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I Can Give My All

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

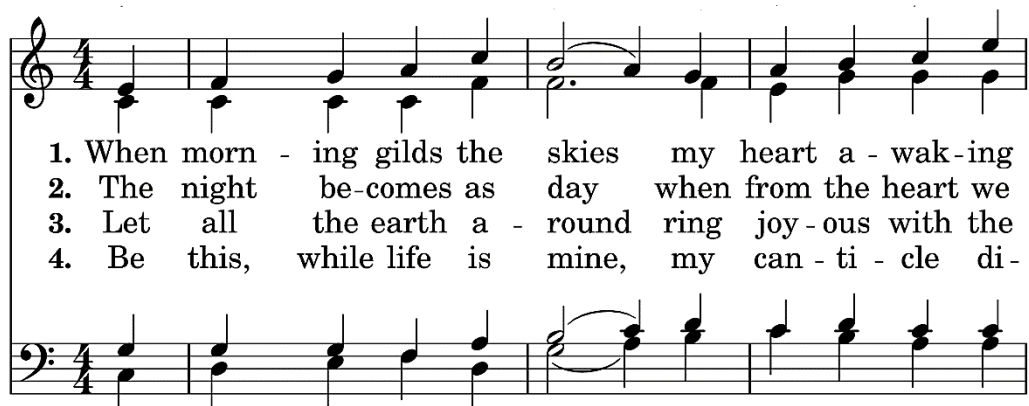
People: **We come, ready to see the sacred value in gifts of all sizes.**

Leader: Some may think that bigger, more expensive, more colorful and more observable gifts have higher value. But that's not how God sees things.

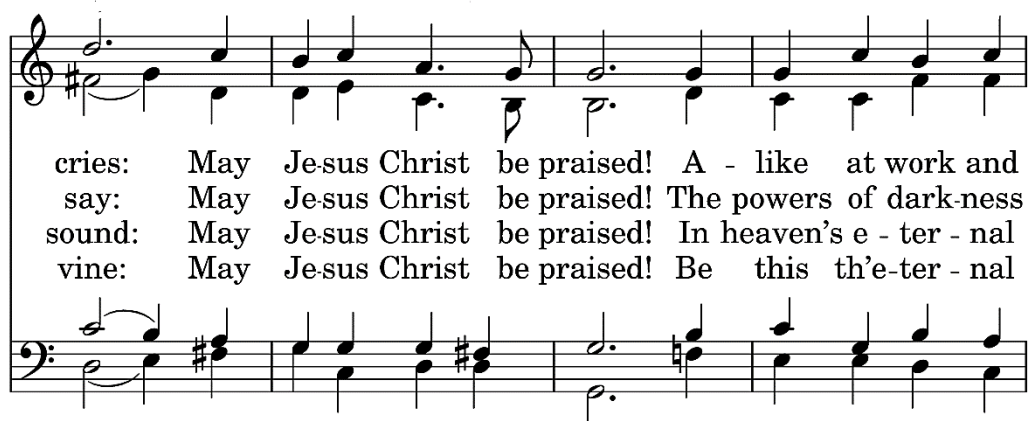
People: **The story of the poor widow isn't just about one person. It's about a whole new way of discerning value; to see gifts the way God sees them!**

