

**PRESERVICE SONG** "My Deliverer" (Words & Music by Rich Mullins & Mitch McVicker © 1998  
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*Chorus:*                      *My Deliverer is coming, my Deliverer is standing by.*  
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**OPENING HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

LSB 367, v. 1, 3, 5

1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who song creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
  
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star.
  
5. All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

LSB, p. 205



## **SERMON HYMN** “What Child is This”

*LSB 370*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born  
The babe, the son of Mary!

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

*LSB 397*

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.
5. In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

**OFFERTORY** "Follow the Light"  
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*Chorus: We will follow the Light, we will follow the Light,  
Seeking the Lamb, our saving love divine.*

*Bridge: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**LORD'S PRAYER** **(Matthew 6:9–13)**

**Congregation:** 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.

## HYMN OF PREPARATION "Knowing You"

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All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own.  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Chorus: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. *(Chorus)*

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord.  
So with You to live and never die. *(Chorus)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

LSB 384

1. Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He is source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are that have been, And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.
2. Oh, that birth forever blessed, when virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.
3. This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.
4. O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.

5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn chant and high thanksgiving and unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN** "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"

*LSB 390*

1. Let us all with gladsome voice praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Sone hath given.
2. To this vale of tears He comes, here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes we may reign in gladness.
3. We are rich, for He was poor; is not this a wonder?  
Therefor praise God evermore here on earth and yonder.
4. Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.

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