

ARISE AND SHINE

Week 3: Healing Light

The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. Malachi 4:2

Invocation & Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

The sun of righteousness shall rise

With healing in its wings.

You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

We proclaim the praises of him,

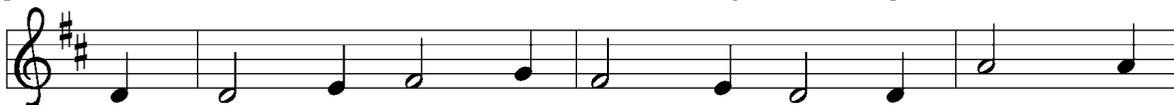
Who called us out of darkness

Into his marvelous light!

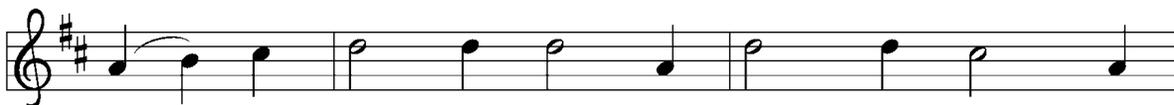
Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Confession & Absolution

Holy Lord, merciful God, you sent John the Baptist to be a burning and shining light.

Forgive us, Father,

For too often, we fail to reflect your burning light.

Our hearts become hard and our words harsh.

Forgive us, Father,

For too often we fail to embrace your shining light.

Then our thoughts become selfish and our judgments sinful.

Forgive us, Father,

For too often, we fail to shine with your marvelous light.

Our minds become darkened and our motives deceitful. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Though God sees all of your sin, he also sees Jesus, who was born for you, suffered for you, died for you and lives for you. In Jesus' name you are absolved, forgiven and cleansed in his blood. Arise, shine, for your light has come!

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of

hosts.

⁴Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Gospel Reading: John 5:30-36

³⁰I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

³¹If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³²There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. ³³You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. ³⁴Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

Hymn

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

(Sung to the tune of “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent” ELW 490)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for ev’ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev’ry eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

Sermon

Prayers

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, by your poverty we have become rich.
By your act of grace, we are filled.

You laid aside your glory and emptied yourself upon the cross.

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, help us to be a blessing to people who
suffer in sadness, guilt or need.

**Empower us to be generous toward them in our thoughts, words
and actions.**

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, you have filled our lives with your love and forgiveness. As your love overflows into our lives, help us to overflow with great mercy.

Teach us to testify to your love by our forgiveness, love and giving.

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, we pray for those who live in fear or need. Bless them through our works of mercy.

Help us in our words and actions to share your love with them with generosity and great joy.

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,

help us give freely to others what you have freely given us.

The day is most certainly coming when you will come, Jesus, as the Sun of Righteousness with healing in your wings.

**Then we will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.
Then we will live to your glory and honor forevermore. Amen.**

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.**

Benediction

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Hymn**“The King Shall Come”****ELW 260**

- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816