

## Opening Hymn

## 380 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc-  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris -'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scand with

shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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Stand

O Lord, o - pen my lips,

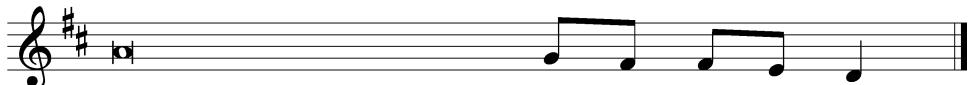
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

Has - ten to save me, O God;  
 O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.  
 General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:  
 praise and thanks to God!

## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

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1 O come, let us sing to the Lord, 2 For the Lord is a great God, 3 The sea is his, for he made it,  
 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 2 and a great king above all gods. 3 and his hand formed the dry land.  
 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks giving, 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand; 3 O come, let us worship and bow down, 4 For he is our God,



1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 49:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you coastlands.  
Pay attention, you faraway peoples!  
The LORD called me from the womb.  
When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.  
He hid me in the shadow of his hand.  
He made me a polished arrow.  
He concealed me in his quiver.  
<sup>3</sup>He said to me, “You are my servant Israel,  
in whom I will display my glory.”  
<sup>4</sup>But I said to myself, “I have labored in vain.  
I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.  
Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD,  
and my reward is with my God.”  
<sup>5</sup>But now the LORD,  
    who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
    to turn Jacob back to him,  
    so that Israel might be gathered to him,  
    so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
    because my God has been my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>the LORD said:  
    It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant  
        to raise up only the tribes of Jacob  
        and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,

so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

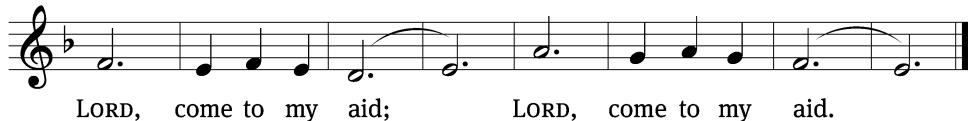
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 40

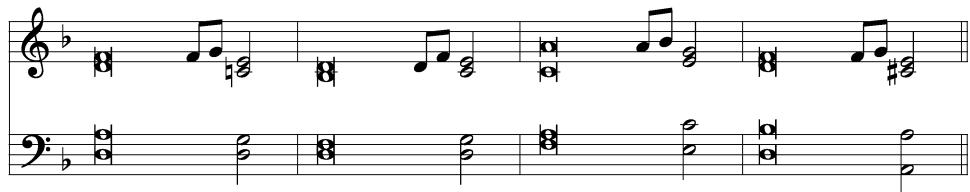
## LORD, Come to My Aid

*Refrain*



LORD, come to my aid;                   LORD, come to my aid.

*Tone*



I waited patiently / for the LORD;

he turned to me and / heard my cry.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders / you have done;

were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many / to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did / not desire;

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did / not require.

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me / in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, my God; your law is with- / in my heart."

*Refrain*

Do not withhold your mercy / from me, LORD;

may your love and faithfulness always pro- / tect me.

You are my help and my de- / liverer;

you are my God, do / not delay.

**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

*Colossians 2:6–15*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. <sup>9</sup>For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. <sup>10</sup>And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses.

<sup>14</sup>God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross.

<sup>15</sup>After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

<sup>29</sup>The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>John also testified, “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples.

<sup>36</sup>When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



## Hymn of the Day

## 375 Arise and Shine in Splendor



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to  
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then  
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— see, na - tions  
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the

day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.  
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.  
gath - er yon - der from sin to be set free.  
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.

A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match-less beau - ty  
To you the Lord of heav - en— your life, your hope— has  
The world has heard your sto - ry; her sons come to your  
Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out

gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
glo - ry, her daugh - ters haste your light to see.  
num - ber re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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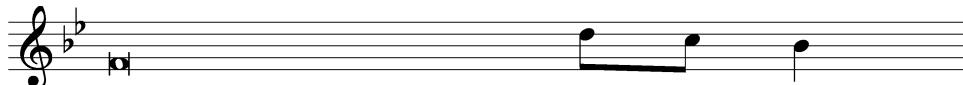
*Isaiah 49:1–6*

# “God’s Secret Weapon: Jesus, the Word of God”

Stand

## We Praise You, O God Te Deum laudamus

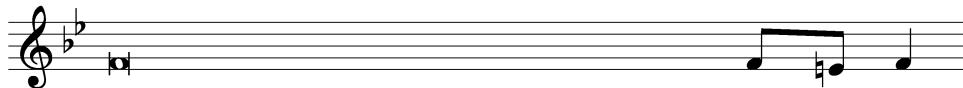
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- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



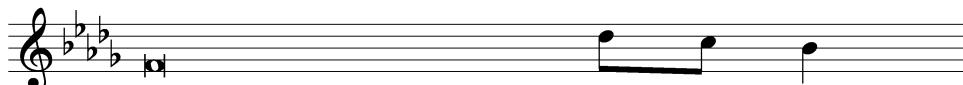
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'r's of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



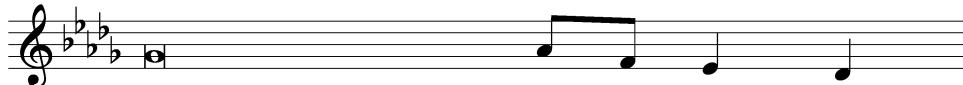
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death  
 6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believ - ers.  
 6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,

7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

### Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Prayers of intercession, and seasonal prayers may follow, concluding with the following prayer:*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

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## Closing Hymn

## 904 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, en - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray that they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold, re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more such grace with

those who sit in night; let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; en - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way; let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'wers to your fold; u - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore and end - less praise to

hear your voice and in your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed in you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part, con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 you be giv'n by all your Church in earth and heav'n.

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