

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

300 Capt. Thomas Boulevard, West Haven CT 06516

“Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another.” (Romans 14:19)



*Third Sunday of*

# *Advent*

December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.  
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday/Wednesday:** 12:10 PM

**Tuesday:** 7:30 AM

**Thursday/Friday:** No Masses at OLOV,  
but at neighboring parishes

**Saturday:** 8 AM Mass followed by Adoration

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

## CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
is available on Saturdays from 3-4 PM in the Church.

Masks must be worn.

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see page 2.**

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 7.

**SATURDAY**, December 11 — Weekday; Vigil  
4:30 PM: **Nicholas Aleo**, *Req. by the Family*

**SUNDAY**, December 12— **3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C**

8:00 AM: **Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jones and Anna Wideman**, *Req. by Family*

9:30 AM: **Clement Piscatelli**, *Req. by Ann*

11:00 AM: **Leopold and Carmella D'Amato, Lawrence and Joseph Stacy, Ed and John Hackett**, *Req. by Jackie*

**MONDAY**, December 13 — **St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

12:10 PM: **Ralph Julianelle**, *Req. by wife, Fern*

**TUESDAY**, December 14— **St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:30 AM: **Katelynn Shea Butts**, *Req. by Joan and William Shea*

**WEDNESDAY**, December 15

12:10 PM: **Andy Cafiero**, *Req. by the Cafiero Family*

**THURSDAY**, December 16

No Mass

**FRIDAY**, December 17

No Mass

**SATURDAY**, December 18 — Weekday; Vigil

8:00 AM: **Fr. Landback and Staff**, *Req. by a Friend*

4:30 PM: **The Deceased Members of the Curzi and Criculo Family**, *Req. by Dave and Suzanne Curzi*

**SUNDAY**, December 19— **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C**

8:00 AM: **Marie Castracane**, *Req. by a Caesar*

9:30 AM: **Jane Jarvie**, *Req. by Chiarelli and Emmerich Families*

11:00 AM: **Helen Loxsom, 20th Anniversary**, *Req. by daughter Barbara and grandson Jonathan*

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

this week honors  
**EDGARDO AND  
OBDULIA RAMAS,**  
*Requested by Ed and  
Dolly Lawsin*

## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the consecrated host. It takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, following the 8:00 AM Mass.



## Rejoicing, Forgiving, Thanking

*A Note from Fr. Landback, Administrator*

### The Peace of God

The Third Sunday of Advent is called “Rejoice” Sunday. We light the **pink** candle in the Advent wreath and clergy sometimes wear pink vestments! We rejoice because, in the words of St. Paul in today’s second reading, “The Lord is near.” Not only is Christmas getting nearer (and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, too!) but, in this present moment, the Lord offers to draw near to us in this busy season and to reassure us of His merciful love. “Have no anxiety at all,” writes Paul. Imagine that! No anxiety? What about my gift list and all the planning for the Christmas meal, and all the social gatherings??

“By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God,” Paul explains. Instead of getting stressed, trust that if something is truly needful, God will see that you get the time to do it. Allow “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding to protect your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

### Sacramental Confession This Advent

One of the greatest treasures of the Catholic faith is sacramental confession. The priest makes the Lord sacramentally present to us so that we may receive all the fruits of God’s absolution: progress in overcoming besetting sins, acceptance of God’s love, and forgiveness of self. Is God calling you to Reconciliation this Advent?

### Weekly Offertory: \$7,750

*November 29-December 5, 2021*

Your financial support is always appreciated as we grow our outreach and service to others and prepare to expand our prayerful community. **Your offering is gladly accepted by mail, at Mass in the donation basket, or online. Thank you!**

To donate online, visit:

<https://www.osvhub.com/our-lady-of-victory-parish/funds>

Here are opportunities for Reconciliation at Our Lady of Victory:

**Saturday Holy Hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**  
(come for whatever portion)

**Saturday 3 to 4 p.m.**

(Also, at St. Louis Church, Bull Hill Lane:  
Monday Holy Hour is 7-8 p.m.)

