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**Worship:**

- Saturday: 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*
- Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

- Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*
- Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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## **From the Pastor**

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

## **For younger children**

*Word Search: **Resurrection***

*[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]*

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

5<sup>th</sup> graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service [ - standing in respect; ⊔ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ⊞ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

## **For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism**

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

## **Adults/parents**

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

### **Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes**

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students’ schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

### **Pass It On**

#### **From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS**

*In preparation for Proper 27 – November 8, 2020*

Our society is not the first in history to be bothered by death. We have more means at our disposal to divert our attention from death, so we can try to forget about it. Make no mistake, though: death has dogged human heels down through the corridors of time.

Long ago, people encountered a lot more reminders about death than we typically do. Violence and accidents happened more often. Doctors could not do so much to combat injury or disease. Mortality rates ran higher.

No wonder that people thought a lot about death then! Some ancient authors pictured death as snatching people, grabbing them and pulling them right out of life.

In the midst of life, we are in death. Death can snatch us any time.

But the Gospel of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ says that in the midst of death, we are in life.

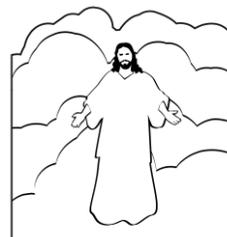
A Bible passage to be read at our church service this Sunday looks ahead to the end of this world, when “. . . the Lord Himself will descend from heaven.” This will be “with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.” Note, by the way, this passage indicating repeatedly that there will be nothing secret about Christ’s coming.

It goes on: “And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be” – now, here comes a word that means *snatch* – “caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Death snatches people, but the victorious Christ will come and snatch those who believe in Him for life, and for good. That is Good News. Believe it.

**WORSHIP FOLDER**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—**  
**PROPER 27**

Always with the Lord  
November 7 & 8, 2020



**As We Gather**

We hear today these words from the apostle Paul concerning everlasting life: “We will always be with the Lord.” Our Lord makes His presence known today in His Word and in the Lord’s Supper. You have the assurance that when Jesus returns, you will spend everlasting life in His gracious presence.

**Order of Divine Service *I LSB 151***

**Opening Hymn LSB 461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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### **Opening Sentences**

- P Make haste, O God, to deliver us!  
C **O Lord, make haste to help us!**  
P May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him!  
C **May we say evermore, "God is great!"**  
P For Christ is coming soon.  
C **Soon, He will descend from the heavens.**  
P Soon, He will raise the dead.  
C **And we will always be with the Lord.**  
P He is our help and our deliverer.  
C **O Lord, do not delay!**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

*By rising from the dead, Jesus showed that He is the Son of God and can \_\_\_\_\_ sin.*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit**

**P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**C How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!**

**P** Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!

**C For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

**P** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**C O LORD of hosts,  
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

*Where can we find a place to rest?*

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

**This Is the Feast** *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal

wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Who makes up the Church?*

**Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18–24**

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

*What does God want from us?*

**Psalm Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4**

A May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!  
May those who love Your salvation say, “God is great!”

**C May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!  
May those who love Your salvation say, “God is great!”**

A Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!  
Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!\*  
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!  
Let them turn back because of their shame who say, “Aha, Aha!”  
May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!  
May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”  
But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!  
You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**C May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!  
May those who love Your salvation say, “God is great!”**

*Who gets the praise for our salvation?*

**Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

*What do we know about those who believe in Jesus Christ and have died?*

**Alleluia and Verse LSB 156**

C **Alleluia.**  
**Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1–13**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*What do we need to do until the day when Christ returns?*

*Highlight the words and phrase that speak about the resurrection of all believers to life eternal in heaven?*

**Hymn of the Day** “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*LSB 516*

- 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 ye, ye 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, Thou Blessèd One,  
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,  
Hail! Hosanna!  
We enter all  
The wedding hall  
To eat the Supper at Thy call.
- 3 Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,  
Let saints and angels sing before Thee  
With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, joining with the choir immortal,  
We gather round Thy radiant throne.  
No eye has seen the light,  
No ear has heard the might  
Of Thy glory;  
Therefore will we  
Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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## **Sermon "We Will Always Be With the Lord" 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

### Introduction:

Children have a difficult time with separation. It takes time and encouragement for a child to be able to be apart from their parents without going through a meltdown.

Yet, the fear of being separated from our loved ones remains throughout our lives. Going off to school, going off to college or moving out for the first time, leaving friends and family as one moves to a new location, beginning a new job, having children leave the nest and thinking about the death of a spouse. All these can strike fear and sadness in our hearts.

