

# Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021



## Being Recognized, Being Called

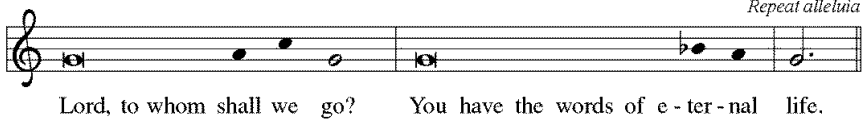
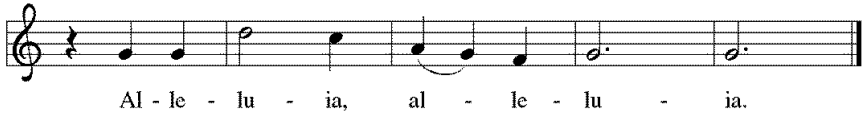
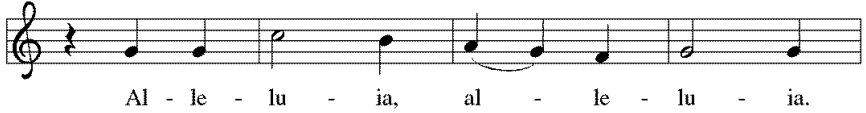
Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."



# Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-55

The holy gospel according to Luke

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

- <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

### Message

Hymn of the Day      *Canticle of the Turning*      ELW #723  
Ryan Houck

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Announcements

Sending Hymn                      *All Earth Is Hopeful*                      ELW #266

## Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now  
and forever.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

## Postlude

*Sortie*

Cesar Franck

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## Announcements

**Sound and video assistants needed** for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at [pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org) or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

### Today

**We welcome** organist Teresa Heindel to our worship this morning. Thank you for enriching our worship experience with your ministry today.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Steve and Faye Weidner; Children’s Sermon: Nikki Young

**Christmas Eve 4:00** Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Emma Hauser, Rick Solazzo and Robin Fatzinger

**Christmas Eve 7:00** Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Scott Geiser, Bill Allen and Steve Weidner

**Next week** Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Bill Allen and Rick Hausch; Children’s Sermon: Ariel Hansley

**The bulletin** is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Styer for her birthday by her mother, Betty Karver.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren, Ava, Knox, Dylan and Finn by Rick and Debbie Solazzo.

**The extra bouquet** of flowers is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Styer for her birthday by her mother, Betty Karver.

**Thank you** to everyone who attended the special congregational meeting last Sunday. The voting results are as follows.

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 2022 Budget      | 50 in favor, 1 opposed |
| Sale of Property | 48 in favor, 3 opposed |

## Calendar

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door

**Sunday School GIFT/Christmas Pageant** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

**Rejoicing Spirits** – Today, 2:30 PM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall) and sanctuary

**Peer Support** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 32

**Cub Scouts** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

**Boy Scouts** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, Sunday School Wing door

**12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

**Bell Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 15

**Christmas Eve Worship Services** – Friday, 4:00 and 7:00 PM

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

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**Join us for G.I.F.T. (Generations in Faith Together) this morning** after church at 10:15. Some kids will be performing a Christmas pageant and we will be singing Christmas Carols throughout the pageant. It will be a fun time that will get you in the Christmas Spirit. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

**Rejoicing Spirits** will be held this afternoon. Fellowship begins at 2:30 followed by the worship service at 3:00. This service is for everyone and includes lots of music and joyous singing, a brief meaningful message, fellowship opportunities and light refreshments. Rejoicing Spirits is a ministry to enrich the spiritual lives of individuals with developmental disabilities along with their families, friends and supportive community. Come and check it out.

**Christmas Eve** worship services will be held at 4:00 and 7:00 PM. Both services are candlelight. The live nativity will be held during the 7:00 service. Bring your family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday School will not be held** on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday School for children and youth will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The adult class will resume on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The church office will be closed Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas holiday.

**Free Take-out Christmas Meal** offered by St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyertown will be available from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Christmas Day. Enter the parking lot on North Reading Avenue or Walnut Street and follow the traffic directions to the back of their building.

