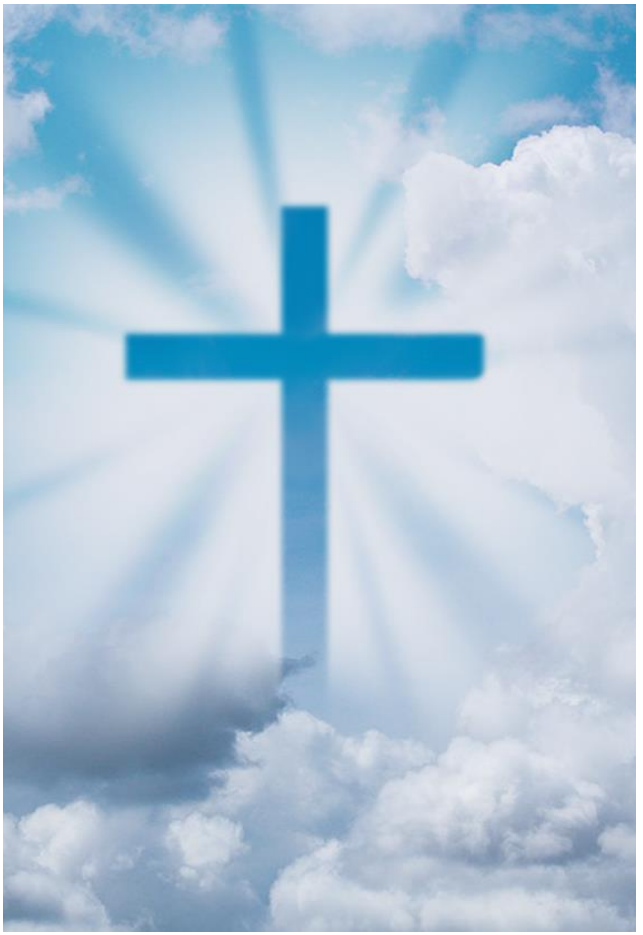


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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

A Parents' Room is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child.

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HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

The Office of Matins

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-Stand-

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: *Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.*

ALL: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: *The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

-Be seated-

Hymn • *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* *[CW93 7]*

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth, as he approaches,
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.

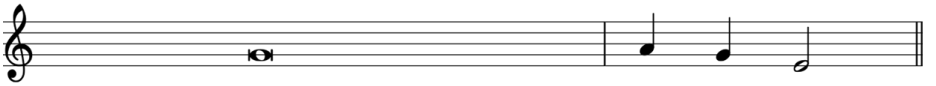
3. You saints, who here in patience
Your cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb you shall behold;
In triumph lay before him
Your shining crowns of gold.

4. Arise, Desire of nations;
O Jesus, now appear,
The Hope and Expectation
Of ev'ry Christian here.
With hearts and hands uplifted
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free.

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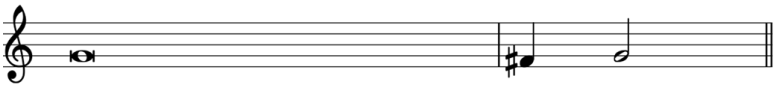
Versicles

P: *O Lord, open my lips.*



C ONGREGATION And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: *Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*



C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Gloria Patri ~ *Glory to the Father*



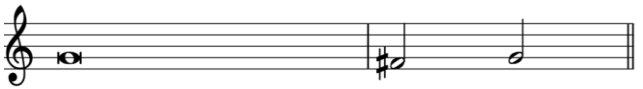
A Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



As it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be: for - ev-er-more. A - men.

