



FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Advent
Santa Lucia
Sunday, December 21, 2025
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

ELW 257 v. 1,2,3,4

- 1.O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.
- 2.O come, O Wisdom, from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.
- 3.O come, O come, O Lord of might. As to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the in could, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.
- 4.O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny, from depths of hell your people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.

Let us pray.

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen

PROCESSION

"Silent Night"

Santa Lucia and Her Court

LEGEND OF SANTA LUCIA

HYMN

"Santa Lucia"

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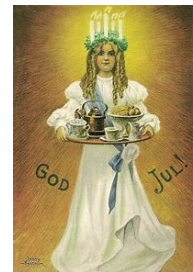
CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

Santa Lucia Court

RECESSION

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

ELW 244



HYMN

"O' Little Town of Bethlehem"

ELW 279

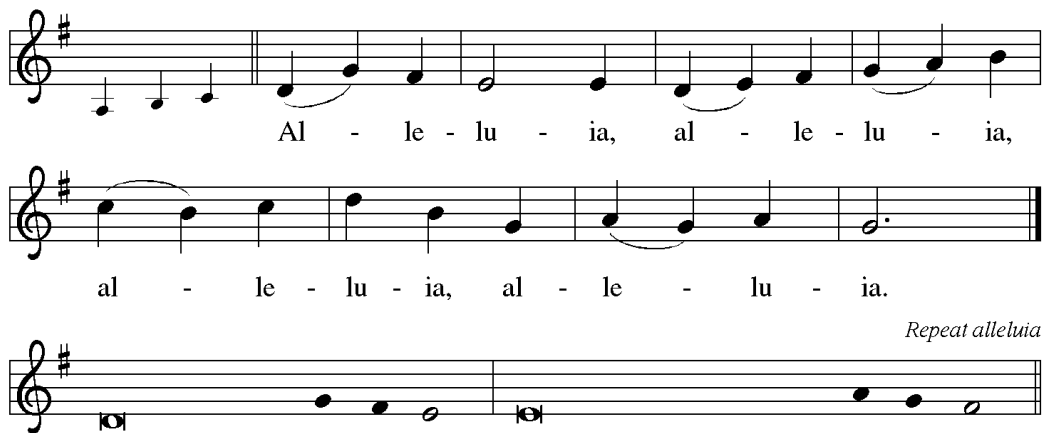
WORD**READING****Isaiah 7:10-16**

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

¹⁰ The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 1st chapter beginning at the 18th verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and

you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

ELW 283 vs. 1,4

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The Celebration of Luciadagen is complete without thoughts of service. We are inspired by the ideals of Lucia, who cared for and visited the poor, the ill, and the lonely. With this in mind, First Lutheran Youth will present the offering to those in need with the hope that someone may be helped as a result of our concern.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nourishing God,

you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SENDING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

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SENDING

Go in peace. Keep awake

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

SANTA LUCIA PARTICIPANTS:

Santa Lucia

Scarlet Leos

Santa Lucia Court:

Carmen Morelli, Carson Palmer, Beatrice Morelli, Majkin Palmer

Coordinators

Greta von Bernuth and Deacon Korra Looschen

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Reporter #1 – Sophia Bolivar

Reporter #2 – Finn Johnson

Angel – Beatrice Morelli

Mary – Brooke Campbell

Joseph – Brandon Leos

Innkeeper – Luca Bolivar

Shepherd #1 – Simone Ellenbogen

Shepherd #2 – Anders Thomas

Shepherd #3 – Laura Marks

Cow – Evelyn Gerber

Sheep – Forrest Roth

Wise Man #1 – Majkin Palmer

Wise Man #2 – Dahlia Thomas

Wise Man #3 – Carter Campbell

Guitar – Jonathan Leos

RECEPTION

Friendship Center

First Lutheran Women

Preacher/Presider

Deacon Korra Looschen

Council Hosts

Bill Campbell

Andrew Howell

Ushers

Todd Gould

Holly Keenan

Reader

Barb Mohr

Acolyte

Jonathan Leos

Pianist/Organist

Jeffrey Hartmann

Santa Lucia

Translated from Swedish
and arranged by Tamsyn Spackman

Neapolitan Song

B \flat

Night comes with
Though long may
"The dark - ness

4 F7/C F7 B \flat

hea - vy steps Through our land, call - ing.
be the night, Hope, she is bring - ing,
soon shall flee Val - leys in sha - dow,

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Piano

Pno.