## Food Ministry

**More than 70,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELIC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

**We need help! NHELIC Loaves & Fishes are feeding the homeless and those in need** Every month on the second Tuesday we are feeding the homeless and those in need in our area. If you can put a piece of food onto a plate, or serve a plate, or greet someone, or help sing a hymn or two, we could use your help. Each month on the second Tuesday at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown, NHELIC Loaves & Fishes are serving meals to the homeless and those in need. You can sign



up now and help us for the first meal serving on January 11<sup>th</sup>, at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc>.

## Can You Help

**Sign up to sponsor the bulletin and altar flowers for 2022.**

Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35.

Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

**The 2022 offering envelopes** are available for pickup in the welcome center.

## Spiritual Renewal

**Copies of the *Word in Season* daily devotion books** October - December are available in the welcome center. Be sure to pick up a copy of this daily scripture and brief message. By designating just a few minutes a day to read and ponder this devotional, you can enrich and inspire your life. *Word in Season* is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

## Faith Formation

**“Thursdays at Ten”** is an informal, discussion-type fellowship time which meets Thursdays in room 33 from 10 – 11:30 AM. Newcomers are always welcome! We’re taking a break for the holidays and will resume meetings on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, when we start a new topic, **“I Will Give You Rest.”** We’ll look at ways to spiritually reduce everyday stress and rest our minds and bodies, giving us a chance to be more aware of God’s presence around us. We hope you’ll come rest with us!

**Trauma: Travelling Through and Surviving by Pastor Scott**

An Adult class discussion each Sunday at 10:15 AM in room 33 centering on the identification and effects of trauma, traveling through trauma and healing practices. We will study what one may learn through trauma, and how trauma may actually make us stronger if we allow ourselves to accept it and work through trauma.

Forward of the book study “Oneing: Trauma” by Richard Rohr: “The theme of the edition is timely, considering the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives due to a complex global pandemic, political upheaval, armed conflicts, and squalid migrant camps cropping up in many parts of the world, not to mention the suffering of countless kinds of animal and plant life due to global warming. Although it seems that we are living through end times, we can hope that transformation will be the result of this eye-opening, heartbreaking suffering.”

If you haven’t ordered your book, handouts are available.

### **Didn’t get a chance to fill out a Seniors Ministry Survey Form?**

There are extra copies in the welcome center. They can be returned to the marked black tray in the welcome center. Or, contact Deacon Carol at [carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org) or call the church office and we’ll send you one!

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at [carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org) or call the church office (610-326-1335), leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be “delivered”!

## **Thank You**

**The Eidle family** wishes to thank everyone for the cards and prayers they received for the loss of Stella.

**Thanksgiving Food Collection** Thanks to your generous support, NHELC collected 140 lbs. of non-perishable items to be distributed among those in need throughout the area by the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

**Thank you** to the Senior’s Planning Committee who helped put together a wonderful Senior’s Christmas Luncheon on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a great group to help us celebrate this blessed season! Thanks also to Chef Chris for his delicious soup! We also talked

about upcoming plans including starting a new group in the new year: “Seniors Serving Others” where we will meet on occasion to help with projects that will serve folks beyond our church. Watch for details!

## **Remember in your prayers**

### **Requests**

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Andy Van Dyke, Lilly Marie Kuzminski, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Lawrence Moser, Holli Muffler

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

### **Long-term**

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl

### **Shut-in**

Penny Frymoyer

## Grieving

Family and friends of Janet Deloplaine and Margaret Hansley  
(Brian Hansley's mother)

## Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard,  
Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss,  
Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