Invitatory ~ *Invitation to praise God*

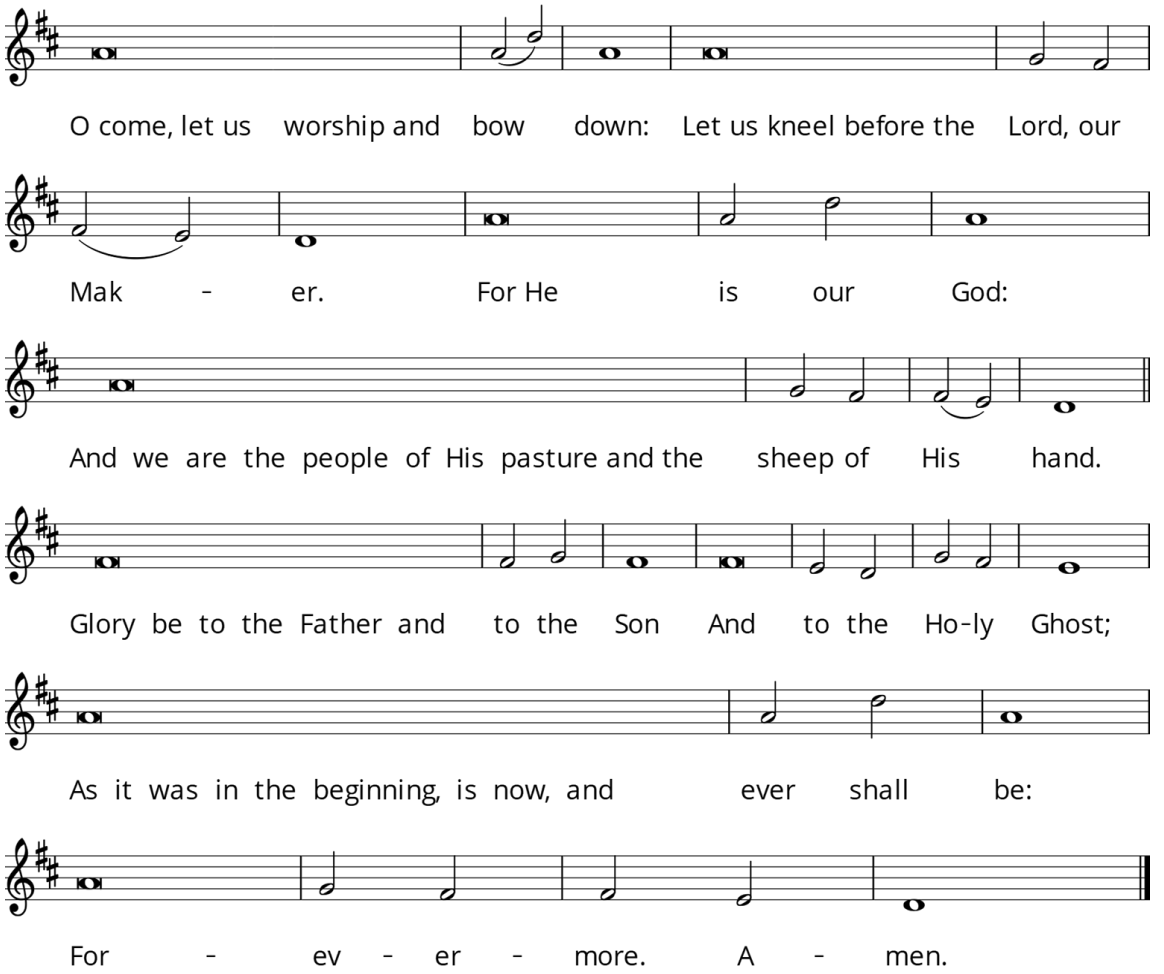
P: *O come, let us worship the Lord.*



C: For He is our Mak - er.

Venite Exultemus ~ *Come, let us exalt*





Prayer of the Day

P: *Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A: Amen.

-Be seated-

First Reading • *Isaiah 52:1-6*

The prophet cries "Awake!" to people sleepwalking through life.

Wake, awake!
Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion.
Put on your beautiful garments,
Jerusalem, you holy city,
for never again will the uncircumcised
and the unclean enter you.
2 Shake off the dust.
Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem.
Loosen the chains from your neck,
you captive daughter of Zion.

3 Yes, this is what the LORD says.
You were sold for nothing,
and you will be redeemed without money.

4 Yes, this is what the LORD God says.
In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there
for a while.
Later Assyria oppressed them without cause.

5 Now what do I have here? declares the LORD.
Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing.
Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the LORD.
My name is continually despised all day.
6 Therefore my people will know my name.
So on that day they will know that I am the one—
the one who is saying, "Here I am!"

Psalm 90 • *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* *[CW93 441]*

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home,

2. Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Second Reading • *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Be watchful for Jesus to return. Live as children of light.

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

[4] But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5] You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6] So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10] He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (NIV84)

-Stand-

Gospel • *Matthew 25:1-13*

> Those who are watching and ready for the Bridegroom will enter into the great wedding banquet.

