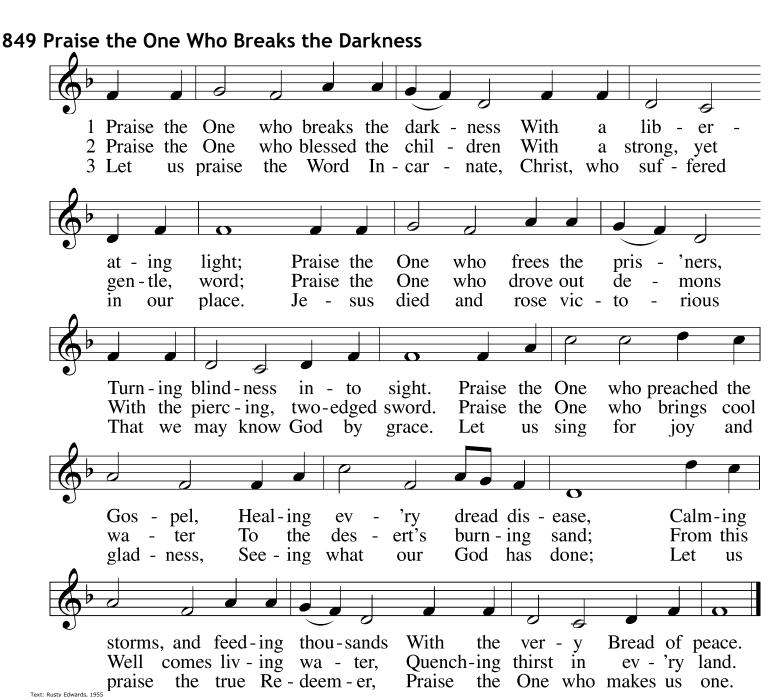
Fourth Sunday In Advent

December 22, 2024

When you leave worship today please take all items from your pew, with you. Tear out the filled-out page in the red Fellowship Book and hand it to the usher. ~~ Thank you.

Confession and Absolution



Text: Rusty Edwards, 1955
Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia
Text: © 1987 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004310
Tune: Public domain

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

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

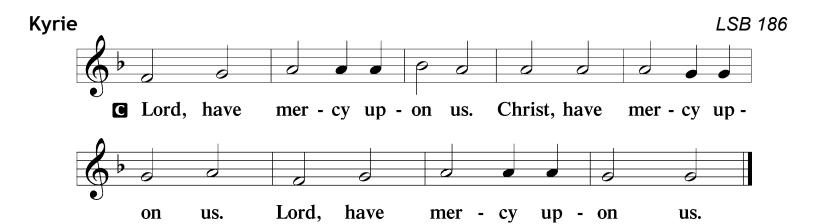
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47

- P My soul magnifies the Lord,
- and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- P My mouth derides my enemies,
- **©** because I rejoice in your salvation.
- **P** There is none holy like the LORD;
- there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
- P The barren has borne seven,
- **©** but she who has many children is forlorn.
- P The LORD kills and brings to life;
- he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- P The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
- G he brings low and he exalts.
 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 My soul magnifies the Lord,
- and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P Let us pray.
- Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he shall be their peace.

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

Epistle Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book."

⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

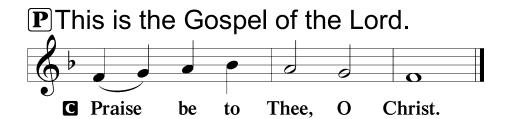


Holy Gospel Luke 1:39–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."



