



the Baptism of our Lord

January 14, 2024

prelude

confession & forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Do not despair in the darkness of sin for God has manifested our salvation.

C: God of truth and light, you have revealed and fulfilled yourself in giving us your son Jesus the Christ.

P: God now abides with us; guiding, strengthening, forgiving and renewing us each day.

C: Yet, we confess that we do not always recognize your presence in our lives. We trust in our own wisdom and strength rather than yours. We live in fear rather than in peace. We tend to despair rather than find hope. We choose the ease of sin rather than the way of faithfulness. Seeking to live by your design and not our own, we ask for the grace of your forgiveness. Do not turn away from us, but, as we turn toward you again, visit us even more intimately, becoming the catalyst for our repentance and renewed resolve.

P: Arise, shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon us. As a Called and Ordained minister of Christ's Church I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

entrance hymn

Baptized in Water

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The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, the second system contains the second line, and the third system contains the third line. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is written on the bottom staff of each system. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and harmonic support.

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

GREETING

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

A: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

A: He comes to us;

C: We who are not wise.

A: He comes to us;

C: We who are not powerful

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

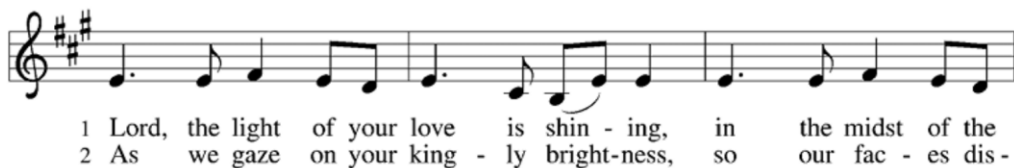
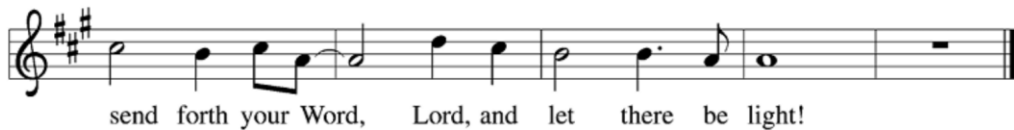
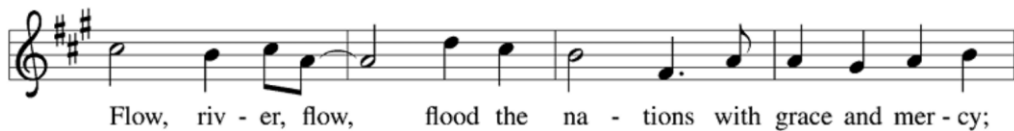
C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

hymn of praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine

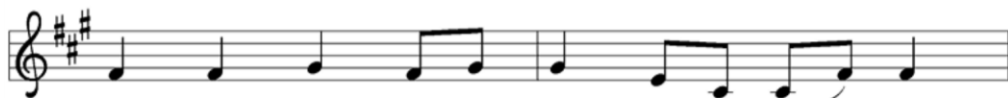
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Refrain

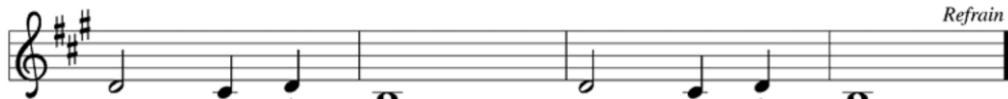




dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: God of heaven and earth, as the Spirit came and filled your Son as he came out of the Jordan, so let the Spirit fill us; that we will hear your voice in the words of the scripture and feel your presence in the majesty of the Eucharist and be strengthened for the work ahead of us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

first lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

At the beginning of God's creating the heavens and the earth, when the earth was wild and waste, and darkness was over the face of ocean - the rushing spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters

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God said, "Let there be light" and there was light.

God saw the light, that it was good.

God separated the light from the darkness.

