

Peacham Congregational Church

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We are an Open and Affirming Church

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

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Processional Hymn 155 Once in Royal David's City (vocalists 1-2, congregation verse 3)

Welcome and Opening Reflection

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Opening Scripture

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. – Isaiah 9:2

Response

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Opening Hymn 153 What Child Is This?

Scripture

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken. – Isaiah 9:3-4

Response

**God our Savior: Meet us in this time and place;
focus our hearts on your love, feed the hungry
places of our souls, release us from all that resists
your grace, and renew our bodies to serve your
world. Amen.**

Piano Solo Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – Bruce Westcott

Scripture

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – Isaiah 9:6

Response

**God with us,
kindle your spark within us,
that together we may shine forth your light,
we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle.**

Hymn 114 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verses 1 and 4

Scripture

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, he gave power to become children of God. – John 1:9-12

Response

**Emmanuel is in this world,
God is with us, now and evermore. Amen.**

Hymn 132 O Come All Ye Faithful, verses 1-3

Meditation ¹

Redemption is the journey of being reconnected to the light of God within. It is a journey home that takes us through what seems like unknown land. ... Redemption is not the bringing of light to a creation that is essentially dark, but rather the liberating of light from the heart of life. –J. Philip Newell
Where do we thirst for the light of redemption today? How will we offer that light to others who thirst?

Vocalists O Holy Night – Ellie Blachly & Ruth Meteer

Scripture

Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace.... He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. – Isaiah 9:7

Response

**We have waited for a long time
for your hope, your joy, your love
to shine in the darkness of this world, Almighty God.**

**Even now, in our gathering here, we await you.
In our hearts, we still hope that your light will blaze forth,
banishing the shadows of this world
and guiding all people back to you.**

¹ *Daily Prayer for All Seasons* (p15), Church Publishing, New York (2014).

Prayers of the People

Holy One, healer of the world,
Shed your light upon this world.
Holy One, healer of brokenness,
Make us bold to share your light with others.
Holy One, healer of the world, we offer
our prayers silently or aloud:

(prayers are shared)

**Lead us to wholeness
And make us shine with your light of healing love.**

Lord's Prayer²

**Our Father,
Perfect Love,
We turn again to You.
Guide us;
help us to love,
so that Your Will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day
that which we need.
Fill us with hope and trust.
Help us to forgive
our brothers and sisters
(and ourselves as well);
and to look on them
as you look on us.
Give us strength to resist temptation.
When we are tempted, let us choose peace.
Deliver us from our fears.
For what You love is safe.
And Your love remains
forever and always.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn 7 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Response

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

² Peter Parr, featured in the book [The Kindness of Presence](#).

Information about Peacham Congregational Church

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor.....Nicole Klosterman (802)-227-4956

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Please contact Nicole to schedule a visit or call.

Mon - availability varies

Tues 11 am - 2:30 pm

Weds - unavailable

Thurs - availability varies

Fri 9-11 am

Here is a link to schedule a pastoral care visit with

Nicole: <https://calendly.com/peachamchurchpastor/30min>

Email: peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com for general inquiries