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When
the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; [4] but the wise took
oil in their containers with their lamps. [5] While the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and fell asleep. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!' [7] Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The
foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'
[9] But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to
those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' [10] But while they were away buying oil, the
bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and
the door was shut. [11] Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' [12] But
he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' [13] Therefore, keep watch, because you do
not know the day or the hour.

Responsory

P: *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*



-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"* *[CW93 206]*

1. **"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"**
   The watchmen on the heights are crying,
   "Awake, Jerusalem arise!"
   Midnight hears the welcome voices
   And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
   "Oh, where are all you virgins wise?
   The Bridegroom comes – awake!
   Your lamps with gladness take!
   Alleluia!
   With bridal care Yourselves prepare
   To meet the Bridegroom who is near."

2. **Zion hears the watchmen singing,**
   And all her heart with joy is springing:
   She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
   For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
   The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
   Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
   "Now come, O Blessed One,
   Christ Jesus, God's own Son.
   Hail! Hosanna!
   The joyful call We answer all
   And follow to the wedding hall.

3. **Now let all the heav'ns adore you;**
   Let saints and angels sing before you
   With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
   Of one pearl each shining portal,
   Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
   We gather round your radiant throne.
   No vision ever brought, No ear has ever caught
   Such great glory; Therefore will we In victory
   Sing hymns of praise eternally.

Sermon • *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

How to Prepare for Christ's Coming

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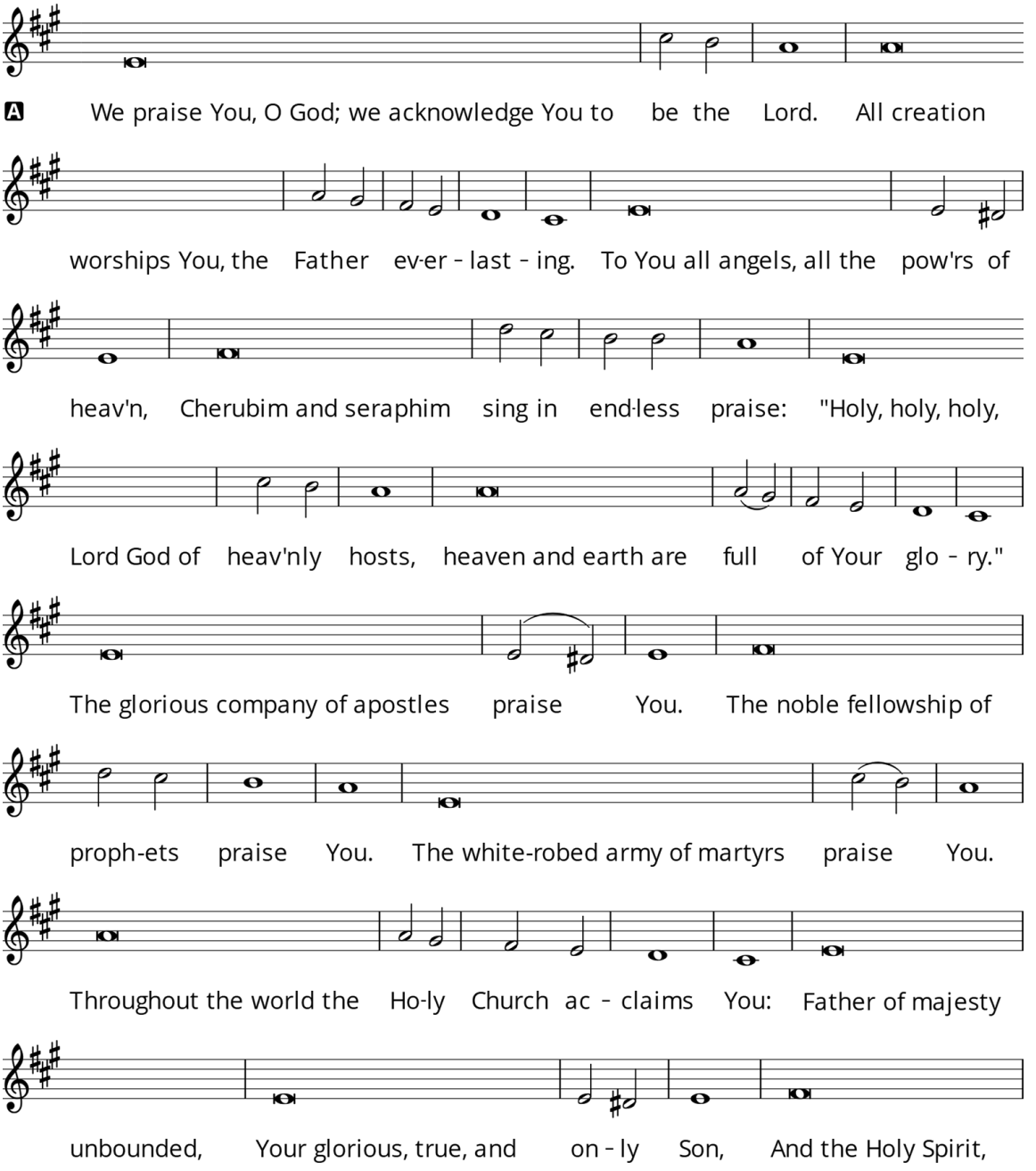
-Organ Interlude-

