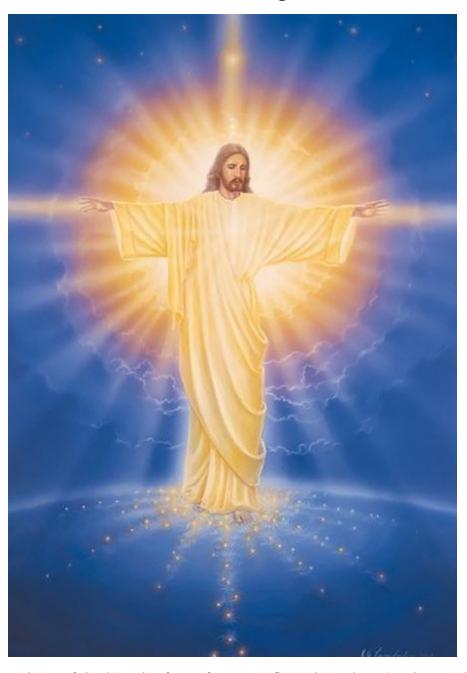
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:00 AM Worship Service • March 2, 2025 ELW Setting 3



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

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Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Robert Buckley Farlee

GATHERING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

The assembly faces the processing cross.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses's face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 (sung responsively)



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The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

The Lord, | great in Zion,

is high a- | bove all peoples.

Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome; God is the | Holy One.

O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's footstool; God is the | Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your | name, O Lord,

they called upon you, and you | answered them,

you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's | holy hill; for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

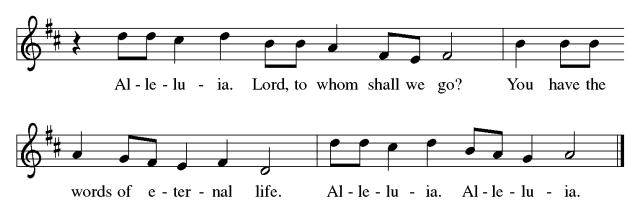
Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT
Pastor Tina Melusky
SERMON
Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY Dazzli

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain WAVERLY

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Zion's Walls

Copland/Koponen

Come, fathers and mothers, come, sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?

We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

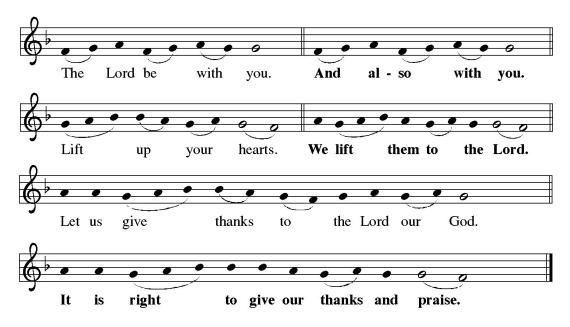
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

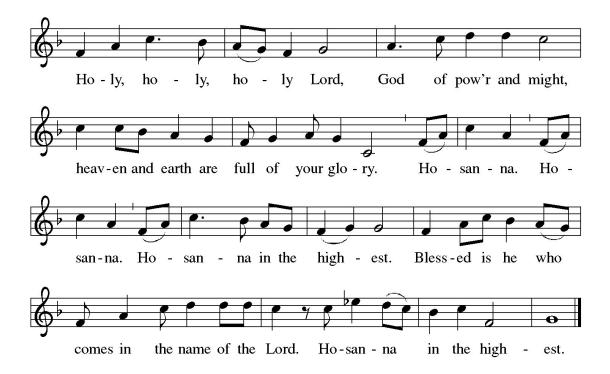


PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



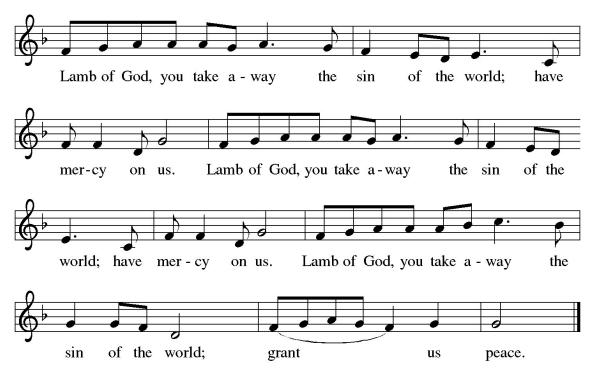
We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



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.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a *clear* cup with wine or a *purple* cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary.

Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

How Good, Lord, to Be Here **POTSDAM**

ELW 315

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553

RATISBON

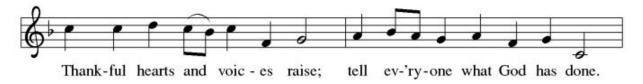
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SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts





the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name. Let all who seek





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BURYING THE ALLELUIA

O God, make speed to save us, alleluia, alleluia.

O Lord, make haste to help us, alleluia, alleluia.

The faithful people of God praise him for the great deeds he has done. God created us out of dust, restored the land, took Israel out of exile, spoke through the prophets, and gives hope and forgiveness through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Praise God in the holy temple.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia!

We have much for which to be thankful. But there is not always joy in our lives. There is sadness and loneliness in the world.

Sometimes we need time to think. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness praying to God.

Lent is our forty days of quiet time to prepare for the mystery of Easter. Today, we silence our alleluias, and begin a time of reflection and preparation, As we already anxiously await the Easter dawn when our alleluias shall echo through creation.

Lord, help us to draw nearer to you throughout these forty days, **That when they return our alleluias may be sung with joy.**

Almighty God, you bid your faithful people to rejoice in praise, but also to repent and reflect in silence. Give us grace and courage to devote our hearts to you and to love others as you would, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness LAUDA ANIMA **ELW 318**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Shawn Murphy
ACOLYTES — Luke & Samantha Harry
LECTOR — Susan Piland
USHERS/GREETERS — Jerry Cobb & Kevin Prussia
CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Clifford Obara



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PIANO UPDATE!

A huge THANK YOU to all who have already donated to support the fundraising campaign for our new sanctuary piano! As of February 25, we have received \$20,520 in donations from the congregation. Combined with our \$25,000 grant from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, this means we have raised \$45,520 of our \$59,000 goal. We're getting close! Our goal is to have the funds for the piano onhand by April 6, with the hope of having the new piano delivered and in place for worship during the Easter season. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider donating to this project that will richly enhance our music and worship life at Trinity. When donating, please mark that offering as "Piano Fund," while also remembering this is a project that exists alongside the needs of our general fund, which is always in need of support and faithful stewardship. Thank you once again for your faithfulness and generosity!

COUNCIL

Council will continue to accept revisions to the TELC bylaws based on feedback from the December Congregational Meeting. We will hold collaboration sessions today March 2 and March 30 after service in the church library. Final vote for the bylaws as well as ratification of the TELC constitution will occur at the annual congregational meeting in June.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

As we look ahead to the Lenten season, we will be starting our First Communion curriculum on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9, during the Sunday School hour. Our curriculum is geared towards children ages 6 and up, and is designed for all children and families who would like to learn more about the gift of communion. Even if your child already receives communion, they are welcome to join to learn more about this precious part of worship. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tina or Karoline Ardis.

RED FOOD BOX

Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box! This ministry of outreach to our siblings could not happen without your willingness and generosity. We who have so much can only imagine what these gifts mean to someone who has so little.

Thank you again!

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

Our 2025 offering envelope boxes are available for pickup in the church library. If you have a family member or friend who is unable to pick up their boxes, please feel free to take them as well and save us the cost of mailing.