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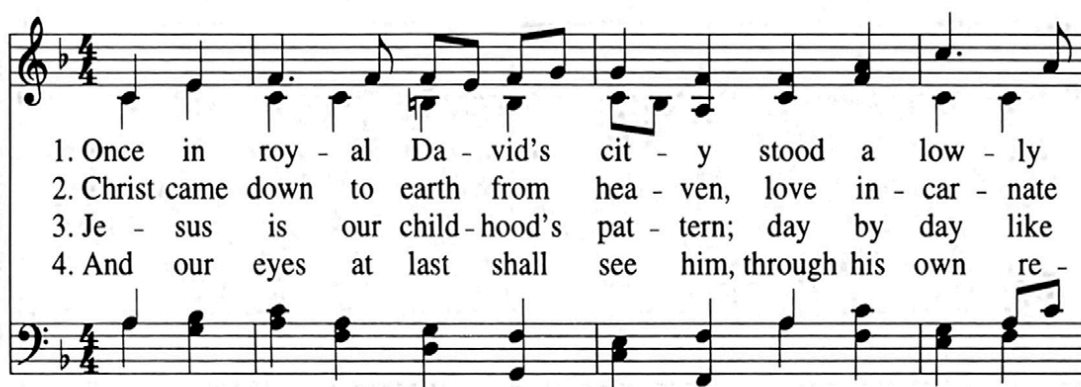
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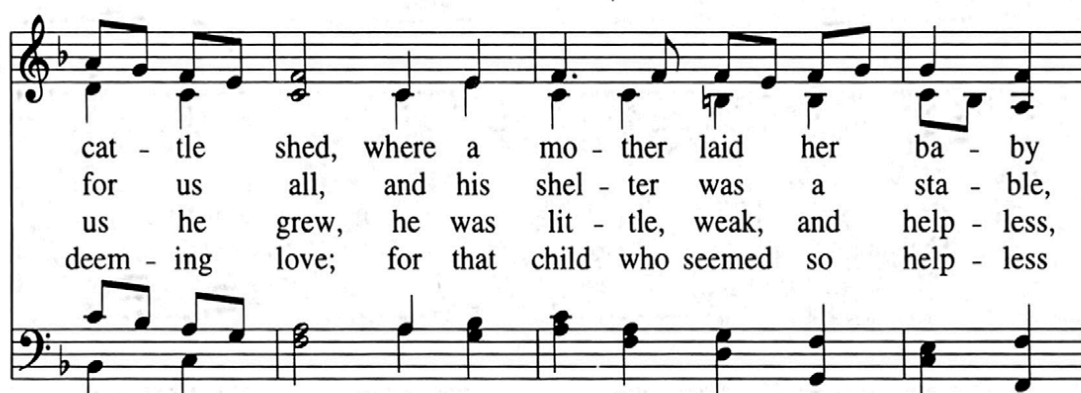
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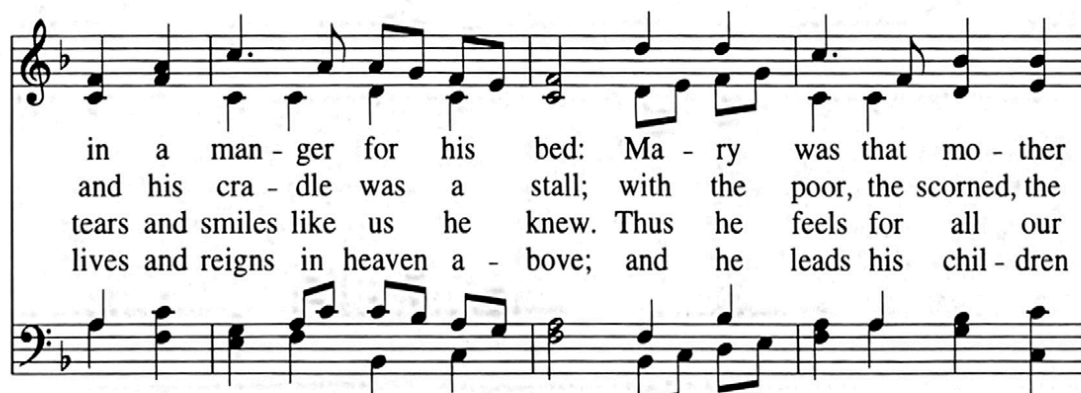
Once in Royal David's City



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2. Christ came down to earth from hea - ven, love in - car - nate
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -



cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her ba - by
 for us all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us he grew, he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,
 deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so help - less



in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther
 and his cra - dle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the
 tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our
 lives and reigns in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren



mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, alt.

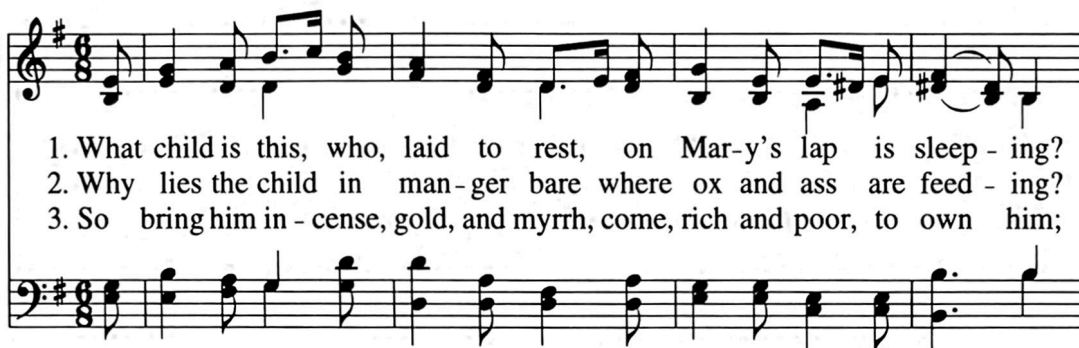
MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur H. Mann, 1919

Gauntlett was a lawyer for fifteen years until organ playing
 and hymn composing overwhelmed him. He may have
 composed more than a thousand hymn tunes!

