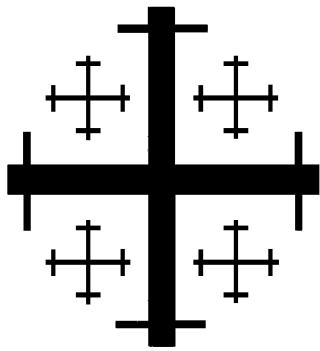


Feast of the Epiphany

January 11, 2026

9:30 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

A warm welcome to our visitors today! We are blessed that you have joined us to celebrate God's presence in word and sacrament. We offer a wide variety of programs and service opportunities. For more information, or to become a member, contact one of the pastors.

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Prelude: *Toccata on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent and Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

Tunes: Picardy, 17th Cent. French melody,
Divinum Mysterium, 13th cent. Plainsong, Mode V
Setting by Rebecca K. Owens, c. 2015

Penitential Rite

Please stand and face the Baptismal Font

C Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el;
A His name is called Em - man - u - el;
C/E God with us, re - vealed in us;

His name is called Em-man - u - el.

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L Arise, shine, for your light has come. Give (us) your justice and your righteousness, O God that we may defend the needy and rescue the poor... (Isaiah 60:1; Psalm 72:1, 4) Let us confess the ways we fail to care for the poor and defend the needy.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L Arise, shine, for your light has come... (Isaiah 60:1)

C **May the righteous flourish and let there be an abundance of peace that the Lord's compassion might shine on the lowly and the poor. (Psalm 72:7, 15)**

L Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Then you shall see and be radiant and your heart shall thrill and rejoice when the Lord delivers those who have no helper. (Isaiah 60:1, 5; Psalm 72:12)

Reprise ***Emmanuel***

Em - man - u - el,
Em - man - u - el,
His name is called Em - man - u - el;
God with us, re - vealed in us;
His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ~~the~~ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [Greek, "Lord, Have Mercy"]

All

Two staves of musical notation in common time (4/4) and C major (Cmi). The first staff consists of two measures: Cmi (two eighth notes) followed by G (one quarter note). The second staff consists of two measures: Cmi (two eighth notes) followed by Fm (one quarter note) and G7 (one quarter note). The lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." are repeated for each measure.

Cantor

Two staves of musical notation in common time (4/4) and C major (Cmi). The first staff consists of two measures of continuous eighth notes. The lyrics "For peace in the world, for the health of the church for the un - i - ty of all;" are written below the staff. The second staff consists of two measures of continuous eighth notes. The lyrics "for this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:" are written below the staff.

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Cantor

Two staves of musical notation in common time (4/4) and C major (Cmi). The first staff consists of two measures of continuous eighth notes. The lyrics "For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for Spir - it kind - led love;" are written below the staff. The second staff consists of two measures of continuous eighth notes. The lyrics "for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy, let us pray to the Lord:" are written below the staff.

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Hymn Of Praise

Text: John Ylvisaker

Shine Like the Sun*Wild Mountain Thyme*
trad. Scottish

There's a light that lights the dark-ness and the world can - not con-tain it,
There are saints who light the dark-ness and the world can - not con-tain them
and the world can - not ex-plain it. It is the light of God's cre - a - tion.
for the love of God sus-tains them, and they will nev - er be for - got-ten.

There's a love that flows with - in us, and the world can - not cre - ate it,
We are blest to have them with us, and we praise the God who made them,
and the world can - not ne - gate it, It is the love of God's sal - va - tion;
There is no way to re - pay them, and so we sim - ply do ap - plaud them.

and it shines like the sun. Glo-ry be to our Cre - a - tor! Glor ry
as they shine like the sun. Glo-ry be to our Cre - a - tor! Glor ry
to the Ho - ly One! Glo-ry be to Christ, our Sav - ior the Lord of
Light, the King of Love. See Him shine like the sun.

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Prayer Of The Day

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

From a Distant Land *(De Tierra Lejana Venimos)*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff is in C major (Cm) and 2/4 time. The second staff is in F major (Fm) and 2/4 time. The third staff is in C major (Cm) and 2/4 time, with a 'Refrain' label. The lyrics are in English, with some lines in Spanish in parentheses. The music includes various chords (Cm, Fm, G7) and rests.

