

**A Real Christmas Results in Knowing the Real Jesus**

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year and helps us prepare for the coming our Savior. With family gatherings and shopping for presents, delicious food and Christmas songs, we feel the Christmas season is knocking at the door. The time to celebrate and remember the birth of the Savior is right around the corner. Let us come together this Advent and remember what his coming is really all about. A real Christmas results in knowing the real Jesus.

**Gathering Rite**  
*My Soul in Stillness Waits CW 325*

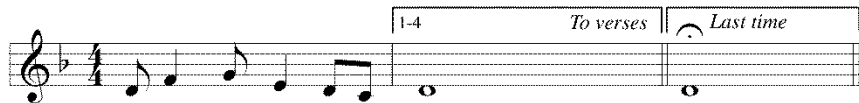
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*Refrain*

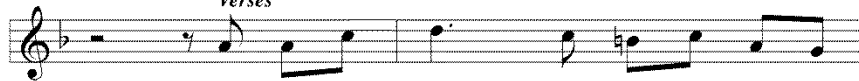


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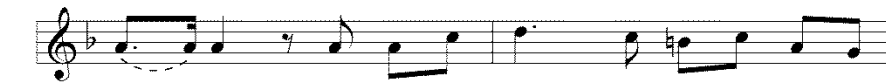


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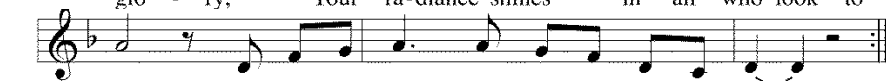
*Verses*



I O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of



glo - ry, Your ra-diance shines in all who look to



you. Come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha-dow.

**M:** We wait in hope for the LORD ; he is our help and our shield.

**C:** **In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**

**M:** May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you  
(Ps 33:20-23)

*Refrain*



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.



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**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and  
**Go**  
with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions**

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
(Ps 51:1-2; 32:1)

M: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

M: I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. (Ps 130:3-5)

*Refrain*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,

and in your ad - vent draw us all to you, our hope re -

born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.

M: I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

C: **Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

M: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. (Ps 130:6-8)

M: My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me

C: **But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.**

M: Israel, put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore. (Ps 131)

*Refrain*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

**M:** We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the light of the world. He came to cast out the prince of darkness.

**C:** **We remember Jesus who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

**M:** We hear his call to see the light.

**C:** **We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.**

**M:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**C:** **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*Three Advent candles are lit.*



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

My Soul in Stillness Waits

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*Be seated*

## Part One

## Jesus was there in the Beginning

### Reading

### John 1:1-5, 9-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Congregation

## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You CW 324:1



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light.



O Je - sus, let your Word be a lamp to light my way,



to show me how to please you, to guide me ev - 'ry day.

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## *Light of the World*

## Junior Choir

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God,  
And the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory,  
The glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world! The light no darkness can overcome!

What came to being in Him was life and the life was the light of all,  
Shining in darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory,  
The glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world! The light no darkness can overcome!  
This is the true light shining on all coming into the world.  
And from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory,  
The glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world! The light no darkness can overcome!

By Jack Noble White 1976 Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.  
By Gerald Patrick Coleman 2006 Concordia Publishing

*Accompanist Carlissa Heling*  
*Flute Audra Wittig*

**Reading**

**Philippians 2:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross! (NIV)

**Congregation**

**O Lord, How Shall I Meet You CW 324:2**

2 Love caused your incarnation;  
love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
procured my liberty.

Oh, love beyond all telling  
that led you to embrace  
in love, all love excelling,  
our lost and fallen race!

**Come As King!**

**Choir**

Come, O come, holy One, come, descend on wings of love.  
Come and set all Your captive people free.  
Come as warmth, come as light breaking through the clouds of night.  
Come as truth, come as life, come as King!  
Come with grace, come in peace, come to save and to redeem.  
Come in power, come in splendor, come in glory, come as King!

As a child, as a lamb, come to bless our land.  
Come with healing in Your mighty wing.  
Come as brother and friend. Come, the poorest to defend.  
Come as Savior and Lord, come as King!  
Come with grace, come in peace, come to save and to redeem.  
Come in power, come in splendor, come in glory, come as King!

## *Heart of the Father*

**Choir**

Innocent baby, quietly lay, this holy child born one glorious day,  
Into this chaos to heal and forgive, to walk among us and live.  
Angels attended, shepherds bowed down,  
one brilliant star shone on Bethlehem town.  
Piercing the darkness, this heavenly sight,  
Light of the world born tonight.

