



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

ALL MY HEART AGAIN REJOICES - STANZA 3

Come, then, let us hasten yonder;
here let all, great and small,
kneel in awe and wonder;
love him who with love is yearning;
hail the star that from far
bright with hope is burning.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Paul Gerhardt, who wrote this hymn, was a 17th Century Lutheran theologian and pastor. The Lutheran Confessions, and most recently the Formula of Concord were still being worked out in the lives of the faithful. Gerhardt, as hymnologists have noted, represents a turn toward the personal and in a good way the personal response in his hymnody. This is an example. It is an invitation to come and to follow “him” the Word become flesh. This is an invitation to awe and wonder, love and hope. The light of the star invades our time and space as well. The Word captures our hearts.

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