

Entrance: Awake, awake, fling off the night (*JR Peacey 1896-1971*)

Awake, awake: fling off the night! For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, like people renewed, and with the Spirit's power
endued, the light of life in us will glow, and fruits of truth and goodness
show.

Let in the light; all sin expose to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross expectant kneel; his light will judge, and judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead, and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy, and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day; give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord praise God through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Preparation of the Gifts: On Jordan's bank (*C Coffin 1676-1749 tr. J Chandler 1808-76*)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
come, then, and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of
kings!

Then cleansed by every Christian breast; and furnished for so great a
guest! Yea, let us each our heart prepare, for Christ to come and enter
there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade, and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand, to heal our sore, and make us rise to fall no
more; once more upon thy people shine, and fill the world with love
divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost, for evermore.

Communion: Hark a herald voice (*6th century tr E Caswall*)

Hark! a herald voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.