1. From a dis-tant land the Sav-ior we come seek-ing,
2. Glow-ing gold I bring the new-born babe so ho-ly,

Us-ing as our guide the star, so bright-ly beam-ing.
To-ken of His power to reign a-bove in glo-ry

Refrain Love-ly east-ern star that tells us of God's morn-ing,

Heav - en's won - drous light, O nev - er cease thy shin - ing!
 Glo - ry in the high - est to the Son of Heav - en
 And up - on the earth be peace and love to all.

3. Frankincense I bring the Child of God's own choosing,
Token of our prayer to heaven ever rising *Refrain*
4. Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus,
Token of the pain that He will bear to save us. *Refrain*

Puerto Rican Carol

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia Verse / Gospel Acclamations

Verse (choir)

**We have seen His star rising
and have come to worship Him.**

Reprise

Halle Halle

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child;

and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of Our Lord
C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon Pastor Kyle

Silent Reflections

Hymn Of The Day

What Have We to Offer?

1.What have we to of-fer?
2.What have we to of-fer?
3.What have we to of-fer?

What have we to share?
What have we to bring?
What have we to give?

Coins from the cof-fer,
Love, ripe with laugh-ter;
Eyes that are wide o - pen;

hearts filled with care.
hope that we can sing;
lies that we won't live;

God dreams of what we're fal- ter;
truth that must be af- ter;
spo - ken;

so prom- is- let us dare
jus - es of when.
tice some- how.

Lay it at the al- tar
Lay it at the al- tar
Lay it at the al- tar

there.
then.
now.

4.What have we to of-fer?
What have we to

give?
Lives
we will live.

Chords: D, A, D, Bm, A(sus4), A, G, D, A, D, D, D/C#, Bm⁷, G, Em⁷, A(sus4), A, D

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Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all

things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the silence Lord, Hear our prayer.
In the still-ness Lord, Hear our prayer.
Our spo - ken words, our si - lent thoughts:
these we hum bly share.
In this mo - ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. **C Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always
C And also with you.

Offertory

***In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Harold Darke 1909**
Sanctuary Choir

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Heaven cannot hold Him; Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air,
But only His mother In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.



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Give online
through this **QR code**
Use smart phone camera; click link



Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:

We lift our voices. We lift our hearts, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hearts. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

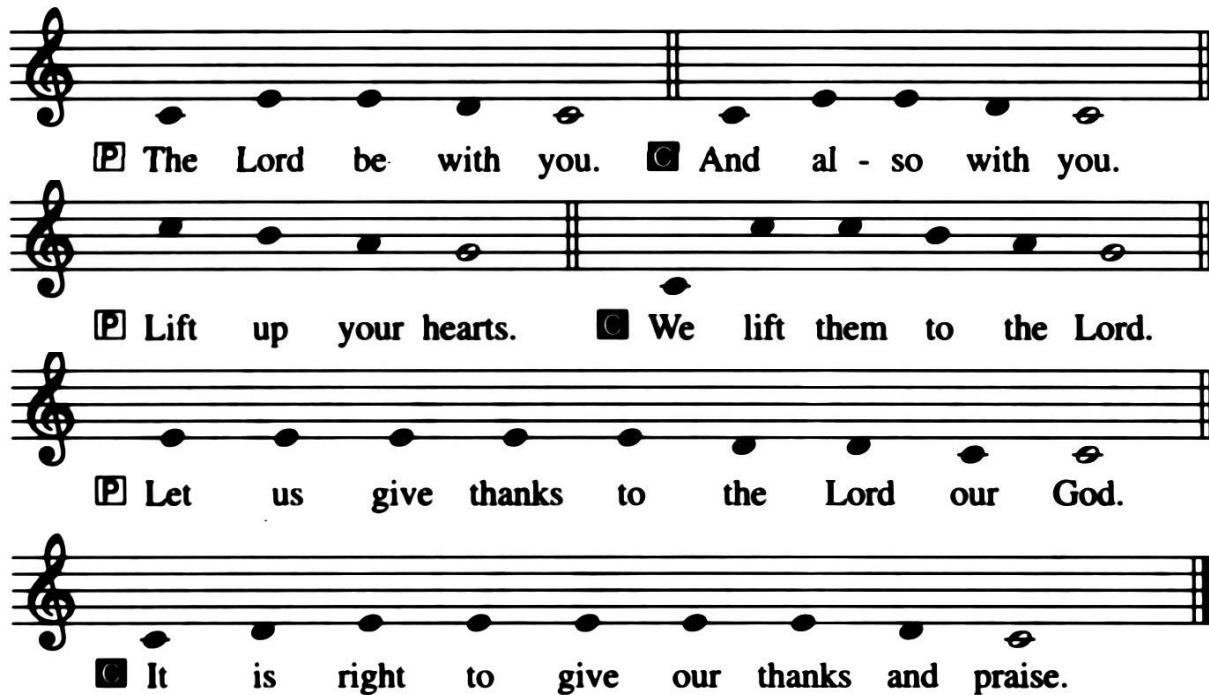
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices we lift our hearts, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. We are an offering.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first two staves are in 2/4 time, and the last two are in 4/4 time. The lyrics are:

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

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You so loved the world that you sent your only Son, your word made flesh to live among us and to open to us the way of your abundant life.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]

Dm Gm C⁷ Fmaj⁷
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev-er - more

B^b Gm A(sus4) A⁷
 than we ev - er un-der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Dm Gm C⁷ Fmaj⁷
 Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless-ed are you com-ing here.

B^b Gm A⁷ Dm
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Dm Gm C⁷ Fmaj⁷
 You are ho- ly, you are whole- ness,

B^b Gm A(sus4) A⁷
 you are pres- ent. Let the cos-mos praise you, Lord!

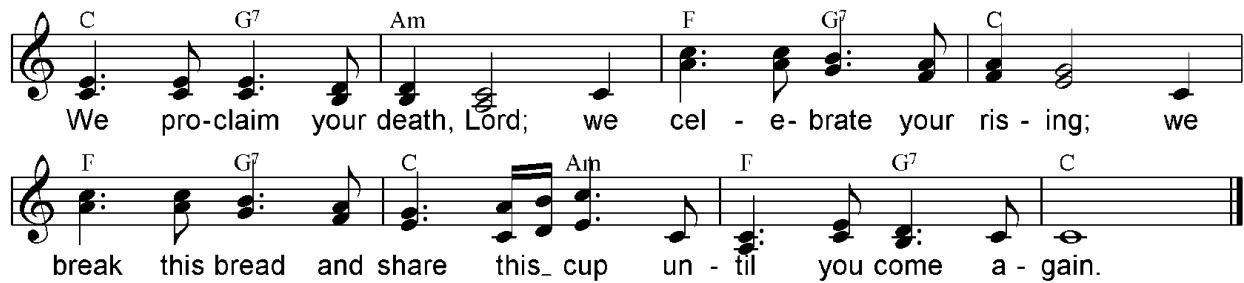
Dm Gm C⁷ Fmaj⁷
 Sing ho- san- na in the high- est!

B^b Gm A⁷ Dm
 Sing ho -san - na! Sing ho -san - na to our God!

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel-e-brate your ris-ing; we
break this bread and share this cup un-til you come a-gain.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

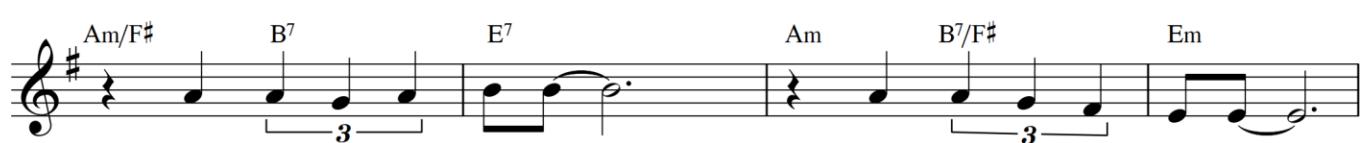
P Body of Christ given for you;
Blood of Christ shed for you

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb Of God]

Codero de Dios *Lamb of God*



O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy up - on us, — have mer - cy up - on us.



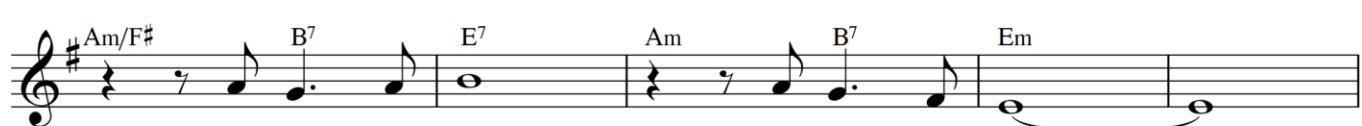
O Lamb of .. God, you.. takea - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy up - on us, — have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of .. God, you.. takea - way the sin of the world:



Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: We commune at the altar.