### Annual Collection Update

As of December 1, here are the results of the Annual Collection so far:

- 186 households have participated
- \$43,010 has been pledged
- \$41,224 has been received

This is a very encouraging result! Thank God for this generosity!

It is not too late to make a contribution. We have earmarked these funds to pay for the recent cleaning of the tabernacle and crucifix and the polishing of the floors, among other needed repairs in our church building.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**  
4:00 PM and 10:00 PM

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25**  
10:00 AM



## Mass Time Changes in January

### Sunday Mass Times

*Beginning Sunday, Jan. 2*

In keeping with direction from the Archbishop, in the new year we will have three weekend Masses:

**Sat., 4:30 PM | Sun., 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**

*Thank you for your understanding!*





## We pray for those who are sick.

*Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.*

Jason Adams, Maureen Alonso, Peter Alonso, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Ann Carthy, Donald Cashman, Danny Caudell, Susan Civitelli, Kevin Colleran, Rhys Connors, Michael Cote, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Betty Cronk, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, DeNigris Family, Carena DiBello, Frank Dini Jr., Patti Dowling, Michael Duffy, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Joseph Galatie, Kathy Giaquinto, Therese Gill, Sr. Gertrude Goldman, Dee Green, Theresa Grillo, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Leroy Hoye, Lisa Indich, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Michael Landino, Ann Langlais, James Leone, Patricia Lesko, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Theresa Luth, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Pat Mihalyak, Theresa Montz, Edwin Morales, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Veronica Murteza, Art Nugent, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Michael Pimer, Cheryl Porto, Kristin Purdy, John Rakos, Andrew Tarbe Reeves, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Marc Seccina, Elizabeth Shamaly, Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terassi Sr., Anthony Terassi, Jr., Jessie Terassi, Tiernan, 1st Sgt. Joe Toscano, Frank Trombetta, Lynn and Jacques Veillette, Doris Worrell

## In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

*Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:*

**Jean Andrade, Lenore Campaniolo, Victims of COVID-19 Pandemic**

## Please pray for those serving in our military.

*Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the Parish office.*

Jeffrey Batres, USMC | Staff Sgt. Adam Dudek  
Staff Sgt. Danielle Luby | SPC Patrick Landback  
Pvt. Connor Davis USMC  
Cpl. Teagan Fransen, USMC  
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Senior Airman Gabriella Gigola  
Sr. Airman Aaron Butner | Airman Sean Hufcut  
E3 Lexi Ronan, USN | E5 Ryan Ronan, USN  
Pvt. Christopher Miller | SPC Alexander Capuras  
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Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF  
Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton  
1st Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse  
2nd Lt. Jared Carlson  
Connor Quinn, 82nd Airborne  
Lance Cpl Chase Davis, USMC

## Parish Devotion for December: *Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception*

*May we always strive in holiness and purity,  
that we may better imitate Our Blessed Mother always!*

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit,  
look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.  
(state your intentions here)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Amen.



# Rejoice in the Lord Always!

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

This weekend is the Third Sunday of Advent and Christian denominations the world over celebrate it as Gaudete Sunday (REJOICE!). As we continue our preparations for the coming of the Lord, we celebrate His birth being near. Where our readings last weekend focused on the hope of the coming of the Messiah and having patience as we wait for Him, this weekend we rejoice in the nearness of His coming.

Our reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah rejoices in the Good News and proclaims “the Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.” The Anointed One of God will come to us. God will bring His Son into the world. He will be like us in all ways except sin.

Our Responsorial Psalm says, “Cry out with joy and gladness.” The coming of the Messiah is close at hand. The long wait is over. The Lord will be our strength and courage.