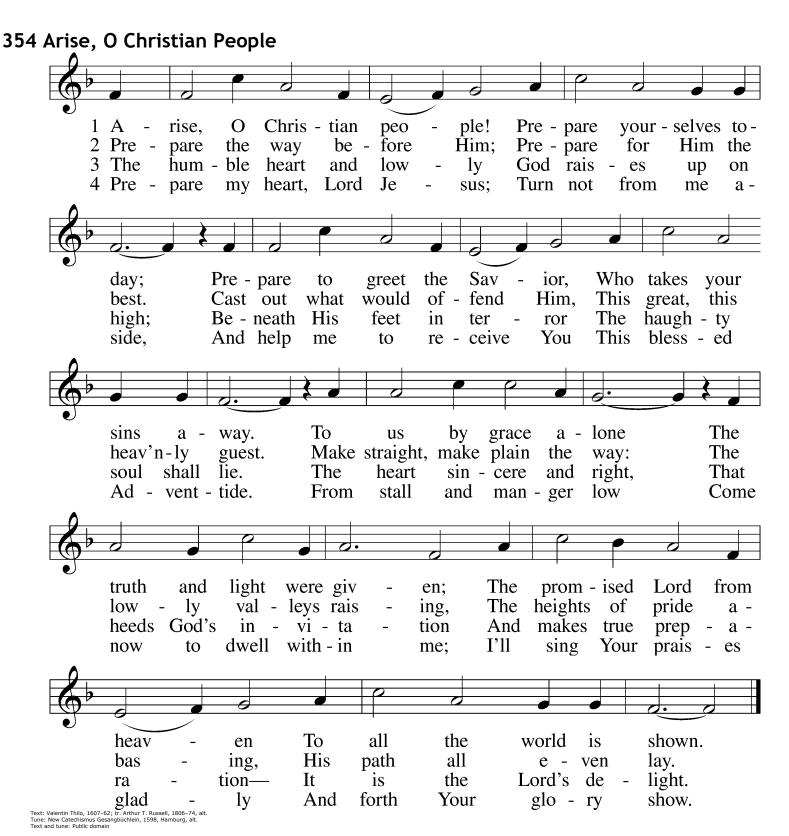
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

everlasting. Amen.

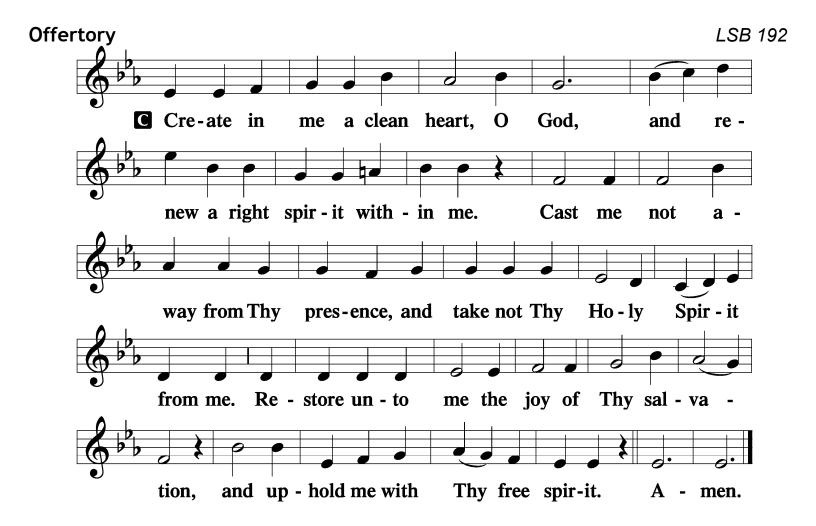


Sermon

Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

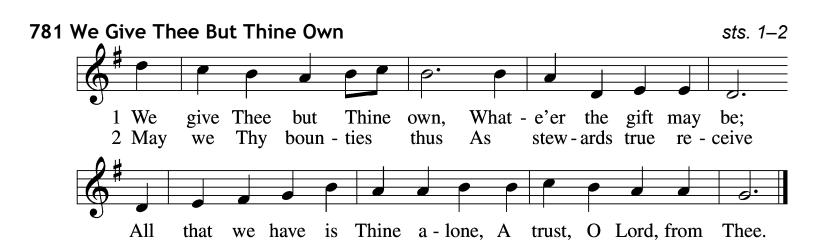
Stand



Sit

Offering

~~ drop your offering in the box in the narthex, mail it, use the link on the church website or the Vanco app.