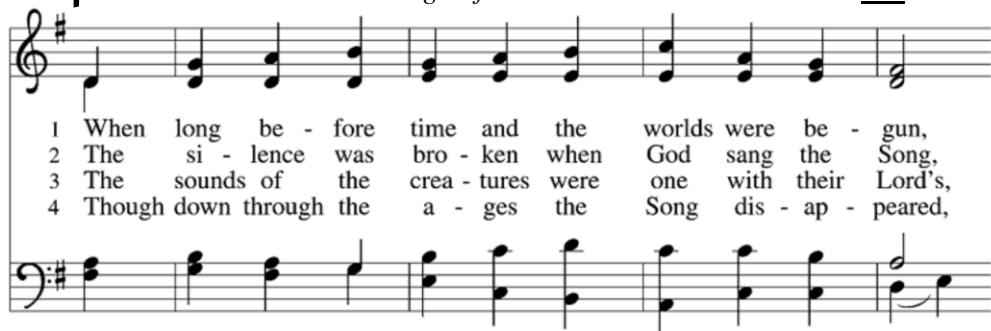
God called the light "Day" and the darkness he called "Night."

There was setting and there was dawning; one day.

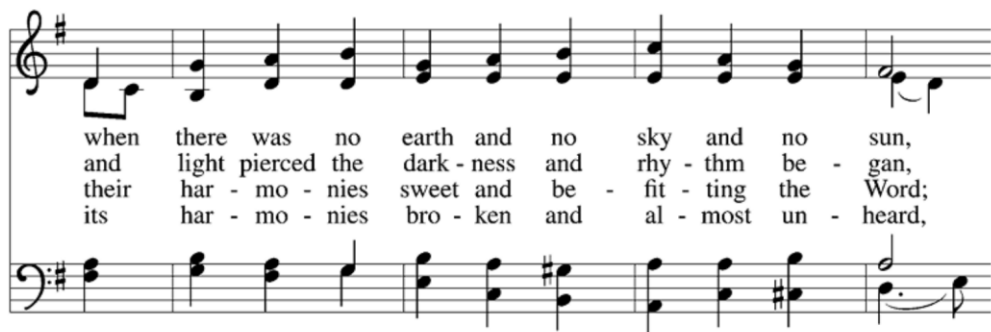
psalm

When Long Before Time

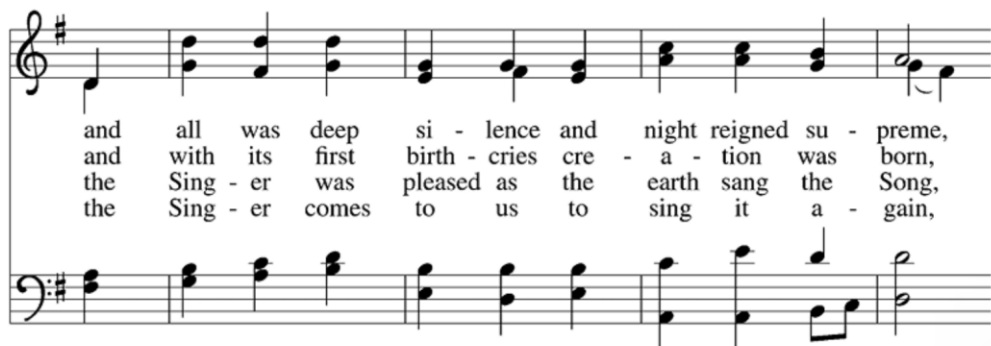
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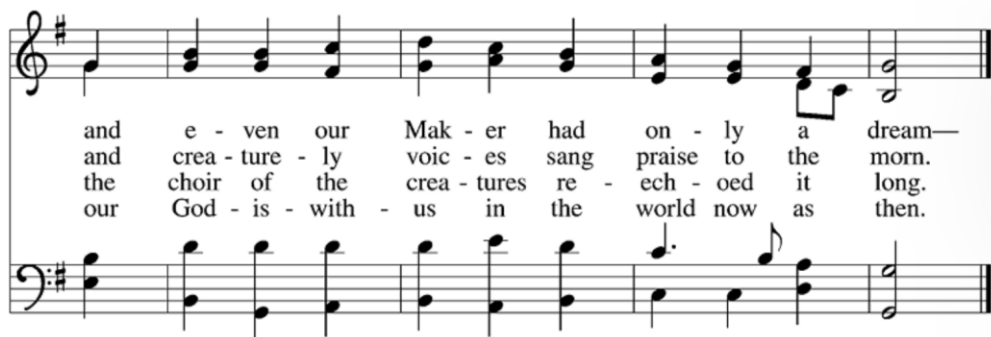
1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries and cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er first was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

second lesson

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to the city of Ephesus, where he found some disciples.

