

commissioned for the 2013 Festival of Lessons and Carols,
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio
Kevin Jones, Minister of Music

Heir of the Highest Heaven

for SATB voices and organ

Washington Gladden, 1836–1918

Peter Niedmann

Jaunty and rhythmic (♩. = 69)

The musical score is arranged for Organ, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The organ part features a guitar-like texture with a forte marcato dynamic and a swell (Sw.) to mezzo-forte. The piano accompaniment includes a 'sim.' (sustained) section. The vocal parts are in unison with mezzo-forte dynamics. The lyrics are: '1 Here, O proph-et, is life and light! Here is the mes - sage / 2 Heav-en no long - er is strange and far, heav'n to the earth draws / sure! near; Beams from this face the glo - ry bright of the / dawns on the world that morn - ing star our'. The score includes performance markings such as 'cresc.' and 'mf'.

Music © 2017 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Published by Augsburg Fortress. Printed in U.S.A.
Duplication in any form prohibited without publisher's written permission.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Both times: Tutti

11

king - dom of the pure.
des - 'late hearts to cheer.

To us, O mor - tals, a Child is

f *div.*

cresc.

Gt. f

14

born! To us a Son is giv'n,

Gt. *Sw.*

17

Light of light, and Star of the morn,
Heir of the high - est

unis.

Sw. *cresc.* *Gt.*

59 *unis.*
 Heir of the high - est heav'n!

Gt.

62 *unis. f*
 6 Swift - er than morn - ing ray e'er ran

f *sim.*

65 *cresc.*
 let the new glad ti - dings run that the Son_ of God is the Son_ of

cresc.

68 *ff*
 man, and heav'n and earth are one.

71 *div. >*
 To us, O mor - tals, a Child is born! To

74
 us a Son is giv'n, Light of light, and Star of the