To Thee our first-fruits

give!

as Thou bless - est us,

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-8 Text and tune: Public domain

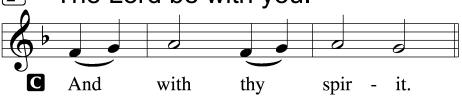
Stand

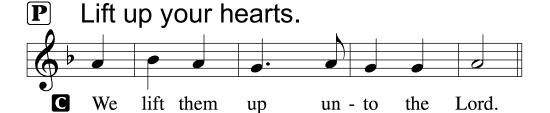
Prayer of the Church

glad - ly,

Service of the Sacrament





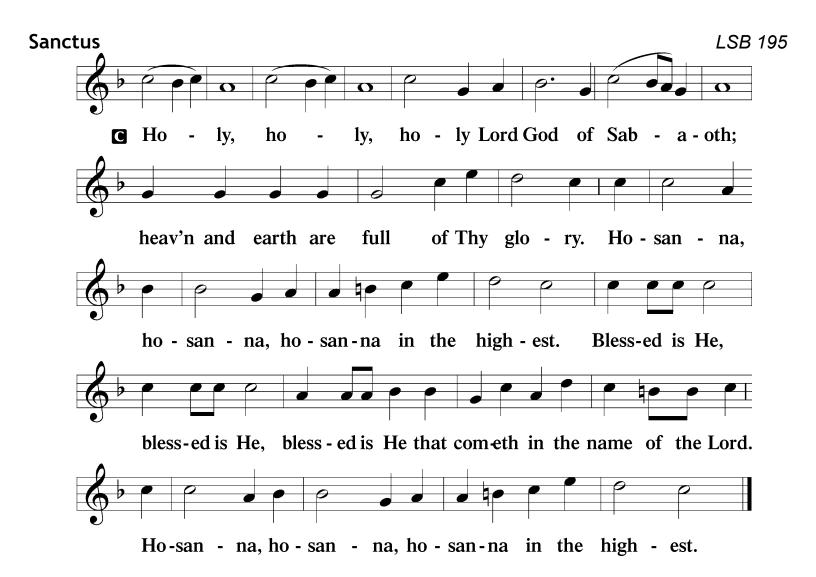






Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

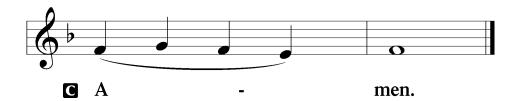
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

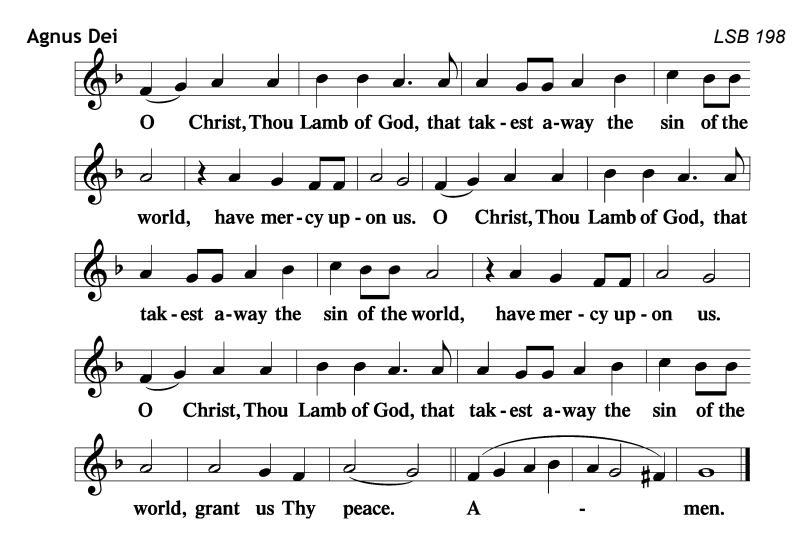
body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

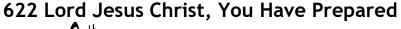
Left Column LSB 199

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.