Hymn

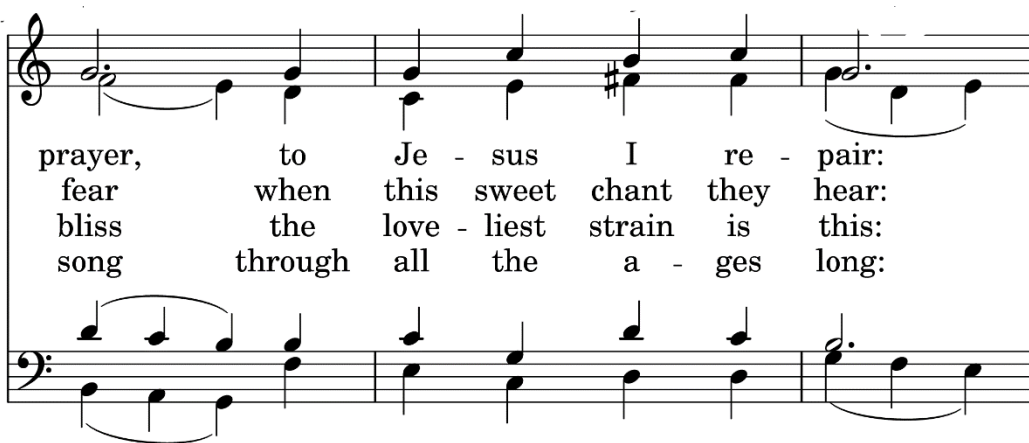
When Morning Gilds the Skies



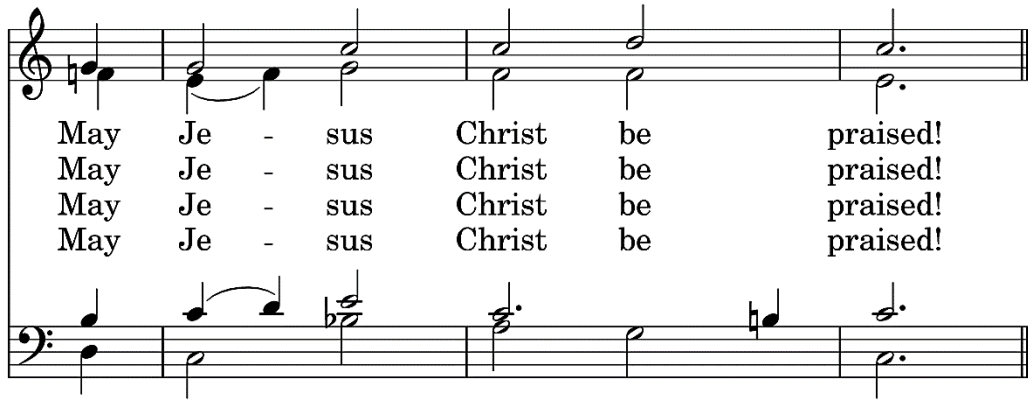
1. When morn - ing gilds the skies my heart a - wak - ing
 2. The night be - comes as day when from the heart we
 3. Let all the earth a - round ring joy - ous with the
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and
 say: May Je - sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark - ness
 sound: May Je - sus Christ be praised! In heaven's e - ter - nal
 vine: May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal



prayer, to Je - sus I re - pair:
 fear when this sweet chant they hear:
 bliss the love - liest strain is this:
 song through all the a - ges long:



Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for all gifts big and small. As we prepare for our Ready, Set, Go discipleship Fall, help us to remember the story of the poor widow. Her poverty didn't prevent her from giving. The way society viewed her didn't make her gift less significant. Her gift was financial, but this conversation can be had with any gift. Like the poor widow, our gifts should be shared no matter how big or small they may be perceived. Amen.

Pastor's Preview

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

***Chorus** In the Name of the Lord *(sing twice)*

There is strength in the name of the Lord.
 There is power in the name of the Lord.
 There is hope in the name of the Lord.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Scripture Lesson

Mark 12: 41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
 People: **Thanks be to God**

Message**I Can Give My All****Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God****Offertory**

Invocation in A Minor

Alexandre Guilmant

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Hymn**

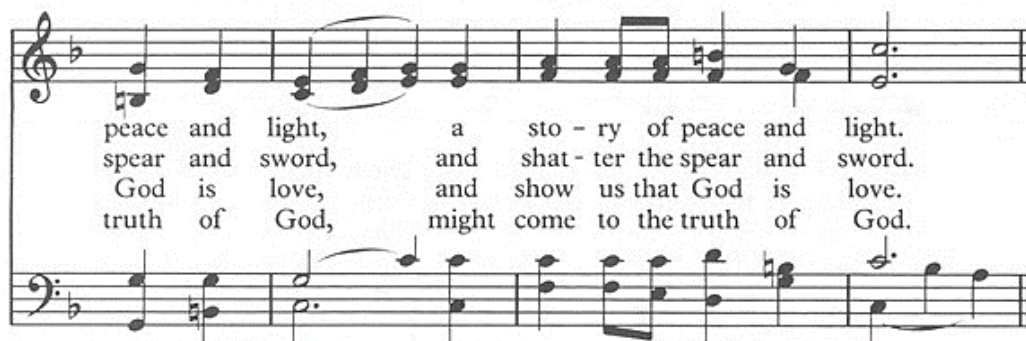
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

(verses 1 and 4)

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions,
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions,
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions,
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions,

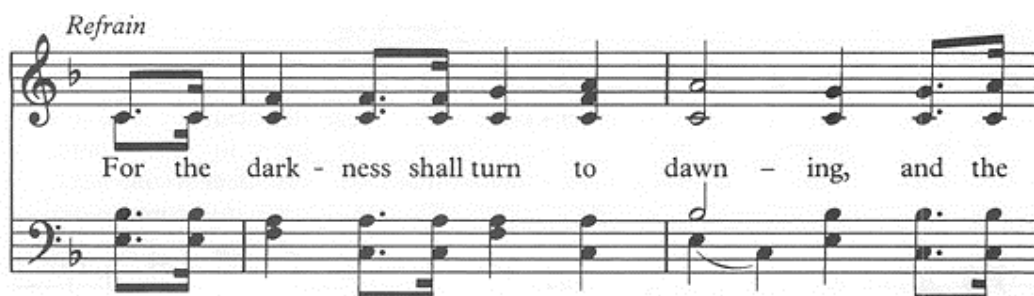
that shall turn their hearts to the right, a
 that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a
 that the Lord who reign - eth a - bove hath
 who the path of sor - row hath trod, that

sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a sto - ry of
 song that shall con - quer e - vil and shat - ter the
 sent us his Son to save us, and show us that
 all of the world's great peo - ples might come to the



peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 God is love, and show us that God is love.
 truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain



For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the



dawn - ing to noon - day bright; and Christ's great king - dom shall



come on earth, the king - dom of love and light.

Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Toccata

Douglas Wagner