



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming* tradition

*Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning  
that all creation with you may rise.*  
- Luis Bojos

*He's not dead. He's bread.*  
- Sister Corita Kent

*Lord,  
I ask only this:  
that you would meet me on the road;  
and that I, expectant,  
would recognize and know you  
in your coming  
and so find my life  
transformed.*  
- Pat Bennett



\* THE PEACE

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
let us forgive one another.*

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

\* RESPONSE *(the congregation sings)*

*Mit Freuden Zart*

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud Thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;

both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Romans 8:18-25

(NT 158)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O Be Joyful in the Lord (Psalm 100)

*Rutter*

*"O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way with his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands."*

*Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Chanse Mortenson, conductor

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

\* HYMN 239 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*Gelobt Sei Gott*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.*

*Online worshipers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.*

OFFERTORY

*Arioso*

*J.S. Bach*

*Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer  
before proceeding to Church School in The Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\* DOXOLOGY *(the congregation sings)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 24:13-35

(NT 90)

*Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "On the Road with God"

Rev. Larson

\* HYMN 500 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

*St. Flavian*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING OF BREAD AND WINE

*Elders present the gifts of the loaf and the cup in thanksgiving for God's Word.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

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

*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. By Your wisdom, you created the world and everything in it; by your power, you have delivered us from evil in every age; by your mercy, you have promised never to forsake us.*

*People: He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life.*

*Leader: Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:*

All sing: Holy, holy, holy, holy,

*Hymn to Joy*

God of power and God of might,

Heaven and earth are filled with glory

Sing Hosanna to our God.

Blessed is the One who cometh

in the Lord's most holy name.

Sing Hosanna in the highest, Sing Hosanna, everyone!

*Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, whom You sent to save us.*

**People:** He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded by our sin.

*Leader: He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised.*

**People:** He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

*Leader: By Your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb.*

**People:** The One who was dead now lives!

*Leader: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.*

**People:** By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

#### 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.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All persons are invited to commune, regardless of age or denomination.*

*Today worshippers recall the Easter journey of the early disciples by walking forward to receive the Sacrament.*

*Communion today is by intinction:*

*take bread from one of the elders, then dip it in the cup and partake.*

*It is our practice to serve unfermented wine.*

*Gluten-free bread is at the center of each tray.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

*Promise*

\* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia (from Cantata 29)

J.S. Bach

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Tom Christofferson by his family.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

**Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today**, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **188<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Sue and Rabah Rennane, Randy and Alex Trumbull-Holper. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Toni Jones, and Jim Schleif and Bill Morley. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A **"crying room" on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" for more information: <https://conta.cc/4414U2B>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## **ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?**

**Join us for a Welcome and Orientation Event  
following worship TODAY in the Upper Room  
11:15 am – 1:00 pm**

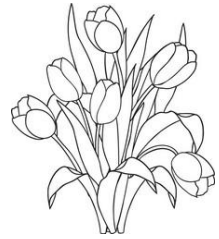
Designed for new friends interested in nurturing a deeper Immanuel connection and/or considering membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear Immanuel's story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with Rev. Ater immediately following worship today.

## **TELL YOUR IMMANUEL STORY**

Immanuel members and friends are invited to chat with members of the Transition Team to share a bit of your Immanuel Church story. We want to hear about times when you were proud to be part of our Immanuel "flock" as well as any times when you felt a bit like a "lost sheep." The team members will be available following worship in the rear of the sanctuary (Narthex) for the next few weeks.

**Dr. Bush is away this week.** He is attending a CREDO conference, an event for ministers sponsored by the Board of Pensions. He'll return to the office on Tuesday.

# *Spring is Here!*



*Mark your calendar  
for these upcoming Immanuel events*

## **THE IMMANUEL GARDENS ARE SPRINGING TO LIFE**

**Spring Spruce-up Day + THIS Saturday, May 10 + 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

The Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. With the arrival of Spring, the Landscaping Team invites your help to clean up the church grounds, mulch, and prepare the gardens throughout the spring and summer. The first yard work day is May 10. Volunteers will clean up the grounds and spread mulch; the rain date is May 17. If you enjoy gardening or want to learn from some experienced gardeners, please join us for this cleanup/mulching day, and/or volunteer for weekly watering of a section of the landscape or individual planters.

Sign up today by going to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Gardens\\_SpringSpruceUp2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_SpringSpruceUp2025) or signing up in the Parlor to join the landscaping team for 2025.

Please contact Keith Pierce at [klpierce46@gmail.com](mailto:klpierce46@gmail.com) if you'd like to sign-up to adopt a garden bed/plot to water and maintain throughout the season (or would like to learn more). Please use a subject line of "IPC Landscaping" in your e-mail.

