

Lexington Presbyterian Church  
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Lexington, VA 24450  
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December 13, 2020  
11:00AM

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SIGN IN AND FELLOWSHIP

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The day of God is coming; lift up your voices. Cry out with the strength God provides.

***We await God's coming day with anticipation. We seek the peace and patience God provides.***

God will gather us in gentle, caring arms.

***We are welcomed by God's steadfast love.***

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Handy Family

SUNG RESPONSE: Hymn 92, v. 1

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

***While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.***

***Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.***

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

***Loving God, we rejoice in this season of anticipation as we remember your promises and look forward to ways that you reveal yourself to us. May your presence be real to us in this hour. Strengthen us for victories over temptation, for renewal of our love for you and one another, for leadership and service in your church. We give thanks that you have called us into community and commissioned us to make a difference in the world. Equip us here for the tasks you set before us. Amen.***

OPENING HYMN 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Lord, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: Come, Lord Jesus.***

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn (tune: *Lauda Anima*)

*Jesus Came, Adored by Angels, v. 3*

***Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, bringing news of sins forgiven:  
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, leading souls redeemed to heaven;  
Alleluia, alleluia, now the gate of death is riven.***

The Peace (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's amazing grace. Let us share this good news of God's love for us: The peace of Christ be with you.

***and also with you...***

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 606

*The Doxology*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 5:2-5a

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON *Salvation, Service & Stuff*

Rev. Tom Groome

HYMN 99

*My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We believe that God has come to us;  
that God brought us into being,  
that this God gave us breath and purpose,  
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,  
that we have fallen short of this commandment  
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.***

***We believe that God is coming to us;  
that God is not happy to leave us alone,  
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,  
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,  
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,  
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.***

***We believe that God will come to us;  
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,  
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,  
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,  
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,  
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"***

AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 583 (sung twice)

*Gloria Gloria*

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN 106

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BLESSING IN WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE: Hymn 88, v. 7

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

FELLOWSHIP/BREAKOUT ROOMS

**Thank you** to Tom Goodale and the Handy family for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our worship team - Ruth Floyd, moderator, Mary and David Dugan, waiting room, and Eric Owsley, cameras

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We still have poinsettias available for purchase for \$12 each. Please contact the front office with your dedication message if you would like to purchase one or more of these. Purchased poinsettias can be taken home after worship on Sunday, December 27.

Lexington Presbyterian Church: Congregational Songs – DECEMBER 13, 2020  
PUBLIC DOMAIN (words and music)

Hymn 82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus  
Hymn Jesus Came, Adored by Angels  
Hymn 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Hymn 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Hymn 92 While We Are Waiting, Come  
Text: Claire Cloninger, 1986 Music: Don Cason, 1986  
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Hymn 99 My Soul Gives Glory to My God  
Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1979, rev. 1987.  
Text: © 1978, 1987 Medical Mission Sisters  
Music: *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813; harm. C. Winifred Douglas, 1940  
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Hymn 583 Gloria, Gloria  
Text: Traditional liturgical text Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979  
Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé(admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

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Hymn 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion  
Text: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;  
adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980; alt.  
Music: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930  
Text Adaptation: © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

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Numbered hymns from *Glory to God* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).  
Text of Hymn: "Jesus Came, Adored by Angels" from *The Hymnal 1982*  
(The Church Hymnal Corporation, 1985)

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

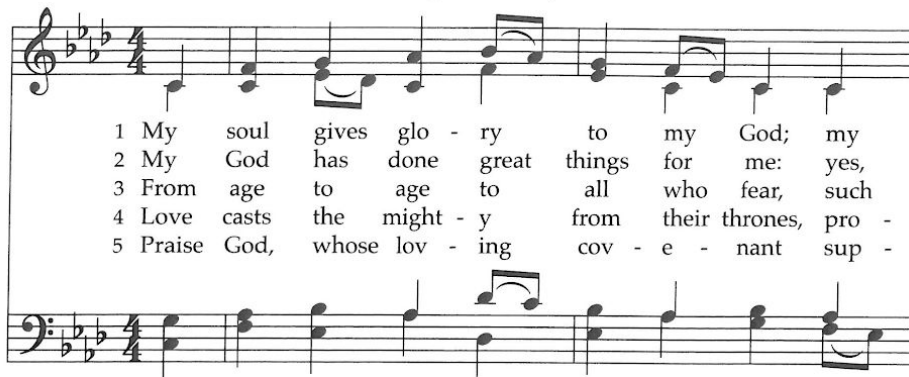
With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744  
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

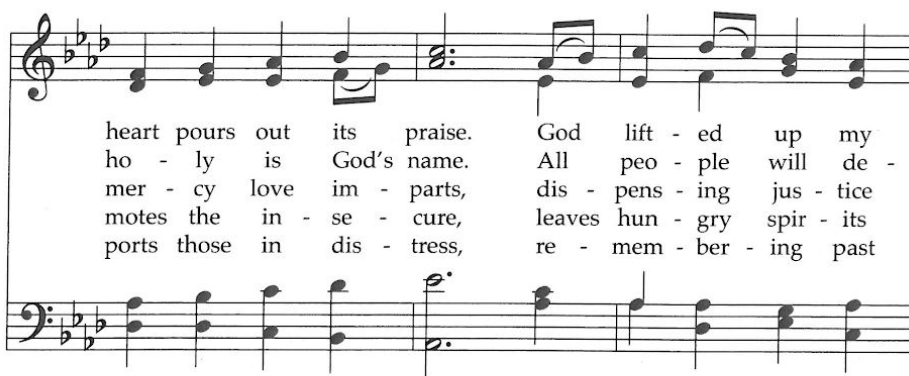
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(alternate tune: STUTT GART, 83)

# My Soul Gives Glory to My God 99

## Song of Mary



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my  
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,  
3 From age to age to all who fear, such  
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -  
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice  
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its  
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

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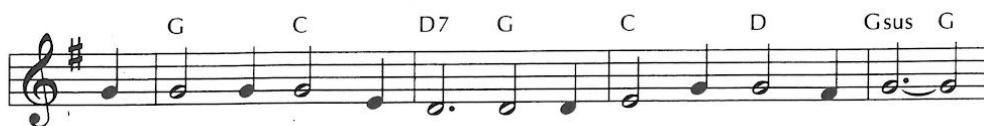
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MORNING SONG  
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# Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
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