

we await your light

A Festival of Song for Epiphany

Festival-by-the-Sea
January 28, 2017
Charleston, South Carolina

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*God is our light and our salvation.
our refuge and our stronghold.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
we praise your name, O God.
For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light, we see light.
Come, let us worship;
may our mouths sing forth your praise!*

Hymn 94

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Reflection

Margaret MacKay

There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a scepter from Israel rise up.
And dash in pieces princes and nations.*

- from Numbers 24 and Psalm 2

*How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden radiance from afar
With light and comfort glowing!
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!*

- Philipp Nicolai, 16th century

The First Lesson

Burt Pardue

*The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

C. Hubert H. Parry
arr. John Ferguson

*He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred.*

*He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
Half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart.*

*He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
A voice to call us home.*

*He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving Name,
For every child of earth.*

*He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
The Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown,
Our Savior and our Lord.*

- Timothy Dudley-Smith, 20th century

Brightest and Best

from Southern Harmony
arr. Shawn Kirchner

*Hail the blessed morn, see the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger, lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean, myrrh or gold from the mine?
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

- Reginald Heber, 19th century

The Second Lesson

Lorin Leake and Justin Stillabower

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

Christopher Aspaas

*As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light.
O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, loving bright,
Till shades of fear are gone.
As the blue expectant hour before the silvering skies,
We long to see your day arise, whole and wise, whole and wise,
O lucent Morning Star.*

*As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,
May we your healing light release, living peace, living peace,
Unto your holy dawn.*

*Shine your future on this place, enlighten every guest,
That through us stream your holiness, bright and blest, bright and blest;
Come dawn, O Sun of grace. We await your light.*

- Susan Palo Cherwien, 20th century

Hymn 95

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Reflection

Margaret MacKay

This Little Light of Mine

African-American spiritual
arr. William Bradley Roberts

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,*

Walk in the Light

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT
arr. André Thomas



Walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy shine bright,



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;

"Glory to the newborn King," Jesus, the Light of the world. REFRAIN

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;

Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. REFRAIN

stanzas: Charles Wesley, 18th century

refrain: George Elderkin, 19th century

Send Out Thy Light

M. A. Balakireff

*Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, O Lord,
That they may lead me to thy holy hill.*

*My soul shall trust in God the Lord, for I will yet give thanks to God,
Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

*Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, Lord,
To thy dwelling place.*

- from Psalm 43; 19th century

Evening Prayers

Paul Sims

*Lord, we lift our voices ... **and send our songs to you.***

*And may Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
keep you in God's light and truth and love; now and forever. **Amen.***

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

please see insert

Benediction

Paul Sims

Nunc Dimittis

setting by René Clausen

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word,
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared for all people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy servant Israel. Amen.*

- from Luke 2

The Peace

Paul Sims

*May the peace of the Light of the World be with you; now and always.
And also with you.*

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John Ferguson and Hugh Floyd, clinicians

Margaret MacKay, accompanist

Micah Gangwer, violin

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

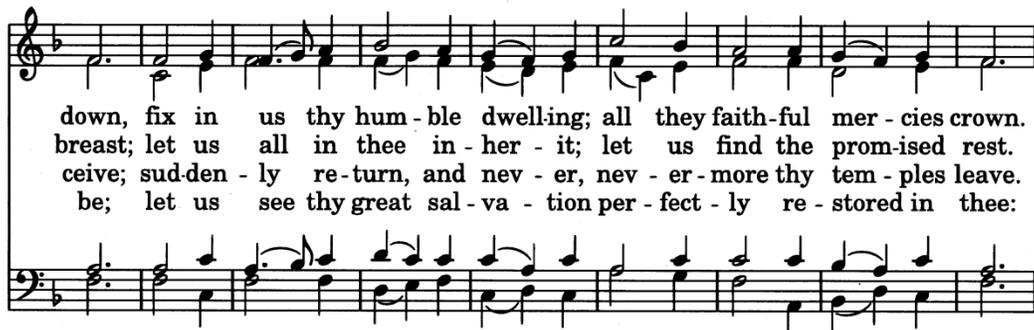
HYFRYDOL

Charles Wesley, 1747

Roland Hugh Prichard, 1831



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy life re -
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us



down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwelling; all they faith - ful mer - cies crown.
breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us find the prom - ised rest.
ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways blessing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trembling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

- stanza 1 women in unison, *gently*
- stanza 2 men in unison
- stanza 3 all in parts
- stanza 4 all in unison