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Santa Lucia

F7/C

F7

7



Sun - light,
Hear now,
Sun - light

the earth for - gets;
the maid in white,
I can fore - see,

Shad - ows are
Si - lent - ly
O - ver the

Pno.



10

B \flat C m/E \flat 

fall - ing.
wing - ing,
mead - ow,

How - ev - er
Hushed won - der
The sun will

dark the night,
in the air,
come a - gain!

Pno.



13 F7 B \flat /F B \flat

Ris - ing with can - dles bright; San - ta Lu -
Lights glow - ing in her hair,
Rise in the sky to reign!"

Pno.

16 F7 B \flat

ci - a! San - ta Lu - ci - a. How - ev - er
Hushed won - der
"The sun will

Pno.

4
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Santa Lucia

C m/E \flat F7 B \flat /F

dark the night, Ris - ing with can - dles bright,
in the air, Lights glow - ing in her hair,
come a - gain! Rise in the sky to reign!"

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Pno.

23

B \flat F7 B \flat

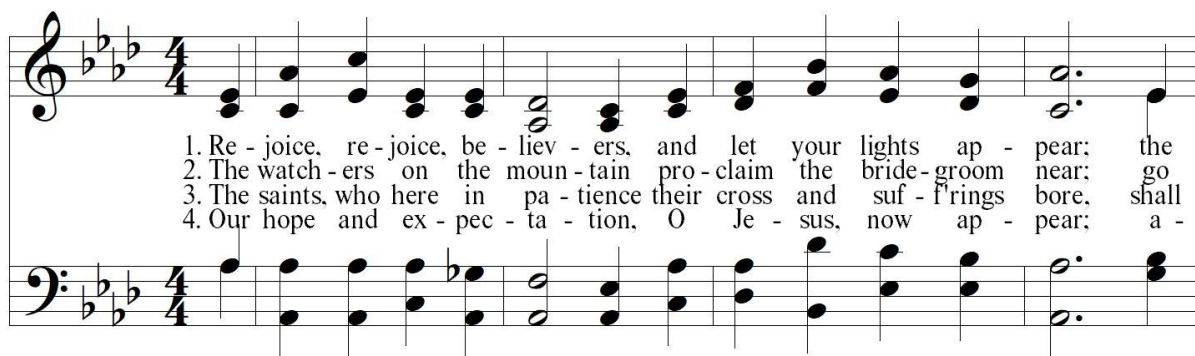
San - ta - Lu - ci - a! San - ta Lu - ci - a!

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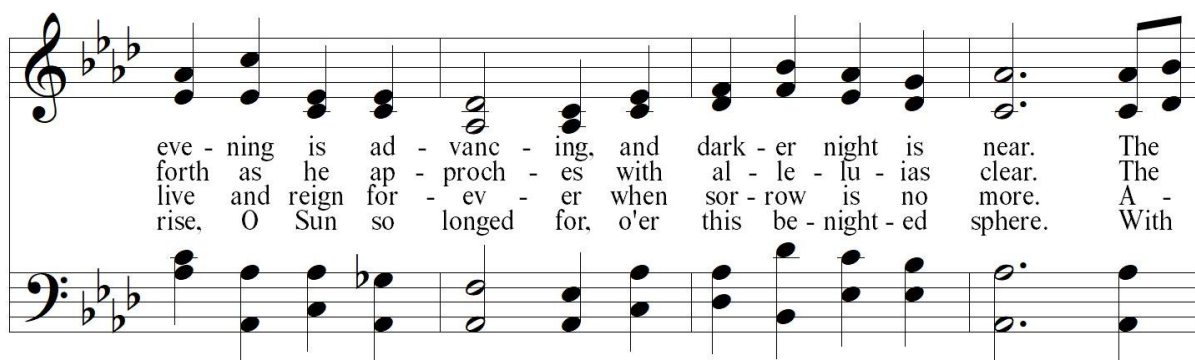
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Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