## **"CREATION SUNDAY"**

**NEXT Sunday, May 11**

The Church School children, youth, and teachers will celebrate Creation Sunday on May 11 with lessons and activities that celebrate the gift of God's good creation! Following worship, members and friends will be invited to join in the celebration and enjoy eating some "dirt cake," a favorite Creation Sunday treat.

## **SABBATICAL COMMISSIONING**

**Sunday, May 18**

Associate Pastor Robert Ater will be on sabbatical leave from May 19 to September 1. The focus of the sabbatical time for Rev. Ater and the congregation will be on embracing the gift of sabbath and the spiritual calling to balance our lives with rest. Rev. Ater also plans to visit and personally thank some of the mentors, teachers, and friends who have inspired, nurtured, and supported him in his life's journey — a sort of gratitude tour. The congregation will offer a blessing for him on Sunday, May 18 followed by a special coffee hour hosted by the Human Resources Committee in the Parlor.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY + June 8

The Day of Pentecost is the day that the Church celebrates its birthday – the day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus Christ, fifty days after his resurrection. It is an Immanuel tradition to celebrate Pentecost as the last day of the Church School year with our annual *Pentecost Party*. All will be invited to the Upper Room to enjoy a light lunch, complete with “Fruits of the Spirit” salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2024-25 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples.

### CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We look forward to honoring members of Immanuel Church who are graduating from high school or college/university or receiving graduate degrees this spring. Please call or e-mail the church office (414-276-4757 [ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)) with school and degree information to help make sure our list is complete.



### BUILDING POWER! Common Ground Assembly Monday, June 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Mexican Fiesta: Flores Hall

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/CGAssembly>  
Flyers are on the Great Hall tables.

After helping to bring about significant positive and life-improving change for our public housing neighbors this year, Common Ground is **building power** together – boldly, creatively and strategically.

***Come celebrate and help spark what comes next!***

*Common Ground ([www.commongroundwi.org](http://www.commongroundwi.org)) is a non-partisan, multi-racial alliance of congregations, schools, nonprofits, small businesses and neighborhood groups with a seventeen-year track record of effective, meaningful change in greater Milwaukee. Immanuel is a founding member. Questions about Common Ground or the assembly? Contact a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Paula Lewein, Martha Mainland, and Sharon Rose.*



# PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

## *Opportunities for Mission and Service*

✦ **TWO volunteers still needed!** Immanuel will provide the evening meal for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** next Wednesday through Thursday, May 14-16. *Thank you to those who've already signed up!* **Veggies and ranch dip for 50** is needed for Thursday, May 15, and **24 hamburger buns and fresh fruit for 50** is needed for Friday, May 16. To help, sign up at the link below, prepare the food in your home, and deliver the meal to the center where the staff will serve it. If you wish to help serve, put "I want to serve" in the comment box on the sign-up form. To volunteer, go to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_CathedralCenterMeals](https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals) or contact the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake ([bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).

### **YOUR OFFERING, here and afar**

**In addition to offerings put in the plate during worship you may also:**

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Text 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter the amount in a message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information and verification by text or email.



**THANK YOU!**

### **MAKING SUNDAY MORNING HAPPEN:**

*It takes you!*

The practice of gathering for worship on Sunday mornings is the center of our life together. Sunday mornings at Immanuel Church are meaningful *and busy*. There's more to be done that meets the eye! Will you help?

**Welcome Team** members greet worshippers at the church doors, answer questions, and offer directions. *Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.*

**Ushers** welcome and seat worshippers in the Sanctuary. *Four to six ushers are needed each Sunday.*

**Coffee Hour** hosts serve coffee, tea, and juice after worship in the Parlor. They offer table hospitality by providing both sweet and savory treats and clean-up afterwards. *Four hosts are needed each Sunday.*

If you would like to help, please email the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

May 4	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Larson preaching <b>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
	6:00	Parish Life Council meeting ~ <i>Gold Room</i>
Wednesday	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Thursday	noon	Living Waters for the World Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Saturday	9:00	Spring Spruce-up ~ <i>Immanuel gardens</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

May 11	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching Reception of New Members and Friends
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
May 12	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 13	4:00	Meeting of Presbytery ~ <i>First Church - Kenosha</i>
	6:30	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
May 14	5:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

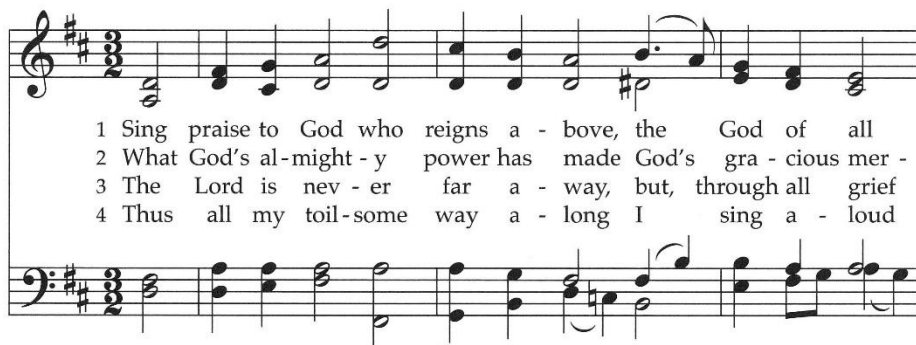
**Available date for Chancel flowers:** If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **June 15 or 22, or another date in 2025** (\$150 for the two arrangements each Sunday), please contact the church office.

