
Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

People: Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: The Word has become flesh; God now walks among us!

People: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.

Leader: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through his Son, Jesus Christ.

People: We are now one world and one family, called to be children of God.

All: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

John 1:1-9

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

11 See Whose Glory Fills the Skies

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Capo 1: (D) Eb (F#m/A) Gm/Bb (D) (Bm)(A7) Eb Cm Bb7 (D) Eb

1 See whose glo - ry fills the skies:
 2 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief, Je - sus, the
 3 More and more thy - self dis - play,
 4 Vis - it, then, this soul of mine,

(A) Bb (E) F (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

light of the world!
 Sun of right - eous -
 Scat - ter all my
 Shin - ing to the
 Fill me, Ra - dian -

(Daug/F#) (E°) Ebau/G F° (Bm) Cm (E°) F° (D/A) Eb/Bb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

ness, a - rise:
 un - be - lief, Je - sus, the light of the world!
 per - fect day,
 cy di - vine!

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Refrain (D)
Eb

We'll walk in the light! Beau-ti-ful light! Shine where the

(Bm7) (E7) (A7) (D)
Cm7 F7 Bb7 Eb

dew-drops of mer-cy shine bright. Oh, shine all a-round us by

(Gmaj7) (C7) (D/A) (A7) (D) (A7)
Abmaj7 Db7 Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb Bb7

Fine last time *To verses*

day and by night, Je-sus, the light of the world.