus, my salvation
 who such grace have freely sent us, caused your wondrous incarnation,
 fount of pity, then befriend us. made you suffer my damnation!

- 7 On the cross your dying spared me;
 just and righteous you declared me;
 I await the joy prepared me.

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Stand

Prayer, Lord's Prayer, and Blessing

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Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

495 The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -
2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and
to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -
night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle
spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come
day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with
morn for all who know his grace— the day when
gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.
Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

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