

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Second Sunday of Advent

What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent
When We're Running Out of Hope, God Is at Work

Meaning of the Chrismons

December 7, 2025
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Pastor Dave

Prelude

Petit Canon
by Nadia Boulanger

Paulette McClellan

*Candle Lighting

Anthony Sanchez's Care Group

Leader: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

All: We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

Leader: You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us.

All: Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

Light candle

Leader: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Looking Out a Prison Window

*Opening Prayer

Gerri Warner

Merciful God, we need bread and we need laughter. We need music and we need a hand to hold. We need a chair to sit in and we need work to do. But maybe more than anything, we need your Word and a reason to hope. So move through this space today and speak to us as only you can. Speak a word of hope deep into our weary bones. For we need bread and we need laughter, but most of all, we need you. Amen.

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

One: A word from God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Noël Français

Vista Bells

arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with us at office@montevista.org.)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastor Dave

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, our Mother and Father, let your name be revered. Let your kin-dom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in the heavens. Give us today the bread we need for today. And forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

Creation Will Be at Peace
by Anna Laura Page

Vista Voices

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:19-21

Pastor Dave

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

One: A word from God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Running on Empty

Pastor Dave

Hymn of Response

All Earth Is Waiting

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Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Charlie Tatlock

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on the [Givelify app](#), or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

*Communion Hymn

Shout!

Words of Institution

Pastor Dave

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Charlie

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC

Pastor Dave

*Closing Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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*Announcements

Pastor Dave

*Benediction

Pastor Dave

Postlude

Finlandia [Song of Peace]
by Jean Sibelius

Paulette

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Gerri Warner, Worship Leader

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

Wally Miller, Sound

Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding



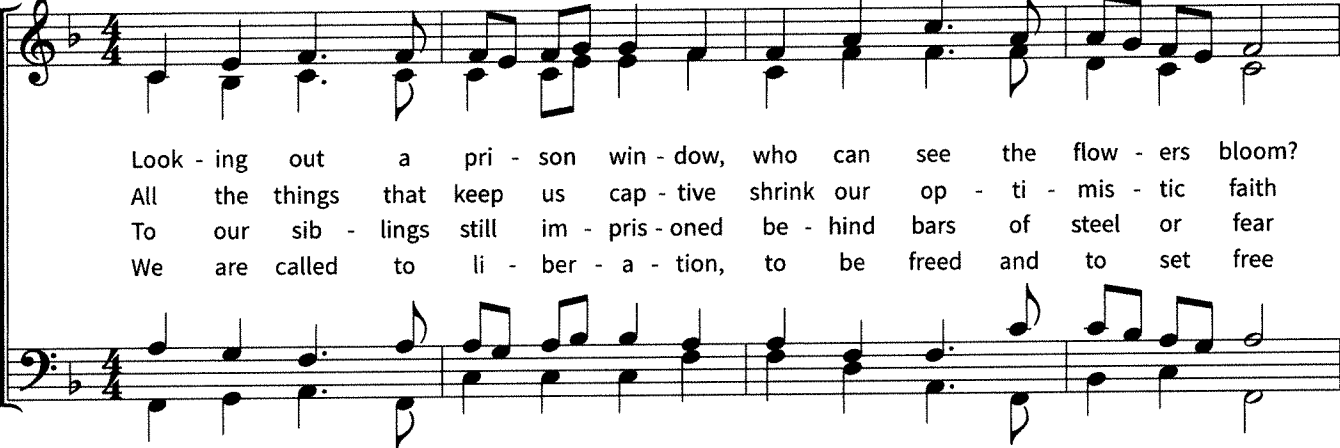
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WHEN WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF HOPE, GOD IS AT WORK

# Looking Out a Prison Window

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Words by Anna Strickland, 2025

Music by Henry Gauntlett, 1849



Look - ing out a pri - son win - dow, who can see the flow - ers bloom?  
All the things that keep us cap - tive shrink our op - ti - mis - tic faith  
To our sib - lings still im - pris - oned be - hind bars of steel or fear  
We are called to li - ber - a - tion, to be freed and to set free

