

Opening Hymn #622

*How bright appears the morning star
with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices.*

*O righteous Branch of Jesse's rod,
true Light of Light and God of God,
we, too, will lift our voices.*

*Jesus, Jesus,
holy, holy
yet most lowly,
ever near us,
great Emmanuel, swift to hear us.*

*Though circled by the hosts on high,
you looked on us with pitying eye
and saved your sinful creature;
the whole creation's head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored,
you took our very nature.*

*Amen, amen,
alleluia,
alleluia,
praise be given
evermore by earth and heaven.*

Offertory Hymn #95

O Come, Divine Messiah

*O come, divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.*

Refrain

*Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.*

*O come, Divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.*

*O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come, break the captives' fetters,
redeem the long-lost fold.*

Refrain

*You come in peace and meekness
and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness
shall we your Godhead see.*

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*Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.*

*O come, Divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits for day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.*

Communion Hymn #94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near,
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

(Repeat as needed)

Closing Hymn #100 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

*Comfort, comfort ye my people;
speak ye peace: thus says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression's load;
speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them:
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.*

*Hark! The herald's voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance.
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, the warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble
as befits Messiah's reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed and abroad,
and flesh shall we see the token
that God's Word is never broken.*