Paul said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?"

They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Then Paul said, "Into what then were you baptized?"

They answered, "Into John's baptism."

Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied--altogether there were about twelve of them.

VERSE

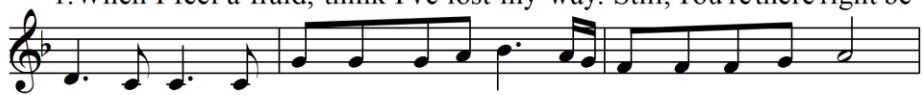
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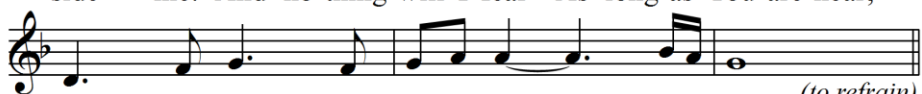
Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way. Still, You're there right be-



side me. And no-thing will I fear As long as You are near;



Please be near me to the end.

(to refrain)



2. I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, My heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide, And hold me to Your side, And



I will love you to the end.

(to refrain)

gospel acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the First Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

gospel

Mark 1:1-12

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

*"See, I am sending my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way;*

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

*'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight!'" [Isaiah 40]*

John, "the baptizer," appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He kept preaching, "The stronger one is now coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens ripped open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending in him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And immediately the Spirit threw him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

hymn of the day

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| 1.Christ, when for us You were baptized, God's Spirit on You came, As peaceful as a dove and yet As urgent as a flame. | 3.Straightway and steadfast until death You then obeyed God's call Freely as Son of Man to serve And give Your life for all. |
| 2.God called You "My beloved Son," The suffering servant true, Sent You the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do. | 4.Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord, Your cross on us be signed, That, likewise in God's service, we May perfect freedom find. |

affirmation of baptism

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opening instruction

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

flood prayer hymn

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Hymn Tune 696

- 1.Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,
First to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.
2. Parting water stood and trembled as the captives pass on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage—channel to a life made new.
3. Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.
4. Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

asperges me & profession of faith

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for your Spirit moved over the chaos of the waters at the beginning of all things and with your voice you spoke land and life from its deeps. Later, you returned the waters to purify the land and all life from evil, giving Noah and the passengers on his Ark the promise of never using water to bring death again. This promise was then fulfilled for your people Israel when, facing death at the hands of Pharaoh, you opened the Reed Sea for their escape to new life in the Promised Land. Then in waters of the Jordan, you brought eternal life to all through the empowerment of Jesus as the Savior who calls us into the water, to drown the old self bound in death and emerge signed and sealed forever as your child in whom you will always delight. In joyful remembrance of our own baptisms, we give You thanks for this moment of your promise intersecting our lives and ask that you renew the stirring of the Spirit within us that we will live ever more faithfully as your chosen people.

P: You will sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop

C: and I will be cleansed.

P: You will wash me,

C: and I shall be washed more pure than snow. Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: We do with the help of God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived of the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

