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November 20, 2022
Christ the King Sunday

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

Prelude **"Thankful People, Come!"** **S.N. Dengler & L. Dengler**
(sung by The Grateful Choir)

***Gathering Words** **Linda Barbu**

*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

In ages past, God was at work,
revealing the grace and wonder of the word.
In these days, God is at work,
empowering us to create communities of justice and peace.
In the time still to come, God will be at work,
making things right and good, just as in the beginning.
Through the gloom, we see light,
and the light of our Sovereign God reveals all.
So let us come into the light, to worship in spirit and in truth.

***Opening Prayer** **Linda Barbu**

Let us pray…

Your word comes out from your holiness, O God,
teaching us the path we should go.

Lift our eyes to your way,
and move our feet too.
For your ways are higher than our gaze normally looks,
higher than we usually look.
Show us your biggest vision,
of peace and community and enough,
and inspire us to pursue it.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 649** **"Amazing Grace"** **AMAZING GRACE**
Guitarists David Schmidt and Jim Bonk

Call to Confession **Greg Barbu**

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow. So come, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God and one another...

Prayer of Confession **Greg Barbu**

Your counsel is wonderful, O God.
You guide us in your way of loving-kindness with your everlasting care,
and choose to use your power in service of peace.
We confess that we love to talk about peace, but our lives rarely reflect it.
Forgive our tendency toward destructive power.

We confess that we pray for your light to shine,
even as we prefer to keep some things in the shadows.
Forgive our part in obscuring the light of your truth.

We confess that we long for freedom from injustice,
but we are not willing to give up the burden of authority just yet.
Forgive our stubborn insistence that everyone must be like us.

Shed your light on our lives and hearts, our church and nation, this day,
that all that is hidden may be revealed, and so be healed.
Then turn us again to rejoice in your kin-dom of justice and peace.
We ask in the name of Christ who reigns now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 842 **"The Lord is My Light" (refrain)** **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

Assurance of Forgiveness **Greg Barbu**

Listen, my friends!
Just as in ages past,
God is still at work, making things right and good.

Whatever our path, or our struggle, God is not done with us.
We are forgiven. We are loved.
We are made ready to build God's reign of peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen

Musical Offering **"A Mountain Harvest"** **Traditional English Melody**
(sung by The Grateful Choir)

We offer our gifts of money, talents, time, and energy—the gifts of our lives in gratitude for God's relentless love and grace for all. These gifts represent our commitment to heed God's call and join God in God's mission of healing and transforming our world.

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 2:1-5** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
(New Revised Standard Version)

2The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

5O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 744** **"Arise, Your Light Has Come"** **FESTAL SONG**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People **Linda and Greg Barbu**

We ask through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying:

Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn No. 82** **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** **HYFRYDOL**

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude **"Nun Danket Alle Gott"** **J. Crüger & M Rinkart**
setting by J. A. Behnke

* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
* The Gathering Words and Opening Prayer were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, writing for the *Bibleworm Collaborative* following the Narrative Lectionary.

Music: Organ Tom Shaw
Guitars David Schmidt and Jim Bonk

The service continues with fellowship.



To continue to assure the safety of all, the offering plate is located on a table in the back of the sanctuary. If you are moved to support our ministry, we invite you to place your gifts in the plate.

You may also give online through our website by clicking on the "GIVE NOW" button at the bottom of the home page.

GIVE NOW

Your generosity helps us to fulfill our calling to engage in God's transformative mission in our community.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 20
- Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place

Wednesday, November 23
- NO MID-WEEK EMAIL

Thursday - Friday, November 24-25
- Office is closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
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Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
- Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place