## **New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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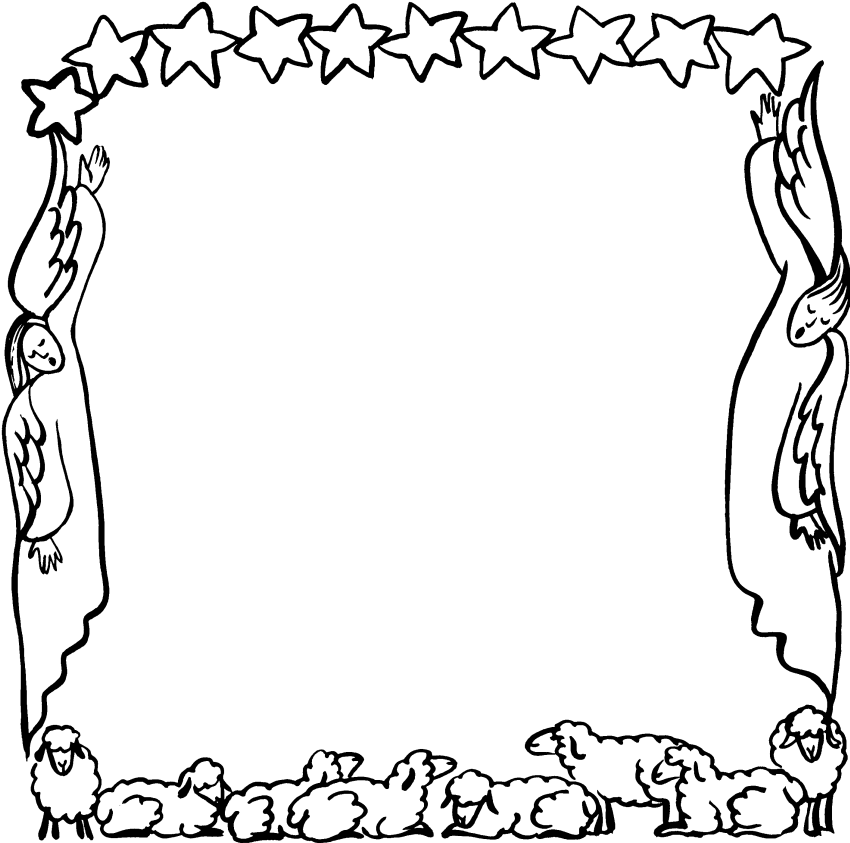
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# Send

## Christmas Eve

All four candles on the Advent wreath are burning. We have been waiting three weeks for Jesus' birthday. Now it is almost here. Draw a picture of one way your family celebrates on Christmas Eve.



*Dear God, the waiting is almost over.  
Thank you for sending Jesus. Amen*

## This week

Celebrate Jesus' birthday with your family.



## gather

**Welcome to worship.** Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. How many candles are burning on the Advent wreath in your worship space today?

**Color and light all four candles.**



Finally, all the candles are lit. What else have you been waiting for the last three weeks?

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## Meet Mary, Jesus' mother

Luke 1:39-55

An angel from God said to Mary, "Don't be afraid. God has been good to you. You will have a baby and name him Jesus." Mary said, "Okay! Yes!" While she waited, Mary sang this song. Match the shapes to find some words to Mary's song.



My   the Lord. My soul

is  because of God my .

 = heart    = praises    = glad    = Savior

## Advent words



Angel. What did the angel tell Mary to name her baby?



Decorations. How is your worship space decorated?



Voices. How can you use your voice to praise God?



Everyone. God sent Jesus for everyone. Who can you tell about Jesus?



Nazareth. Nazareth was Mary's home. Where do you live?



Tree. Evergreens remind us that God always loves us. Can you see a Christmas tree?



1. Write the first letter of your name inside this square.

2. Then write one way you get ready for Jesus' birth that begins with the same letter.

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heav'nly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

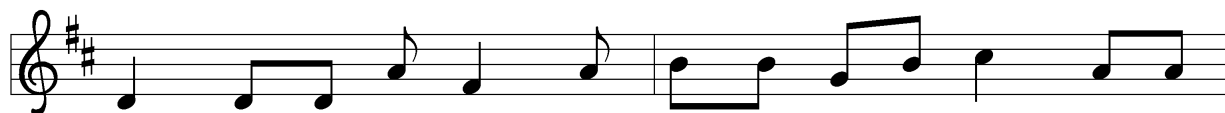
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# All Earth Is Hopeful

## Toda la tierra



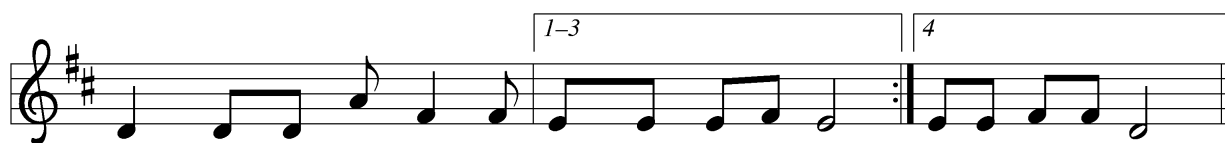
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co\_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.