Heart of the Father, in this tiny one, promise of eternity.  
Gift of salvation through Jesus the Son, from the manger to Calvary.

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping.  
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Such love confounds us, who can understand why  
This little stranger was sent here to die?  
His life for sinners He willingly gave, for by His grace we are saved.

Heart of the Father, in this tiny one, promise of eternity.  
Gift of salvation through Jesus the Son, from the manger to Calvary.  
This Babe, the Son of God.

By Tina English  
2004 Hal Leonard

*Accompanist*  
*Beverly Leiterman*

## **Part Three**

## **Jesus the Great *I Am* is with us**

### ***Reading***

### ***John 14:1-9***

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. (NIV)

### ***Mary, Did You Know?***

**Choir**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;  
the lame will leap, the mute will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding, is the great, the great "I AM!"

By Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene  
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### ***Emmanuel's Cradle Song***

**Choir**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the night sky look down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Oh, Emmanuel! God with us this day!  
On this holy, silent night  
You have come to save.  
Oh, Emmanuel! Rule our lives we pray.  
The Word of God made flesh will mend our hearts this Christmas day.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Oh, Emmanuel! God with us this day!  
 On this holy, silent night  
 You have come to save.  
 Oh, Emmanuel! Rule our lives we pray.  
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The stars in the night sky look down where He lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

By Bryan Sharpe  
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*Accompanist*  
*Beverly Leiterman*

**Congregation**      *He Whose Praise the Shepherds Sounded CW 351:3-4*

3 Join in Mar - y's ju - bi - la - tion! An - gels,  
 4 Sing through - out the sanc - tu - ar - y: Christ the

in their heav'n - ly sta - tion, hail the birth that brings sal -  
 King is born of Mar - y, God and man, our sins to

va - tion. Oh, how sweet their ho - ly song!  
 car - ry. Thanks and praise to him be - long!

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**Offering**

*Stand*

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**Prayer**

**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.**



**Part Four**

**Jesus is the Savior we need**

**Reading**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this. (NIV)

### ***Congregation***

3 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,  
who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn o'er joys departed  
and tremble at your doom.  
Despair not; he is near you,  
he's standing at the door  
who best can help and cheer you  
and bids you weep no more.

### ***O Lord, How Shall I Meet You CW 324:3-4***

4 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
let not your souls distress;  
your guilt the Lord will pardon  
and cover by his grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
the peace of sin forgiv'n,  
his children thus securing  
eternal life in heav'n.

### ***Who is He in Yonder Stall***

### **Joint Choir**

Who is He in yonder stall at whose feet the shepherds fall?  
'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord, the King of glory.  
At His feet we humbly fall, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Lo, at midnight who is He prays in dark Gethsemane?  
'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord, the King of glory.  
At His feet we humbly fall, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Who is He in Calvary's throes asks for blessings on His foes?  
'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord, the King of glory.  
At His feet we humbly fall, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Who is He who from the grave comes to heal and help and save?  
'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord, the King of glory.  
At His feet we humbly fall, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Who is He that from yon throne rules the world of light alone?  
'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord, the King of glory.  
At His feet we humbly fall, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

By Stephen Decesare  
2015 [exsultetmusic.com](http://exsultetmusic.com)

*Accompanist*  
*Sarah Ihlenfeldt*

### ***This Child***

**Choir**

This Child, sent from heaven, this Child, Emmanuel,  
This Child, He is with us, among us to dwell.  
This Child, Son of heaven, this Child, Prince of Peace;  
This Child, born of Mary, the angels would sing!  
This Child is Jesus! He's the Son of the living God!  
Born a Child, a King, with light to all He brings,  
This Child, the Lord of all!

This Child, our Savior, This Child is born a King.  
This Child, our Redeemer, His praises we sing!  
This Child is Jesus! He's the Son of the living God!  
Born a Child, a King, with light to all He brings,  
This Child, the Lord of all!

By Mary McDonald  
2013 Lorenz Publishing Company



### **Benediction**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice CW 363:1,4



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, now raise to heav'n our voice;  
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground,



he from whom joy stream - eth poor in a man - ger lies;  
where the an - gels sing - ing with all his saints u - nite,



not so bright - ly beam - eth the sun in yon - der skies.  
sweet - est prais - es bring - ing in heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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## Music by the Church Band

### Preservice Music

O Christmas Carols

Hallelujah, It's Christmas

The First Noel

Greensleeves

Come to the Manger

### Musical Offering

Listen to the Season

### Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Thank you to all the musicians, singers, accompanists, directors, and others who spent many hours preparing this Advent/Christmas Concert. Thank you for using your gifts and talents to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus!*