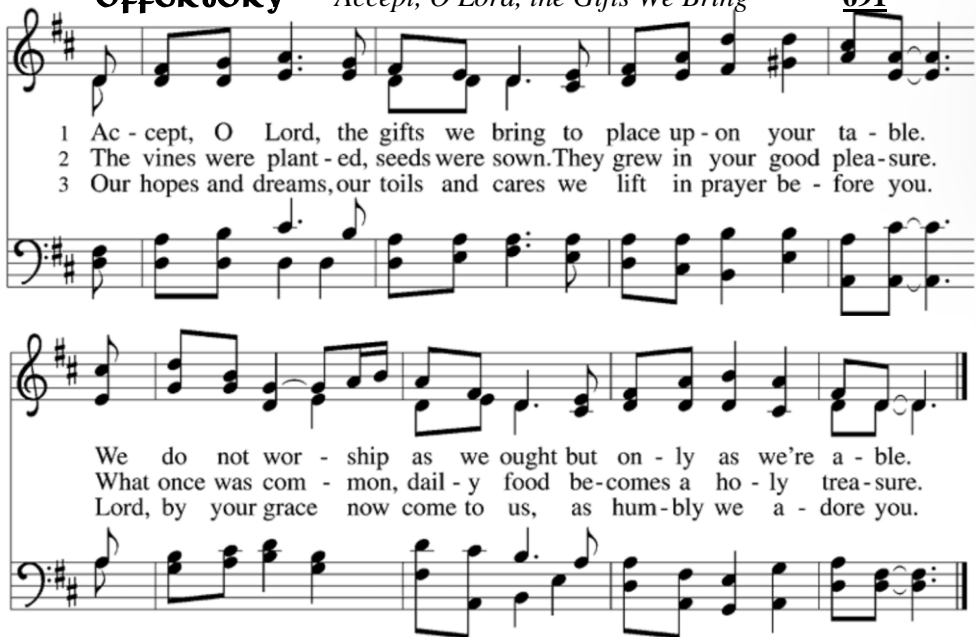
passing of the peace offering



offertory

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

offertory prayer

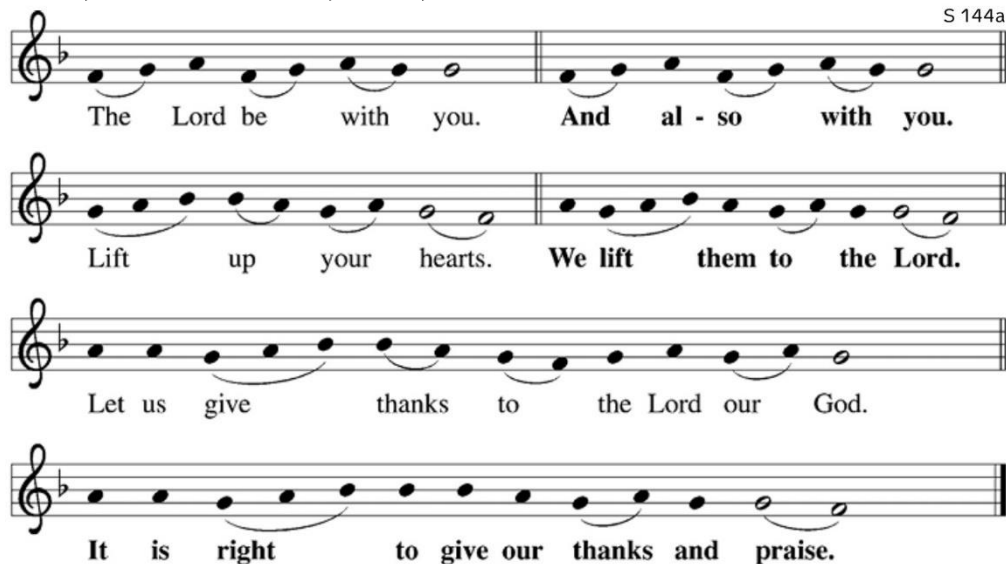
A: Let us Pray.

C: Lord, in this Epiphany season we focus on recognizing that you truly manifest Your presence in our lives each and every day through the many blessings we know which make our lives not

only bearable, but better. We count it a privilege to be able to offer back this portion of what we have received, that through our empowerment of Your mission and Your ministry we can make the lives of others better, too. Favor our offerings, that they will flourish and bear fruit in ways that we cannot imagine, building Your wondrous Kingdom that we all seek. Amen.

great thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and responsible that we . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

the lord's prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

distribution hymns

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1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;





gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



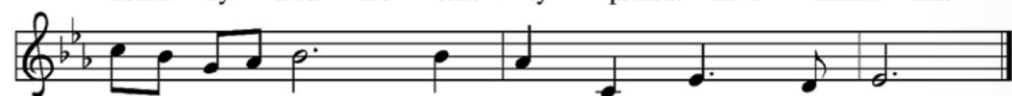
- 1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
- 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
- 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
- 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak - the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own - God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.