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Hope dis - solves like dreams at day - break leav - ing us an emp - ty room  
We must prac - tice hope on pur - pose e - ven when our spi - rits break  
Bring the mes - sage from our Sav - ior: hope is real and dawn - ing near  
Break - ing chains of world - ly pow - ers who would claim our li - ber - ty

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Still be - yond what we can see God is al - ways plant - ing seeds  
'Til at last our free - dom comes And we fin - ally see the sun  
Tell the gos - pel all a - round New life springs up from the ground  
Bo - dy, spi - rit, mind and heart Li - ber - ate each cap - tive part

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## All Earth Is Waiting

*Unison*      D                      F#m                      Em                      A7

1. All earth is wait-ing to see the Prom-ised One,  
 2. Thus says the proph-et to those of Is-ra-el,  
 3. Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be made plain;  
 4. In low-ly sta-ble the Prom-ised One ap-peared,

and o-pen fur-rows, the sow-ing of our God. All the  
 "A-vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el": one whose  
 o-pen new high-ways, new high-ways for our God, who is  
 yet feel that pres-ence through-out the earth to-day, for Christ

world, bound and strug-gling, seeks true lib-er-ty; it  
 name is "God with us," our Sav-ior shall be, through  
 now com-ing clos-er, so come all and see, and  
 lives in all Chris-tians and is with us now; a -

cries out for jus-tice and search-es for the truth.  
 whom hope will blos-som once more with-in our hearts.  
 o-pen the door-ways as wide as wide can be.  
 gain, on ar-riv-ing Christ brings us lib-er-ty.

Bm                      F#m                      G                      D

Bm                      F#m                      1-3 Em                      A7                      4 Em F#7/A D

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Christmas Eve | What do you fear?  
GOOD NEWS IS LOUDER THAN FEAR

# Shout!

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Words by Anna Strickland, 2025

Traditional English melody, 16th cent.

When fear lies like a blan - ket thick and mutes the joy of li - ving  
The pierc - ing song the an - gels bring to un - sus - pect - ing shep - herds  
Sur - ren - der to the joy this night of God in - car - nate born for us

When He - rod reigns with terr - or great, the an - gels break in, sing - ing  
Is hard to hear with frigh - tened ears so used to news of ter - ror  
Shout in the streets, wake those who sleep to join the an - gel cho - rus

Shout! Shout your glo - ri - as in all the earth and heaven a - bove

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Shout!

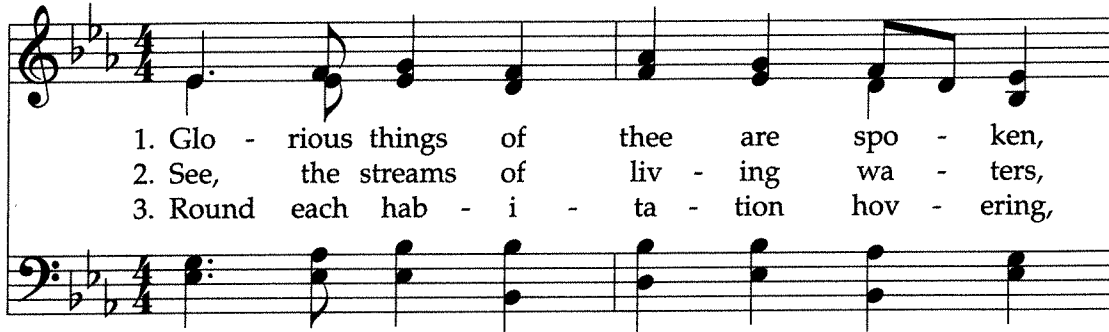
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Shout! Shout the an - gels' news that hope is born in Je - sus

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 13/8. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5) followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: "Shout! Shout the an - gels' news that hope is born in Je - sus".

