



SERVICE FOR THE
LORD'S DAY
JULY 5, 2020
11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING SONG

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

*Come Sunday, that's the day.
Dear Lord, God Almighty, God of Love,
Please look down and see your people through.
I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.
Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high, and have a brighter by and by.
I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart

All: **in the company of the congregation.**

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
ever mindful of the covenant.

All: **The works of God's hands are faithful and just,
established forever and ever.**

One: Holy and awesome is God's name.

All: **God's praise endures forever!**

One: Let us worship God!

(- from Psalm 111)

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
 for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
 who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
 America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
 confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
 thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine
 till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you.
 Forgive us when we fail;
 open our hearts and minds to your teachings.
 You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ,
 but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends.
 You challenge systems of injustice
 through the movement of your spirit,
 but we keep choosing comfort over justice,
 the status quo over the kingdom of God.
 You create all things good,
 and your creation sings your praise,
 but we consider no creatures but ourselves
 and wound your earth by our sin.
 Forgive us, O God.
 Pour your compassion on us this day,
 and by your forgiveness show us how to share it with one another.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE

HYMN 359

FREEDOM IS COMING

*Freedom is coming. Freedom is coming.
 Freedom is coming. O yes, I know.
 Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming.
 Jesus is coming. O yes, I know.
 O yes, I know. O yes, I know.
 O yes, I know. O yes, I know.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steal Away

Steal Away

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Power of a Word

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Keep Your Lamps!

Andre Thomas

DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: ***And also with you.***

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 352

My Lord! What a Morning
(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

MY LORD! WHAT A MORNING

Refrain:

*My Lord! what a morning;
my Lord! what a morning;
O my Lord! what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall,
when the stars begin to fall.*

*You will hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

*You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

*You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 741

GUIDE MY FEET

*Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Great Day

Spiritual arr. by Robert Powell

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. Ansley B. Page

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Rafe Andrews
Lilla Keith

Valerie MacPhail
Lisa Cunningham
Reel Robertson
Paul MacPhail

Today's Memorial:

*In loving memory of
John Arthur Reagan III
by his family.*

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

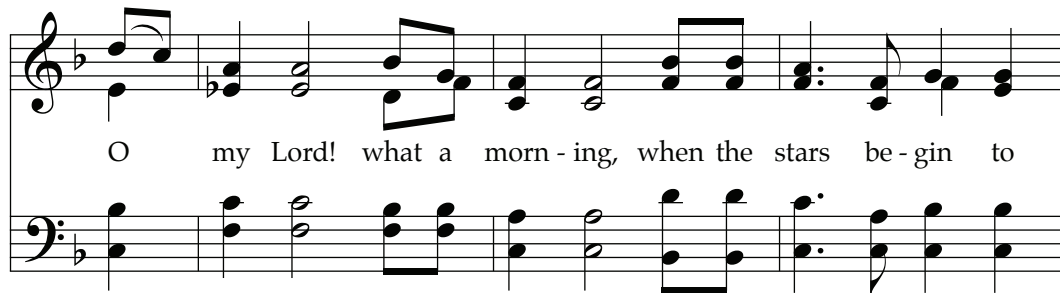
This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

352 My Lord! What a Morning

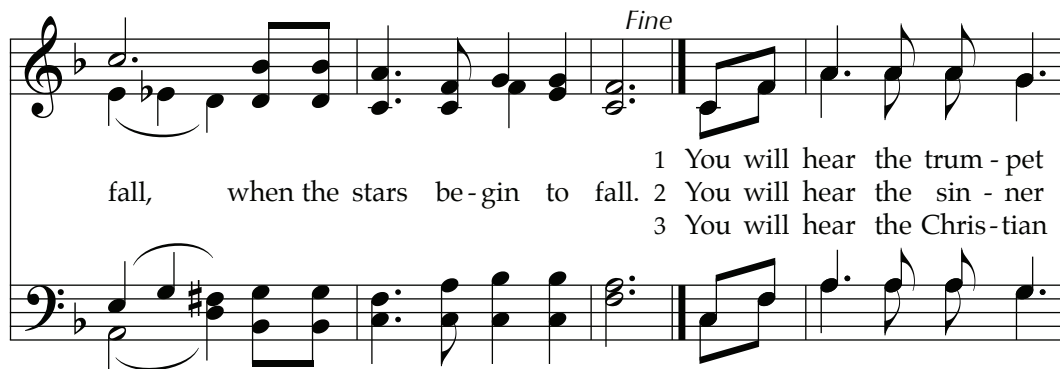
Refrain



My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;



O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

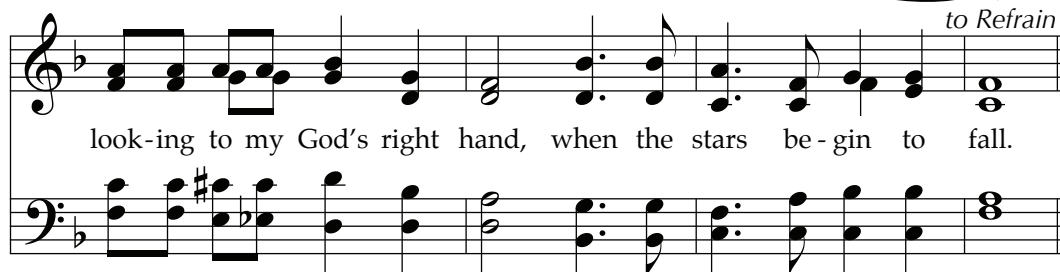


fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. *Fine*

- 1 You will hear the trum - pet
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner
- 3 You will hear the Chris - tian



sound
cry,
shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,



look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall. *to Refrain*

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30/Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989
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MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING
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