- 1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
- 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions mine
- 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
- 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



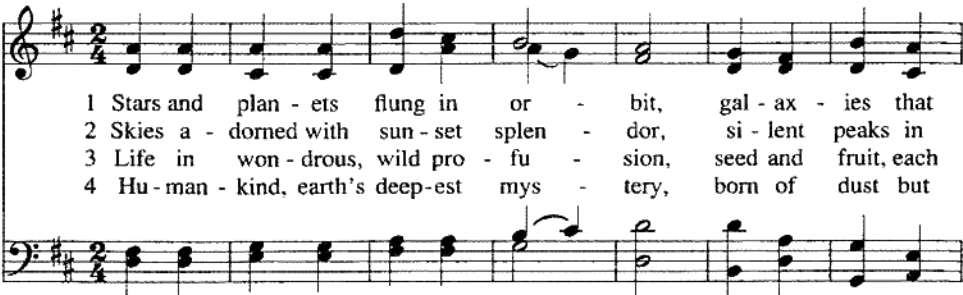
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

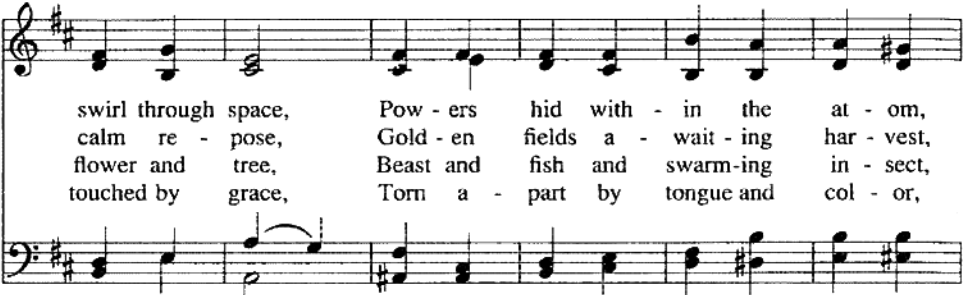
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

post communion blessing & prayer
benediction


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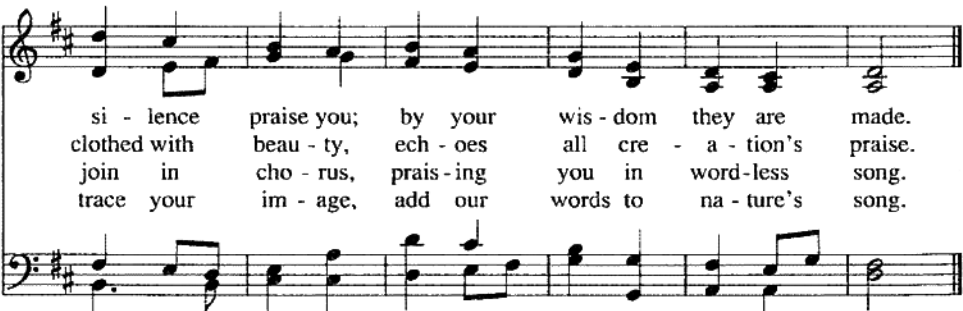
1 Stars and plan - ets flung in or - bit, gal - ax - ies that
 2 Skies a - domed with sun - set splen - dor, si - lent peaks in
 3 Life in won - drous, wild pro - fu - sion, seed and fruit, each
 4 Hu - man - kind, earth's deep - est mys - tery, born of dust but



swirl through space, Pow - ers hid with - in the at - om,
 calm re - pose, Gold - en fields a - wait - ing har - vest,
 flower and tree, Beast and fish and swarm - ing in - sect,
 touched by grace, Torn a - part by tongue and col - or,



cells that form an in - fant's face: These, O God, in
 foam - ing surf and fra - grant rose: Earth, its boun - ty
 soar - ing bird, re - joic - ing, free: These, your crea - tures,
 yet a sin - gle, striv - ing race: We, in whom you



si - lence praise you; by your wis - dom they are made.
 clothed with beau - ty, ech - oes all cre - a - tion's praise.
 join in cho - rus, prais - ing you in word - less song.
 trace your im - age, add our words to na - ture's song.

postlude & dismissal



Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Worship

No Sunday School or Confirmation Classes

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, January 15

4:30 p.m. NO Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting – in person only

Friday, January 19

5:30 p.m. Youth Group West Point Hockey Game Outing

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. “Plastic Wars” Film Screening by Social Ministry Committee



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