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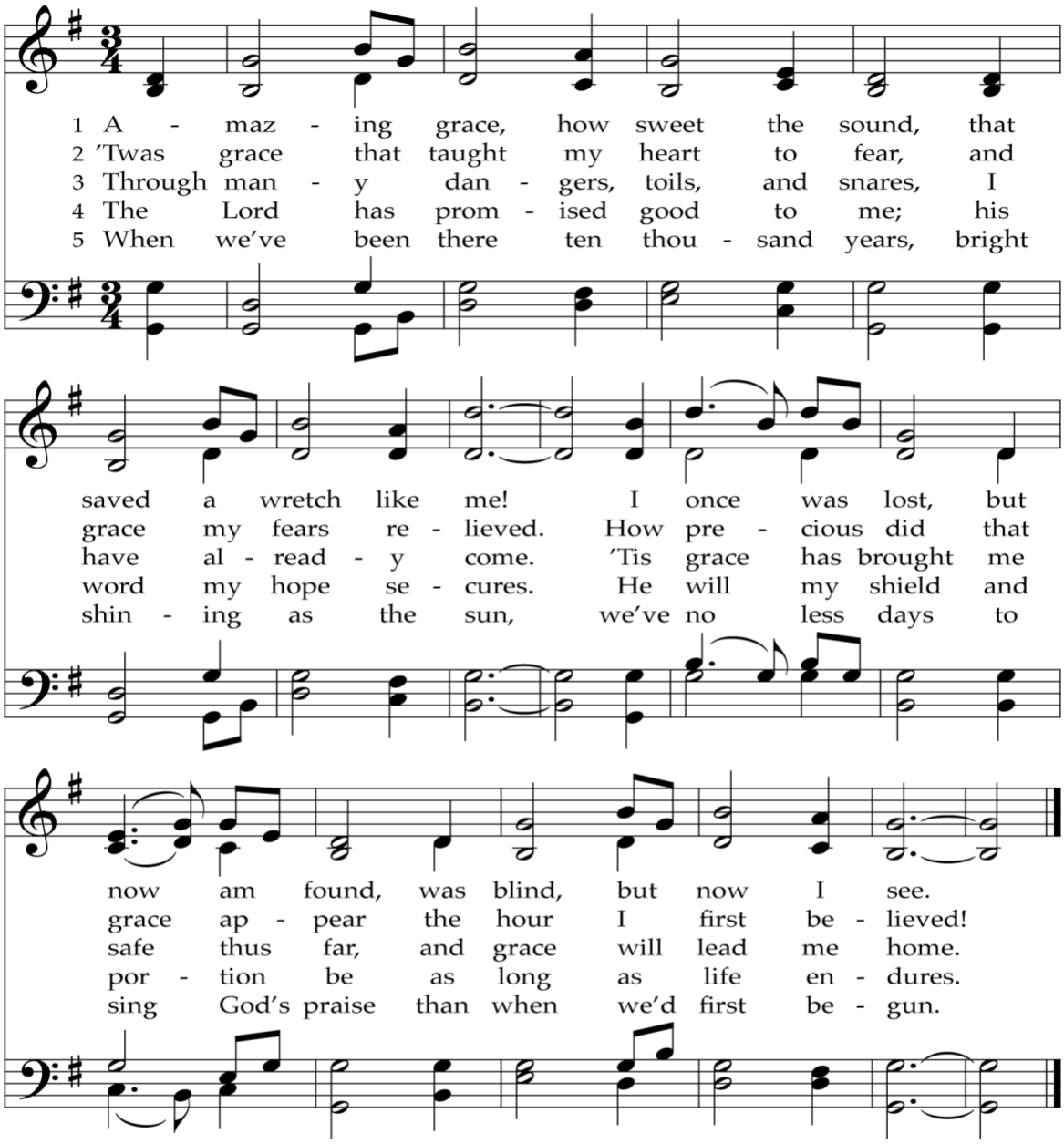
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THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



CHOCTAW

Shilombish holitopa ma!
Ishmminti pulla cha
hatak ilbusha pia ha
is pi yukpalashke.

CREEK

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
ah non ah cha pa kas
cha fee kee o funnan la kus
um e ha ta la yus.

NAVAHO

Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
yisdáshíítinigíí,
lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
shénáhoosdzin,
doo eesh'íí da ńt'éé.