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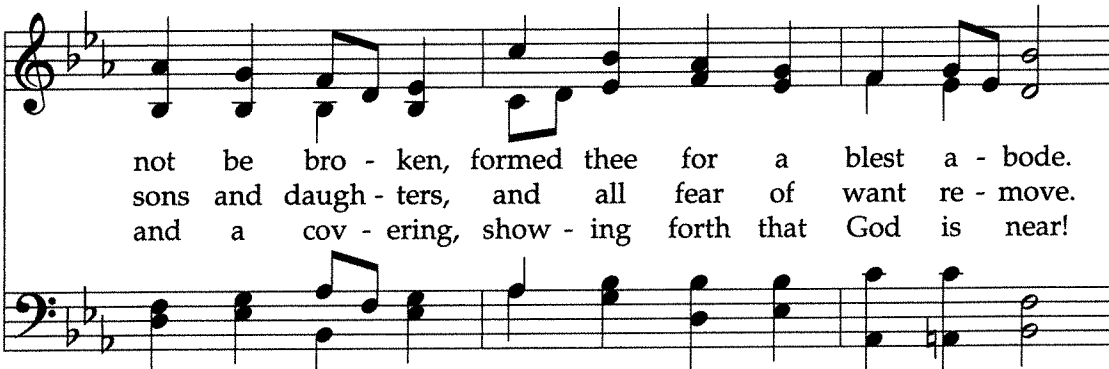
## 709 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



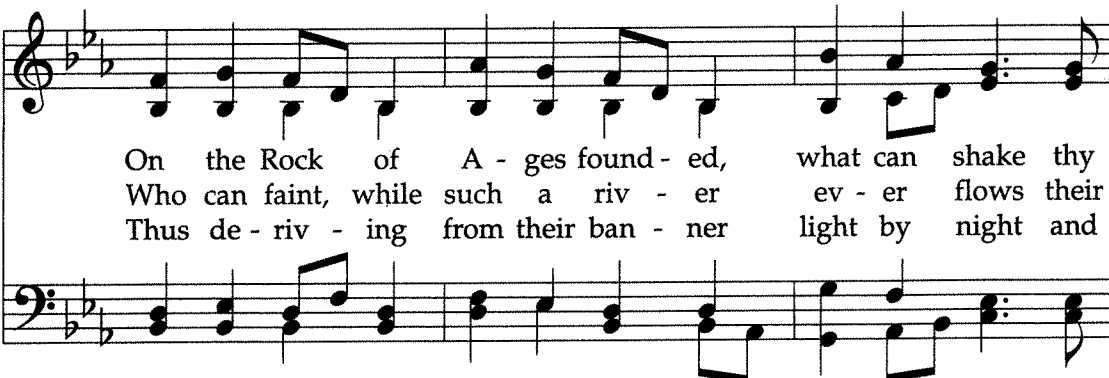
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken,  
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters,  
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering,



Zi - on, cit - y of our God; God, whose word can -  
 spring - ing from e - ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy  
 see the cloud and fire ap - pear for a glo - ry



not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.  
 and a cov - ering, show - ing forth that God is near!



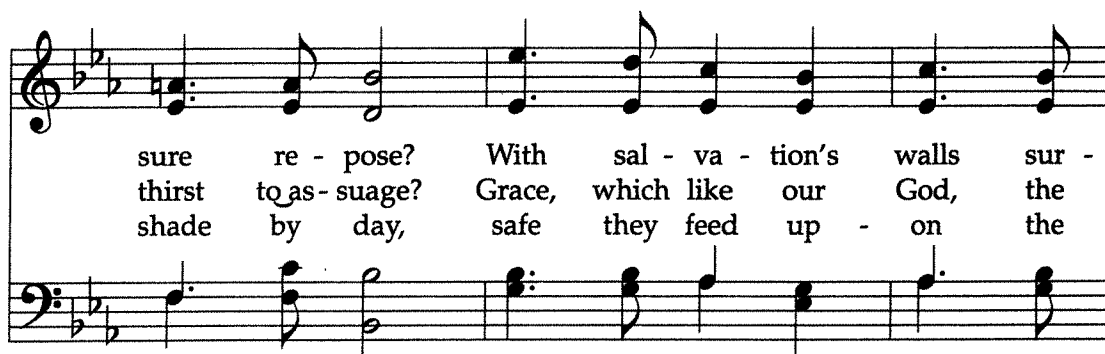
On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.  
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

AUSTRIAN HYMN  
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CONSUMMATION



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
thirst to as - suage? Grace, which like our God, the  
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the



round - ed, thou may - est smile at all thy foes.  
Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
man - na which God gives them when they pray.