All

true,

things

are

re - mains

for

ev - er

This

Word

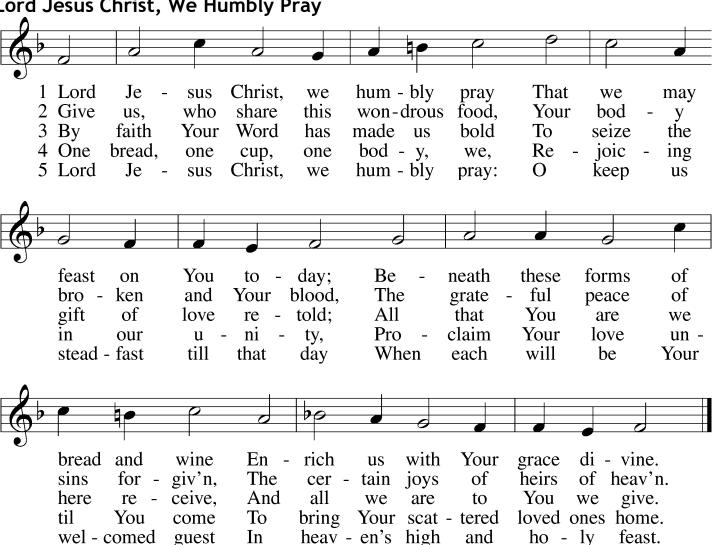


- Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!

Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.

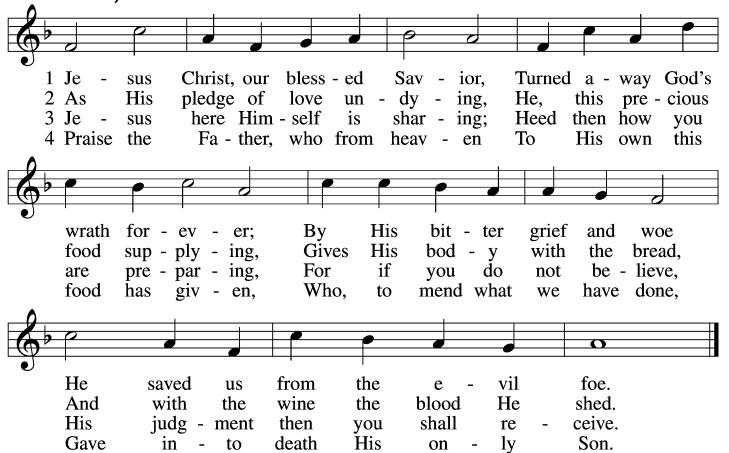
Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630–c. 1692, alt. Text and tune: Public domain





Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt. Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim Text and tune: Public domain

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- Firmly hold with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor; Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.

- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

Text: John Hus, c. 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1-2, 4–5, 7, 9): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (sts. 3, 8): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 6, 10): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, al Tune: Gelstliche Luder auffs new gebessert, 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug, alt. Text (sts. 3, 6, 8, 10): © 1980 and 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004310 Text (sts. 1-2, 4-5, 7) and thurs: Public Admain



The Dismissal LSB 199

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

in peace.

C Amen.

Stand





Thanksgiving

LSB 200

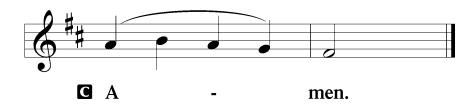
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

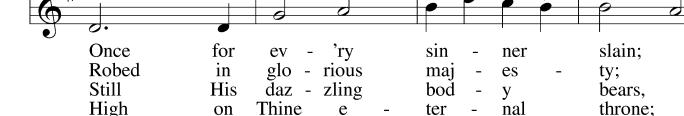
The Lord bless you and keep you.

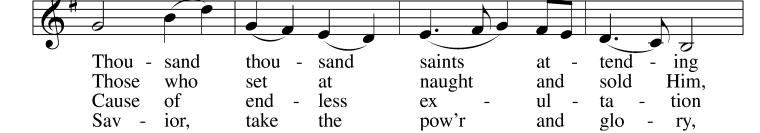
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

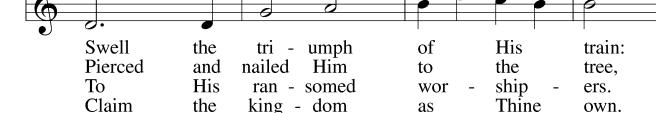


336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending











deep ly wail - ing, ly wail ing, deep what rap - ture, With with what rap with ture. what Al le - lu le - lu ia, al ia, al le -



ia! Christ the Lord reign. lu re turns to wail - ing, true Mes Shall their si ah see. Gaze those ture on glo - rious scars! rap we reign, and lu ia! Thou shalt Thou lone! a

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt Tune: Thomas Olivers, 1725–99 Text and tune: Public domain