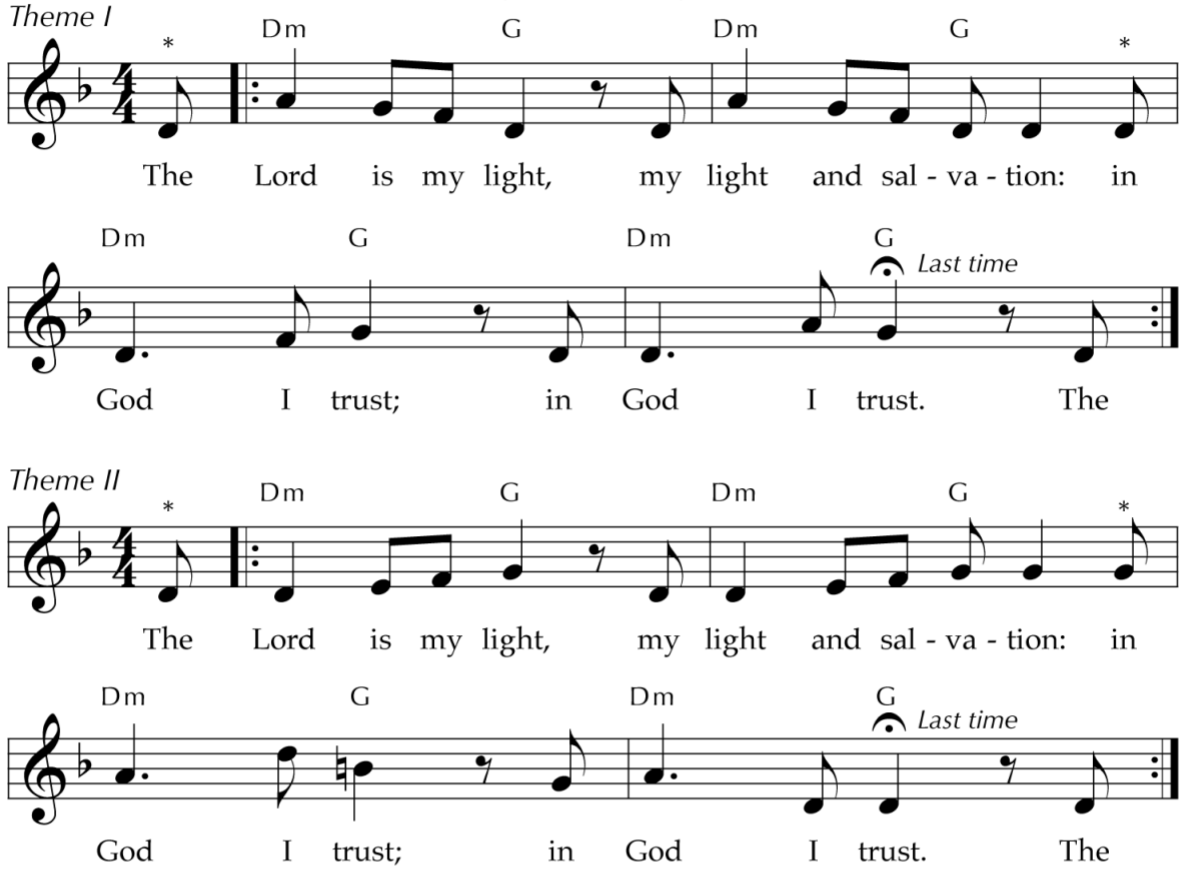
As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads,* 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony,* 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.
AMAZING GRACE
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Text Phonetic Transcr. Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw © Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

842 The Lord Is My Light

(Psalm 27)



**Each of the two themes can be sung* separately, *either in unison or as a round. The two themes can also be sung* together.