But of them all, death seems to be the most permanent. No more talks with our loved ones. No more communications with them. No more visible contact with them in person or through facetime.

The sting of death, that is, the sin that separated us from God also separates us from each other. At times, the intensity of the sting is hard to bear. At other times, it is a simple tear rolling down our cheeks as we remember them.

Is it wrong to grieve? Now, you all have suffered the loss of a loved one. And you know that grieving is not wrong. Jesus shed tears at the gravesite of Lazarus. He grieves over the death of His servants. But like Christ and because of Christ, we are not left without hope. We do have the hope, the certainty that those of our loved ones who have departed in the faith now live with Christ and will rise on the Last Day.

### I. Our departed loved ones will rise

The Christians at Thessalonica didn't believe that the dead would rise. They believed that Christ would return soon, within days. Those who died missed out.

Imagine believing that there is no life after death. When we die, that is it. This is still believed today by many. You and I have a hard time wrapping our minds around it. What comfort do they have except to embrace this is the way nature is. You live. You die. And maybe you left the world a better place to live. How discouraging it must be to see the world around us and wonder will the world ever get better.

Paul corrected the Christians at Thessalonica. The dead will rise. This was why Christ came to earth to live, suffer, die and rise again. It was so at the resurrection of all the dead, the believers in Christ will rise to life everlasting in His presence. It is a presence that we now enjoy today.

He is the only one that we will never have to say goodbye. He is the only one who is with us constantly. He is there when we rise from the bed. He is there when we lay our heads down at night. He is with us all day and all night. We are and will always be with the Lord.

## II. We will be together again

And because of Him, we will once again be visibly present with our loved one who already been called to their heavenly home. On the day of the resurrection of all flesh, we will be gathered by Christ to join with our loved ones to enter into His presence. On that day, there will be no more separation. We will never be separated from our loved ones or our God. Not for a moment.

The sting of death will be gone. All grieving will come to an end.

Until then, we still grieve. But not like those who have no hope. We have the hope of our salvation through Christ Jesus. We have the hope of the salvation God has granted to our loved ones. We have heard their confession of faith. We have heard the promise of God that all who believe and are baptized shall be saved. We have the hope, the certainty that our good and gracious God keeps His promise. He promised a Savior for the world. He kept that promise in the person of Jesus Christ.

We have the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting for all who believe in Jesus Christ as the true Son of God and who has completed the work of our salvation.

### Conclusion:

Satan will attempt to challenge our faith in Christ and in the resurrection. He will whisper, “See, if you really believe that the dead will rise than you won’t be sad or hurting.” The Word of God repels such lies. “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. “

There is hope and certainty among the sting and hurt that comes with the death of a loved one. We know we are sinners and still suffer the sting and sadness. But we are also saints declared holy in the sight of God and know the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the resurrection to life everlasting that is to come.

This is our hope. The Lord will always be with us now and forever.

T AMEN T

### Apostles’ Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P Lord Jesus Christ, through You all things were made. You have entrusted us with the care of all creation. Embolden us to be good and faithful stewards of all that You have made until You return to dwell with us again. For until Your return, we pray,
- C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**
- P Lord Jesus, in Your incarnation and birth You deigned to dwell among us, even as an infant. Bring comfort to all those who are living through the challenges of infertility and miscarriage. Bring them Your healing, and give them wisdom as they seek to do Your will. For until Your return, we pray,
- C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**
- P Lord Jesus, in Your earthly life You suffered much at the hands of lawless men. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, or injustice, [*especially . . .*]. Heal them according to Your will. For until Your return, we pray,
- C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**
- P Lord Jesus, by Your death and resurrection, You destroyed death forever. While we look forward to the resurrection, each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with Your presence and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. For until Your return, we pray,
- C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**
- P Lord Jesus, be present in Your Church. Give us faithful pastors, teachers, musicians, administrators, and other church workers, that we walk together with You, bringing Your Gospel to all nations. For until Your return, we pray,
- C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

### **Offertory LSB 159**

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**

in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**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.**

**Hymn**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *LSB 621*

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:

“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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**Thank the Lord** *LSB 164*

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Benediction** *LSB 166*

**P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.**  
**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*LSB 515*

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 The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and suff’rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Their diadems of gold.

4           Our hope and expectation,  
              O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
              O'er this benighted sphere.  
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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