Our reading from the Letter to the Philipians expresses the exhilarating joy that St. Paul feels. He repeats himself in rejoicing in Christ’s presence. At this time, he is anticipating the imminent arrival of God. Paul says God will reveal to us all the mysteries that we hold and will reward us with understanding.

Our Gospel from Luke continues with John’s ministry. John the Baptist instructs the people on the need for acts of charity. He admonishes the tax collectors who extort money from the people for their own personal gain. The people are moved by John’s preaching and many come to be baptized. They ask John if he is the one that Jewish scripture said would come to them. Is he the “Christ”? John responds “no” and proclaims that He who is coming will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

Christmas marks the birth of Christ, the Incarnation of God into the world. People rejoice because it is the Christ, the Anointed, the Messiah, who will bring freedom from the cares and troubles of this earth. St. Paul, during his ministry, anticipated Christ coming again soon after His resurrection to bring us with Him to Eternal

Life. God does not measure time in the same way we do. When asked by His disciples, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” Jesus answered them, “many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray.” (Mt 24:3-5) “...But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Mk 13:32)

Our time of preparation in the Advent season is to find joy in knowing that God will come to us. He will fulfill the promises made to us through His Son. As the angel spoke to Joseph about taking Mary as his wife, the angel announced the birth of a son to Mary. “The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God is with us.’” (Mt 1:23)

## Greeters Needed for Masses and Funerals

A sincere “hello and welcome,” a warm smile and the ability to arrive at Mass 20 minutes early are the requirements for this important service in our parish. New greeters will begin January 1, 2022 and two are needed for each Mass at the new times: 4:30 PM, 8:30 and 10:30 AM. Contact Patty in the Parish Office if you feel called to this ministry, (203) 934-6357.

## Sunday’s Readings: Dec. 12

**First Reading** — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).



# ADVENT

*A Season of Preparation*

## We Wait in Joyful Hope

“We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” That is true every Sunday, week in, week out. It is especially true during the season of Advent.

Advent is a time of joy. What we are waiting for has already come. The Christ child came into the world over 2,000 years ago, bringing our salvation. We only have to open our hearts to God’s presence in our lives.

Advent is a time of hope. Hope that the peace that is Christ will come into the world through our actions and prayers. God the Father is with us as we wait in joyful hope for His Son’s coming again. The Holy Spirit is with us now and always to comfort us in our sorrow, to calm our fears and to encourage us in the difficulties we face, especially during this hectic and often stressful season.

We are joyful because Jesus is with us and is still to come! What a marvelous gift! God is with us even as we wait in joyful hope for his coming again!



## “Coffee and...” Returns in January

It’s time to get back together over “Coffee and...” beginning on **Sunday, January 16!**

Our Hospitality Ministry will return with **monthly** “Coffee and...” after the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. We hope parishioners will take a few minutes after Mass to come to the hall to share fellowship and conversation over a cup of coffee (cocoa, tea, or juice) with a pastry.



If you were a member of the hospitality team in the past or are interested in helping with this ministry, please call the Parish Office between 9 AM and 12 PM, Monday-Friday, with your contact information.

This is a great ministry for people who like to share a smile and warm welcome with others. The time commitment is a **maximum** of three hours per month.

## Have You Reserved a Mass Intention?

Please call our Parish Office to confirm the date and time. With the new daily Mass times and upcoming changes in January, we want to be sure you have the correct date. Thank you!

## Remember a Loved One; Reserve a Mass in His/Her Honor Call for 2022 Availability

You may book Mass intentions for 2022 by calling the Parish Office at (203) 934-6357.

Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

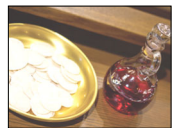
**Weekend Masses through the end of 2021 are filled.**

**Daily Masses are still available:**

Weekdays at 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM

Saturdays at 8:00 AM

**The Sanctuary Candle is also available;**  
donation is \$20.





## With Gratitude for Delivering Smiles and a Poinsettia

Many thanks to those who came forward on Sat., Dec. 4, to deliver flowers and smiles to our homebound parishioners, residents of Seacrest, Apple Rehab, and the Veterans Administration Hospital. Bringing smiles and joy to those parishioners is a wonderful gift.