PSALM 27

Refrain

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,**
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

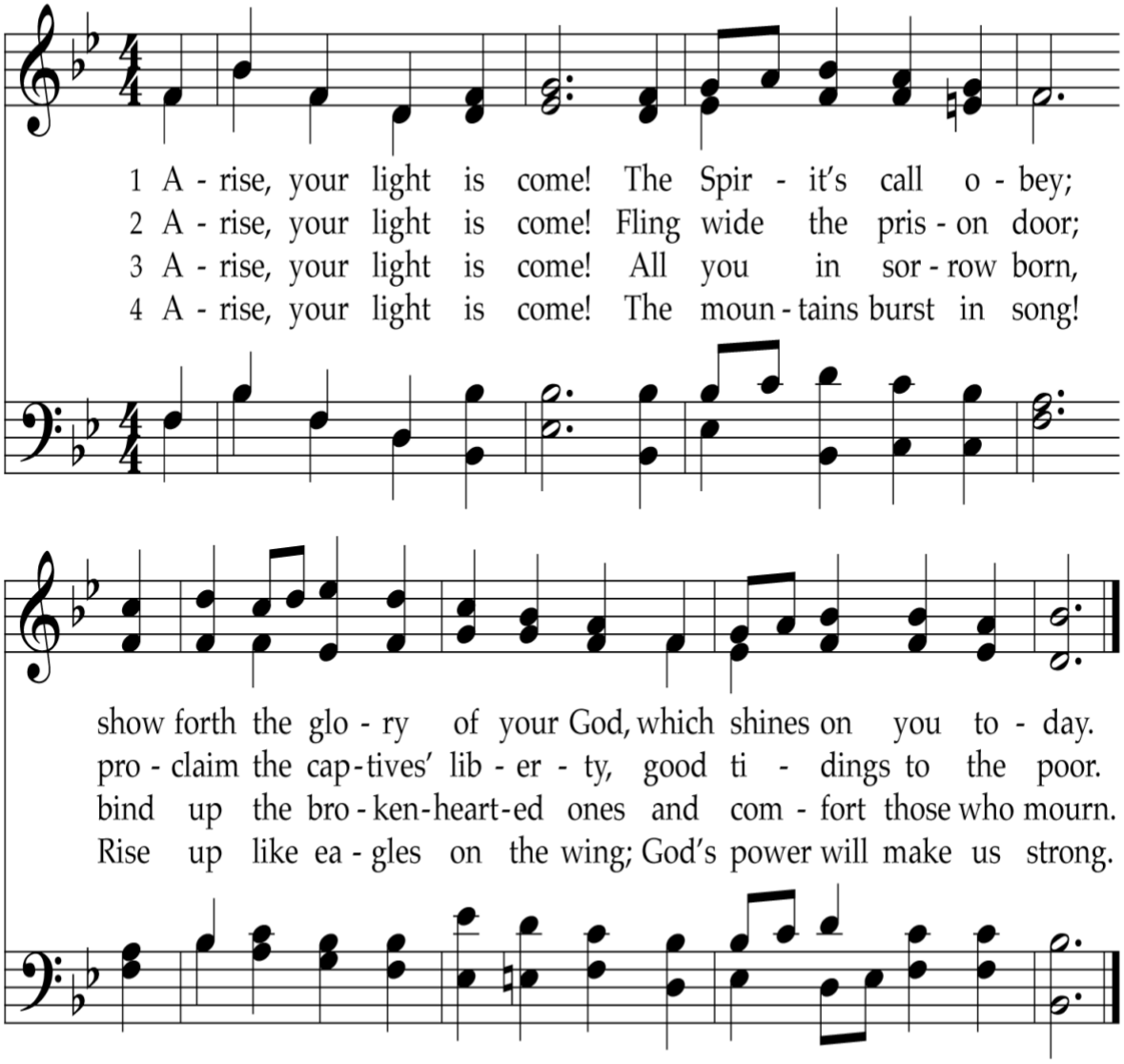
and though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in the LORD.