An offering plate is located in the entryway in the back of the church.
Offerings can be placed in the plate either before or after the service.

Please fill out the friendship register and pass it down the row. Thank you.

-Stand-

Te Deum Laudamus ~ *You, O God, We Praise*




Comfort - er and Guide. You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, The eternal Son
of the Fa - ther. When You became man to set us free,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir - gin. You overcame the sting of
death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther. We believe that
You will come to be our Judge. Come then,
Lord, and help Your peo - ple, Whom You have bought with the price of
Your own blood, And bring us with Your saints to glory ev-er - last - ing.

-Stand-

Kyrie Eleison~ *Lord Have Mercy*



Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

-Be seated-

Hymn • *"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"* *[ELH 253]*

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From thy sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken.
For the foe, Well we know,
Oft his harvest reapeth
While the Christian sleepeth.

2. Watch against the devil's snares
Lest asleep he find thee.
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind thee.
Satan's prey Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.

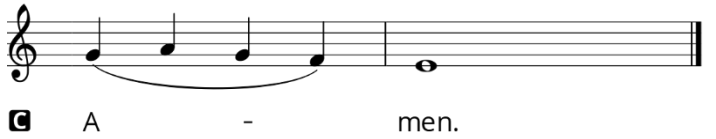
3. Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its pow'r defeat thee.
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled
She betray and cheat thee.
Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm thee
Who but seek to harm thee.

5. But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
He will free thee, be thy Stay,
Strength and faith increasing.
O Lord, bless In distress
And let nothing swerve me
From the will to serve Thee.

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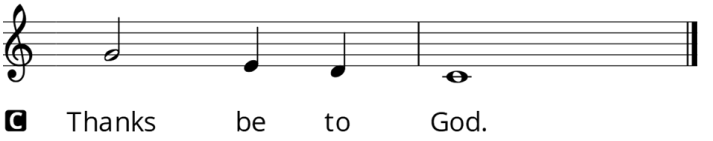
Collect ~ *Congregation's Prayer*

P: *O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



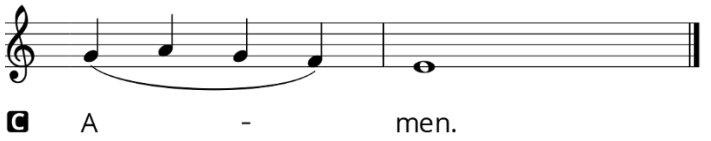
Benedicamus ~ *Call for blessing*

P: *Let us bless the Lord.*



Apostolic Benediction ~ *Final blessing for God's people*

P: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*



-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • *"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"* *[CW93 220]*

1. O'er the distant mountains breaking
Comes the redd'ning dawn of day.
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking;
Rise and sing and watch and pray.
'Tis your Savior, 'Tis your Savior,
On his bright returning way.

2. Come, O Long-Expected; weary
Waits my spirit anxiously.
Life is dark and earth is dreary
Where your light I cannot see.
O my Savior, O my Savior,
When will you return to me?

3. Nearer is my soul's salvation;
Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my humble station,
Watching for you till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior,
In your bright, your promised, land,

4. With my lamp well-trimmed and burning,
Swift to hear and slow to stray,
Watching for your glad returning,
Waiting for the blessed day.
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior,
O my Savior, quickly come!

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