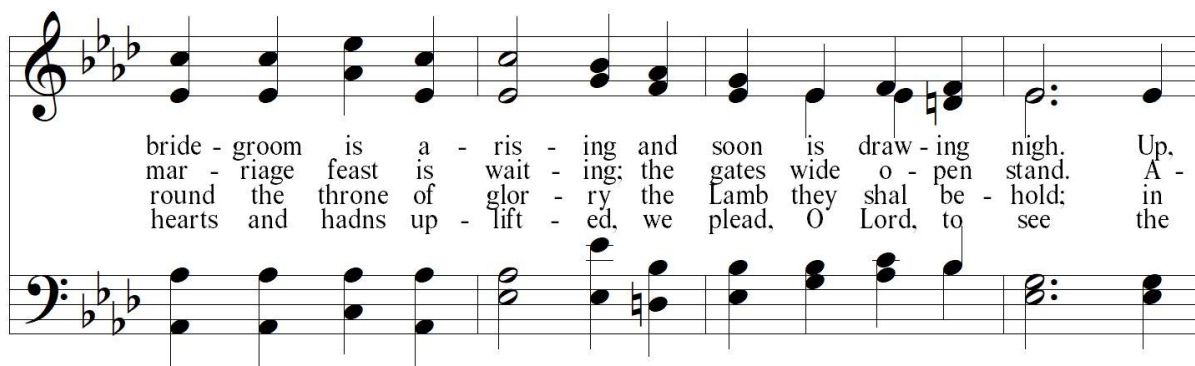
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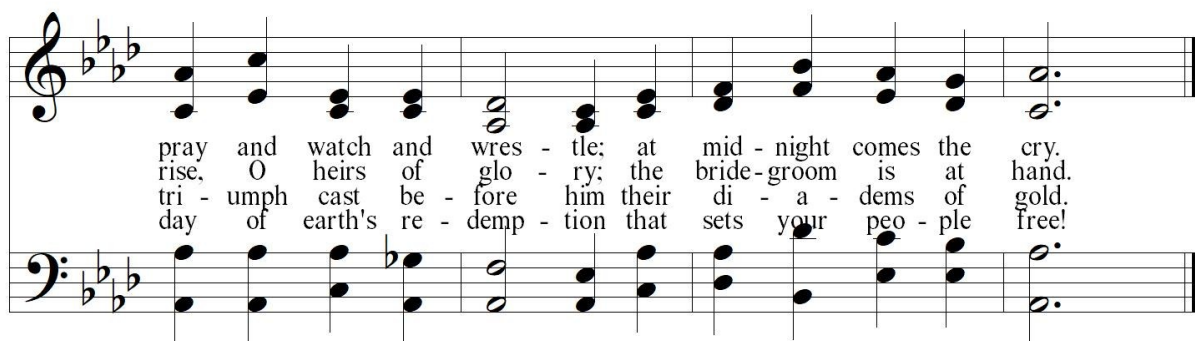
1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear: the
 2. The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near: go
 3. The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore, shall
 4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear: a -



eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. The
 forth as he ap - proch - es, with al - le - lu - ias clear. The
 live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more. A -
 rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere. With



bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
 mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand. A -
 round the throne of glor - ry the Lamb they shal be - hold; in the
 hearts and hadns up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see the

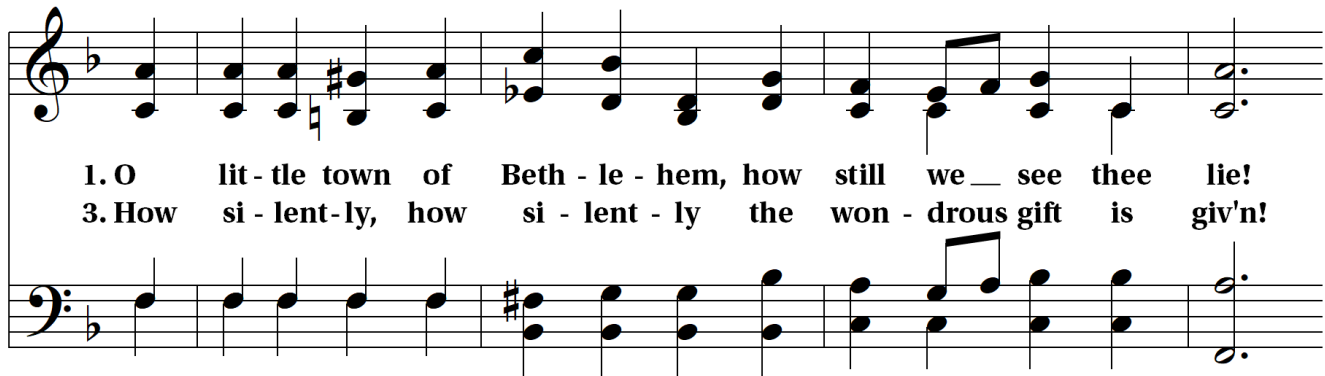


pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sara B. Findlater, 1823-1907 HAFTRONES LAMPA FARDIG
 Music: Swedish folk tune 7 6 7 6 D