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

to behold the fair beauty of the LORD,
to seek God in the temple. *Refrain*

This adaptation of Psalm 27:1 from the Taizé Community provides an effective refrain for a responsive reading of the whole psalm. The two melodies can be sung either in harmony or as a round. The refrain can also be used on its own during congregational candlelighting services.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!
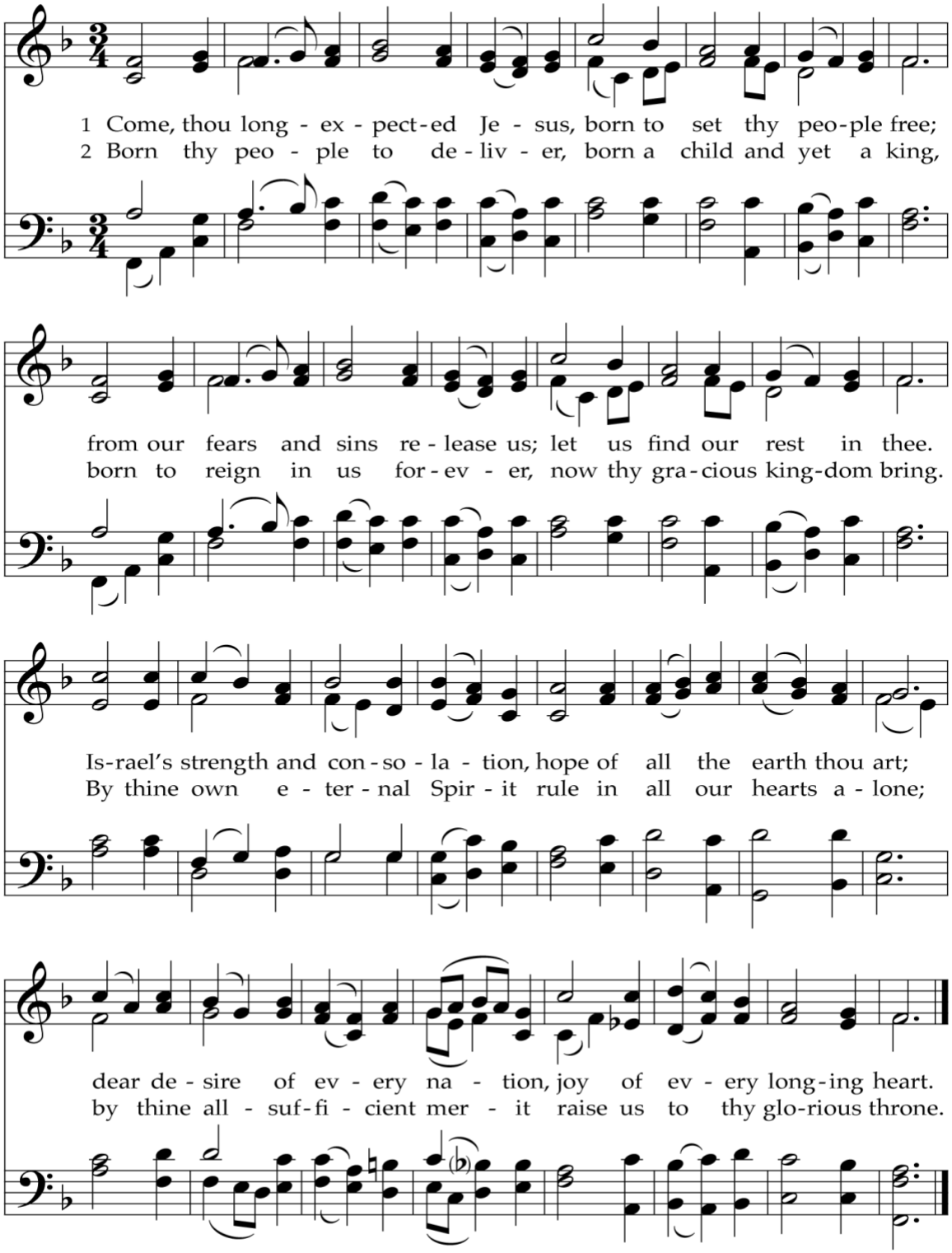


Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HYFRYDOL
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(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)