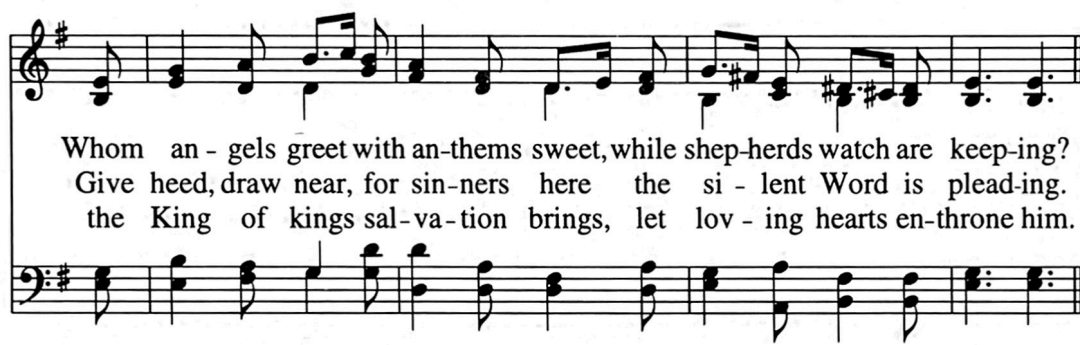
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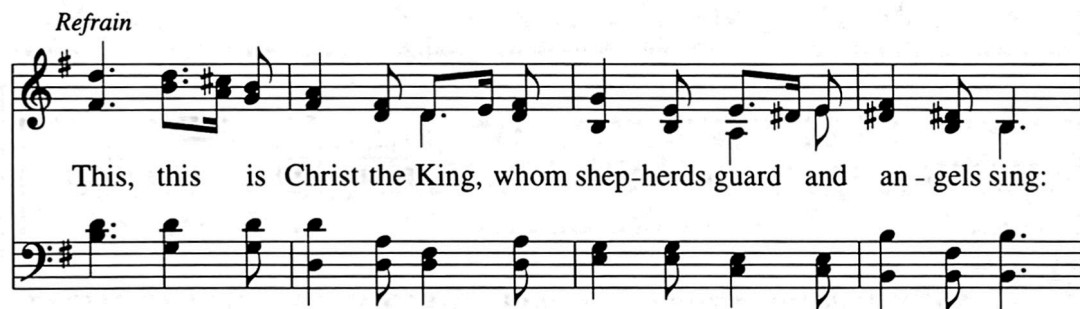


1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies the child in man-ger bare where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him;

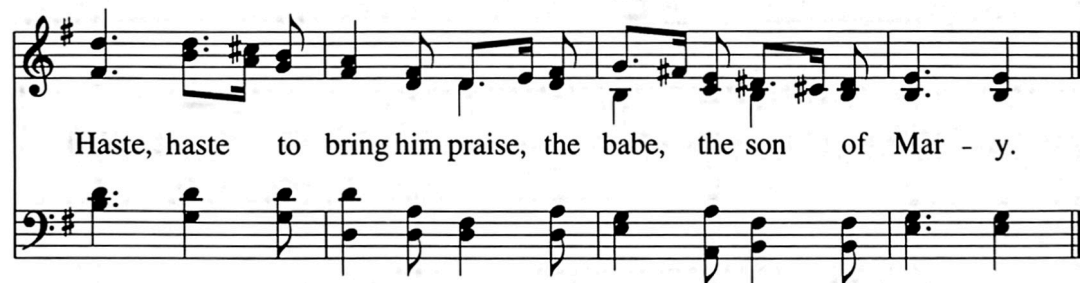


Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Give heed, draw near, for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 the King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring him praise, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

WORDS: William C. Dix, c. 1865, alt.; st. 2, *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody, 16th century

GREENSLEEVES
 87.87 w. refrain

(For author William Dix see 'As with Gladness.') GREENSLEEVES,
 a popular English ballad tune, was first sung to a love-song text.