O Little Town of Bethlehem

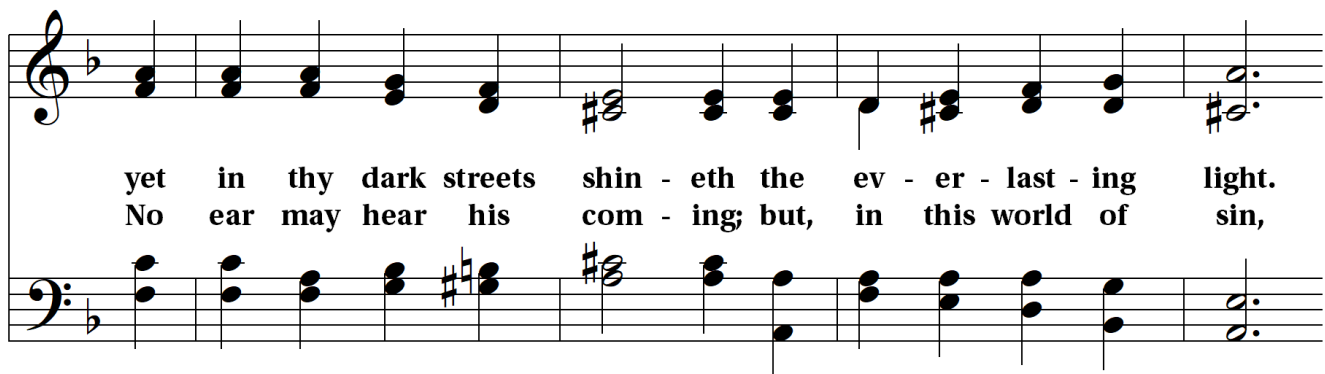
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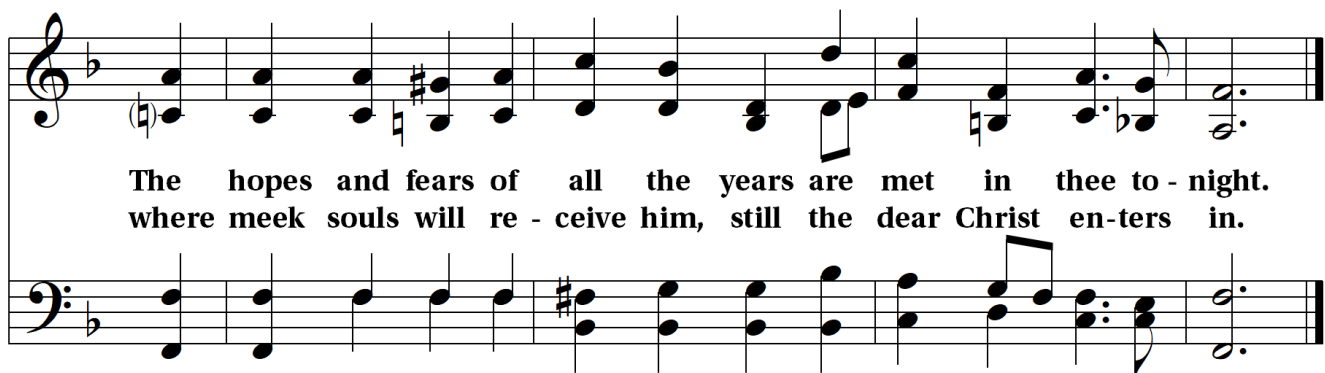
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
 Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

ST LOUIS
 8 6 8 6 7 6 8 6

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2. The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal, ____
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, ____
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; ____

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him. O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Fancis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1990, sts 1, 3-4;
 tr. unknown, st 2
 Music: attr. John Francis Wade

ADESTE FIDELES
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Joy to the World

ELW 267

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the earth with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,