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

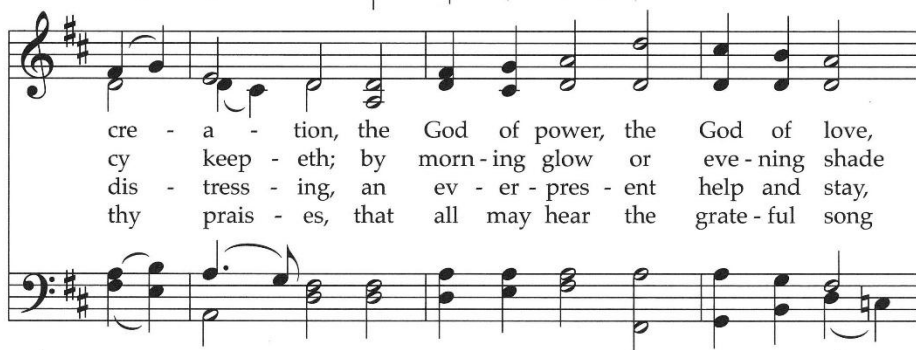
**Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers - Dick Myers, Paul Campbell, Dave Salisbury, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator - Keith Pierce.

**SUNDAY MORNING PARKING:** Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.** Please **DO NOT** park in the Barnett Gallery lot.

# 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



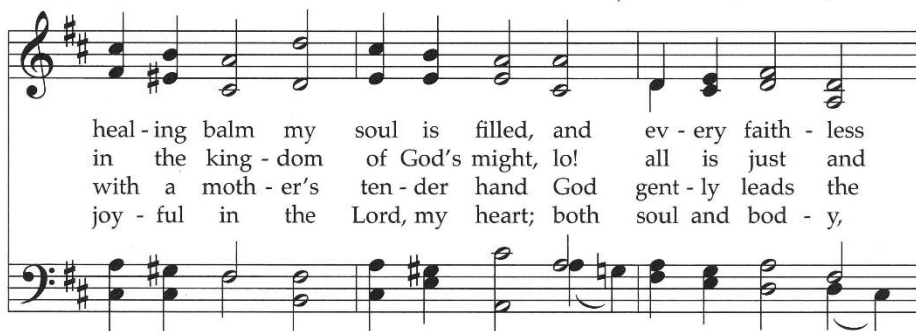
1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:  
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 cho - sen band:  
 take your part:

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.  
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

MIT FREUDEN ZART  
 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

# Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Melchior Vulpinus, 1609; harm. *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

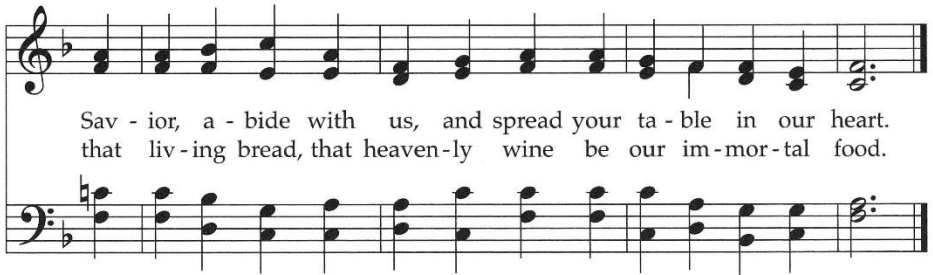
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GELOBT SEI GOTT  
8.8.8 with alleluias

# Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread 500



1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;  
2 Here share with us, in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood,



Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.  
that liv - ing bread, that heaven - ly wine be our im - mor - tal food.

Not all communion texts refer to the Last Supper: this brief hymn is based on the meal at Emmaus shared by the Risen Christ and his two companions on the road (Luke 24:13–35). It is set to a 16th-century psalm tune that carries the text with appropriate simplicity.

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1825  
MUSIC: *Day's Psalter*, 1562

ST. FLAVIAN  
CM

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

F7

(G)

B<sup>b</sup>

(Em)

Gm

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(F<sup>#</sup>)

A

(Bm)

Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

B<sup>b</sup>

(Em)

Gm

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."

Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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