St. 2 alt. © 1993 The Pilgrim Press

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Unison

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 3. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain (Harmony)

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

WORDS: Latin: c. 9th century; sts. 1,2, tr. John M. Neale, 1851; sts. 3,4, tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1916 VENI EMMANUEL
 MUSIC: French melody, 15th century, arr., harm. Thomas Helmore, 1854 LM w. refrain

Anglican Oxford Movement Neale translated this hymn which originated in the seven Great 'O' antiphons that were traditional for vespers during Advent. The refrain was added in the 13th century.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
 (1.) A - des - te fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes;

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 we would em - brace thee with love and awe;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;
 ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Word of the E - ter - nal, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
 Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

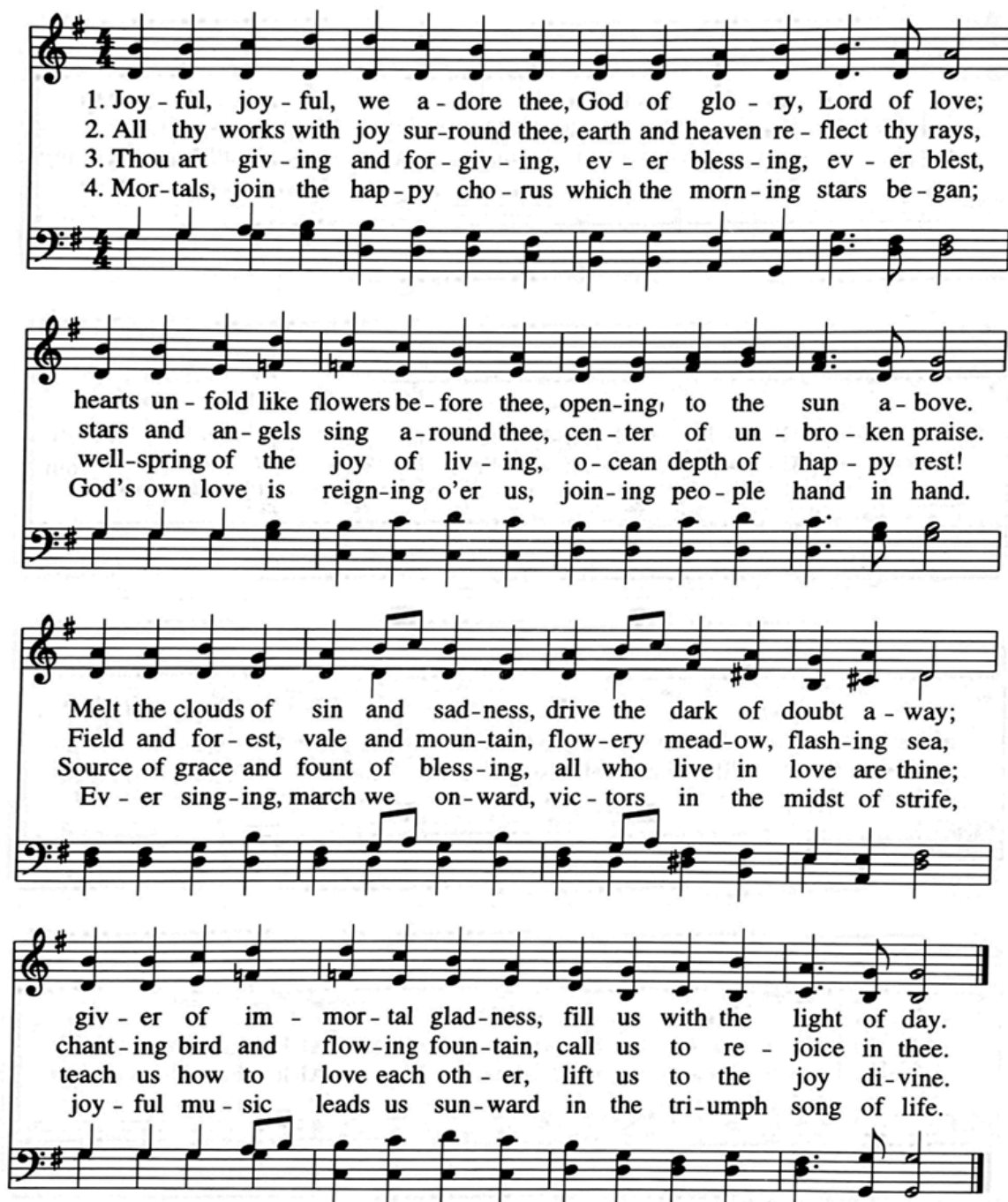
WORDS: Latin: John Francis Wade, 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others, alt.
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, c. 1743

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irr. w. refrain

Though the translation of this Latin hymn by John Francis Wade is primarily that of the Oxford Movement's Frederick Oakeley, over sixteen different translations have been used in hymnals.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open-ing, to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 God's own love is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing peo - ple hand in hand.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Source of grace and fount of bless-ing, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

Henry van Dyke was ordained a Congregational minister, but his varied life included teaching and writing at Princeton and a critical 1913-1916 ambassadorship to Luxembourg and The Netherlands.

HYMN TO JOY
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PRAISE TO GOD