PLEASE pick up your offering boxes even if you are using Vanco or another type of online donation. There are special envelopes in the boxes that give us additional opportunities to support our church, our community, and our world. **Offering boxes will begin being mailed after today. Thank you!**

REMINDER

Just a reminder that, if you have children with you in the service, there are binders in the narthex with drawing paper and crayons, coloring pages, games, and various puzzles for them to use during the service if needed!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan & Scott Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Family of Don Hipple, requested by Todd Recupero; Wayne Skinner & Pam Carmean, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by the Dail Family; Ron Vodenichar, Sandy's brother, and Eddie Bateman, our nephew, requested by the Sniady Family; Astrid Quist, requested by Pastor Tina; Florence & Richard, cousins of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; Connie Hoover, requested by Pastor Tina; Family and Friends of Rudy Coffee, requested by Carter Recupero; Virginia Hamby, requested by Pastor Tina and Katherine Harry; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; Sherry Johnston, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; The family of Carole Knopp, by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Amanda Griegos and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; Karen Admano and her husband Matt requested by Patricia Fielding; the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

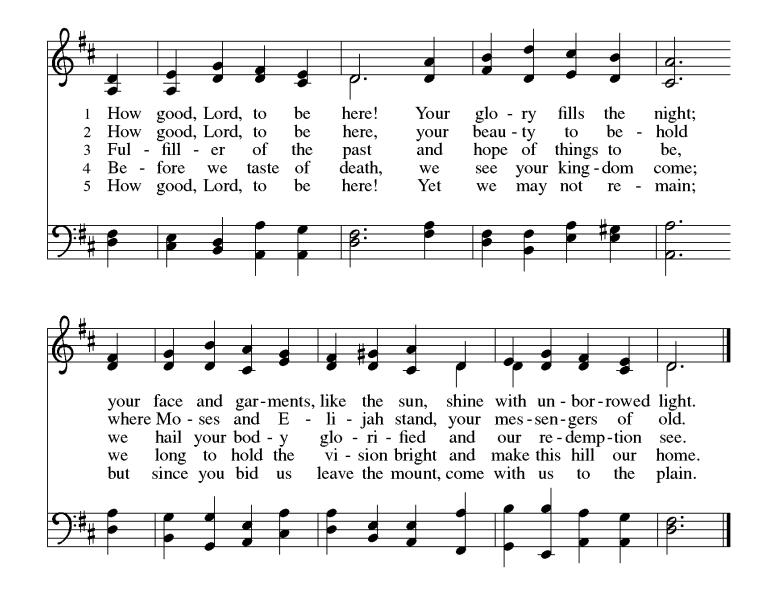




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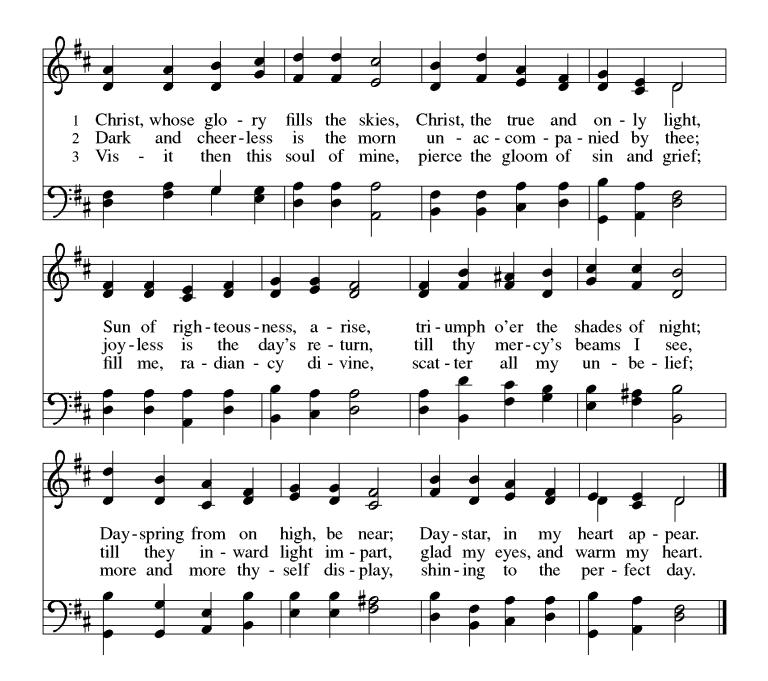
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880