For those volunteers involved in the delivery of the 150 plants, it was a heartwarming and fulfilling experience. We are grateful to Deacon Frank Bevino, Lisa Pitoniak, and several volunteers who brought this very important ministry back this year after two years.

**THANK YOU!**



### Saints and Special Observances This Week

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: St. Lucy (pictured left)  
 Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

### Please Support Those in Need This Christmas

The Giving Tree is now set up in our church; please take a tag. With these gift cards, we will continue our support of some of the local agencies that spread God's kindness and love to others.



This includes the West Haven Family Resource Center, the West Haven Community House, IRIS, and the Beth El Shelter in Milford.

You may drop off cards to the Parish Office or bring them to Mass and deposit them in the collection baskets.

**Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!**



### A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

O God,  
 who sees how your people  
 faithfully await the feast  
 of the Lord's Nativity,  
 enable us, we pray,  
 to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
 and to celebrate them always  
 with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God, for ever and ever.  
 Amen.

### Christmas Multicultural Choirs Concert

*December 19 at 4 PM | West Hartford*

As the church moves forward to embrace the many cultures represented in our house, it is exciting to share that the Office of Faith and Culture of the Archdiocese — in conjunction with several parish choirs, lay movements, the Knights of Columbus and others — have organized the first “Christmas Multicultural Choirs Concert” on Sunday December 19 at 4:00 PM:

**St. Andrew Dung Lac Parish**  
*(St. Mark's Church)*

**467 South Quaker, West Hartford**

Please join us to enjoy live voices and faces from around the world in one faith, one Christmas. Finger food will be served at this Advent/Christmas event.

# ADVENT music

The next few pages serve as your personal hymn book as we come together each week.

## OPENING SONG:

### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man u - el, And  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who  
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From  
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And  
 6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in  
 2. or - d' rest all things might - i - ly, To us the  
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient  
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy  
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the  
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the  
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her  
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -  
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry  
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to  
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow  
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
 2. ways to go.  
 3. ty and awe.  
 4. o'er the grave.  
 5. mis - er - y.  
 6. put to flight.  
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - ell

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.

Mass XVI, Chant, Mode III

## KYRE:

Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.  
 Chri - ste e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.  
 Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.



## ISAIAH 12: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C



♩. Cry out with joy and glad - ness: for a - mong you  
is the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



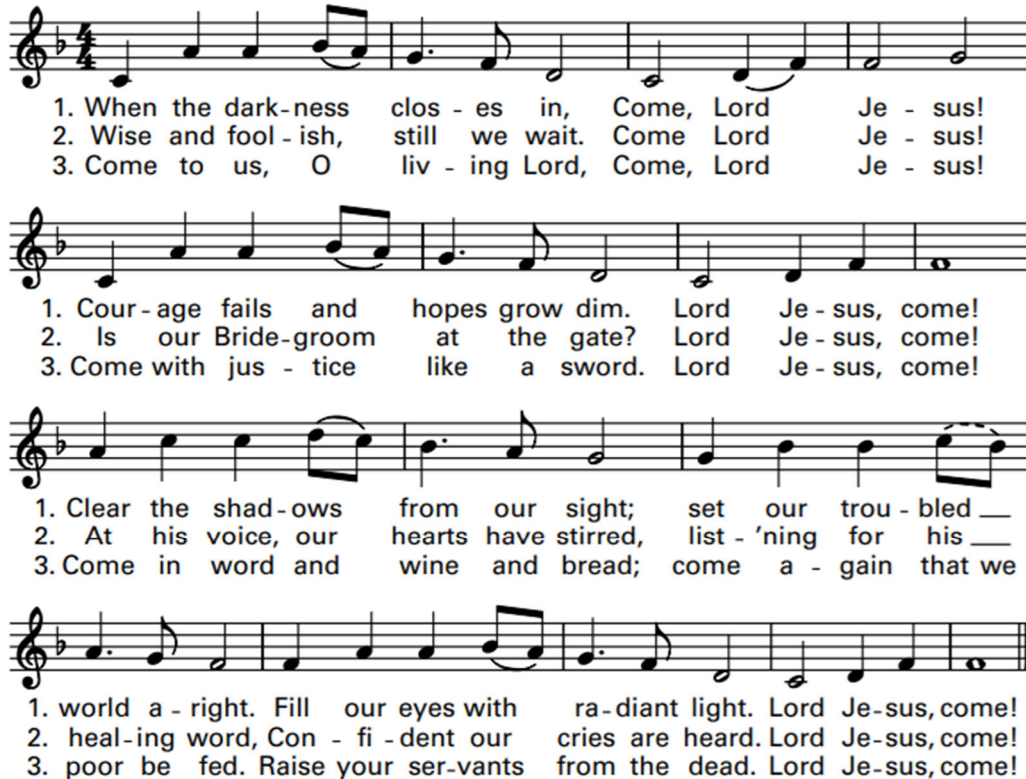
♩. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## OFFERTORY:

### COME, LORD JESUS

M.D. Ridge



1. When the dark-ness clos - es in, Come, Lord Je - sus!  
2. Wise and fool - ish, still we wait. Come Lord Je - sus!  
3. Come to us, O liv - ing Lord, Come, Lord Je - sus!

1. Cour - age fails and hopes grow dim. Lord Je - sus, come!  
2. Is our Bride-groom at the gate? Lord Je - sus, come!  
3. Come with jus - tice like a sword. Lord Je - sus, come!

1. Clear the shad - ows from our sight; set our trou - bled —  
2. At his voice, our hearts have stirred, list - 'ning for his —  
3. Come in word and wine and bread; come a - gain that we


1. world a - right. Fill our eyes with ra - diant light. Lord Je - sus, come!  
2. heal - ing word, Con - fi - dent our cries are heard. Lord Je - sus, come!  
3. poor be fed. Raise your ser - vants from the dead. Lord Je - sus, come!

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# COMMUNION: BREAD OF LIFE (ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SETTING)


Bernadette Farrell

Refrain




Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth - er:  
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an - oth - er.

\*Verses



1. Be with your peo-ple, Lord, send us your sav-ing Word: Je - sus  
2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear: Je - sus  
3. A child is born for us, a son is giv'n to us, In our  
4. With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear The sal-  
5. You are the hope of all, our prom-ise and our call, Ra-diant




to Refrain

1. Christ, light of glad - ness, come a - mong us now.  
2. Christ, hope of a - ges, come to save us now.  
3. midst, Christ, our Lord and God comes as one who serves.  
4. va - tion of all the world, God's in - car - nate Word.  
5. light in our dark - ness, truth to set us free.


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# CLOSING SONG: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES


TRURO



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; Be - hold the  
2. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
4. So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in! Let new and

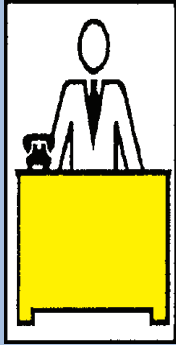


1. King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing  
2. rul - er is con - fest! O hap - py hearts and hap - py  
3. tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
4. no - bler life be - gin; Thy Ho - ly Spir - it guide us



1. near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.  
2. homes To whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
3. ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4. on, Un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Text: LM; based on Psalm 24; George Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878.  
Music: Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789.



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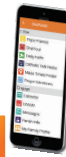
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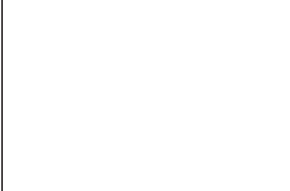
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