Ushers will guide. Wine is Red. Grape Juice is White.

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:
"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

One or more of the following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

We Three Kings



1 We three kings of O-ri-ent are; bear-ing gifts we tra-verse a -
2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
3 Frank-in-cense to of-fer have I; in-cense owns a de-i-ty
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit-ter per-fume breathes a life of gath-er-ing
5 Glo-rious now be-hold him a-rise, King and God and Sac-ri-



far, field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol-low-ing yon-der star.
gain; king for-ev-er, ceas-ing nev-er, o-ver us all to reign.
nigh; prayer and prais-ing, glad-ly rais-ing, wor-ship-ing God Most High.
gloom; sor-row-ing, sigh-ing, bleed-ing, dy-ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
fice; heav'n sings al-le lu-ia: al-le lu-ia the earth re-plies.



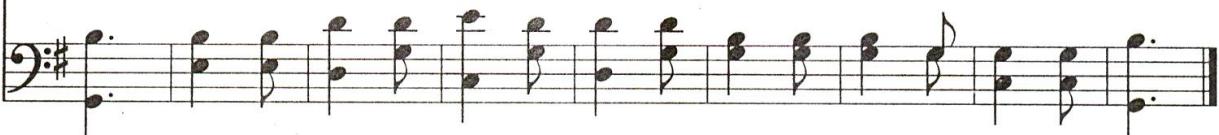
Refrain



Oh, star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty



bright; west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!



Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. 1820-1891, alt., Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. 1820-1891. Three Kings of Orient 8 8 4 4 6 and refrain

Beautiful Savior (ELW 838) Vs. 3 acapella

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Son of God and Son of Man!
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. C Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser- vant go go in
peace: your word has been ful- filled. Mine
eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre-
pared in the sight of all peo- ple: a light to re-
veal you to the na-tions and the glo- ry of your
peo-ple Is- ra- el. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther,
and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it,
as it wa the be- gin- ning, IS now, and
will be for- ev- er. A- men.

Text: Nunc dimittis &. Music *Detroit Folk Mass*, Tillis Butler & James Harris
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A Let us pray...Incarnate God, You Are Among Us At This Table. May We Treasure This Gift And Ponder In Our Hearts The Mystery Of Your Presence. Move Us To Discover The Wonders Of Your Love In The Everyday Moments Of Our Lives, Through Christ Born In Us.

C Amen.

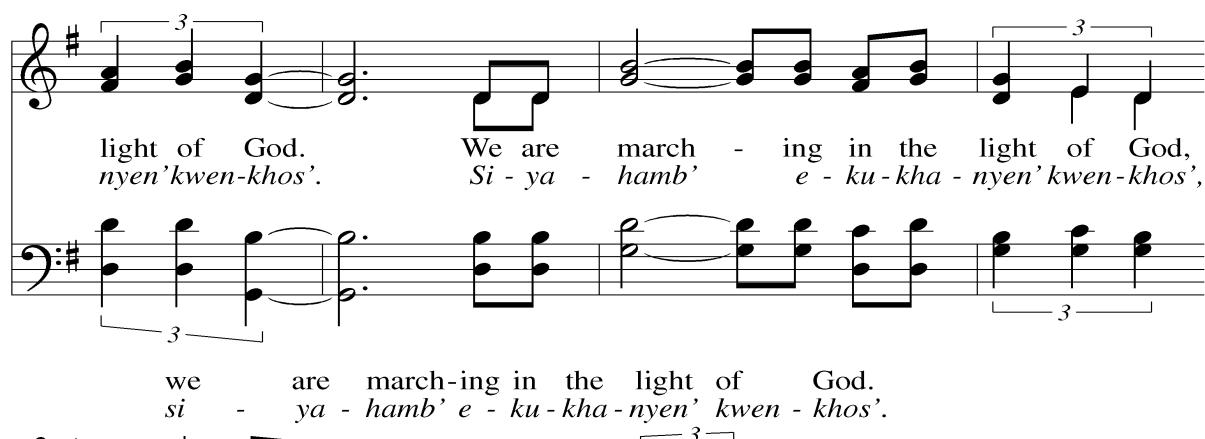
P The Benediction ✕

C Amen

Recessional Hymn We Are Marching in the Light of God

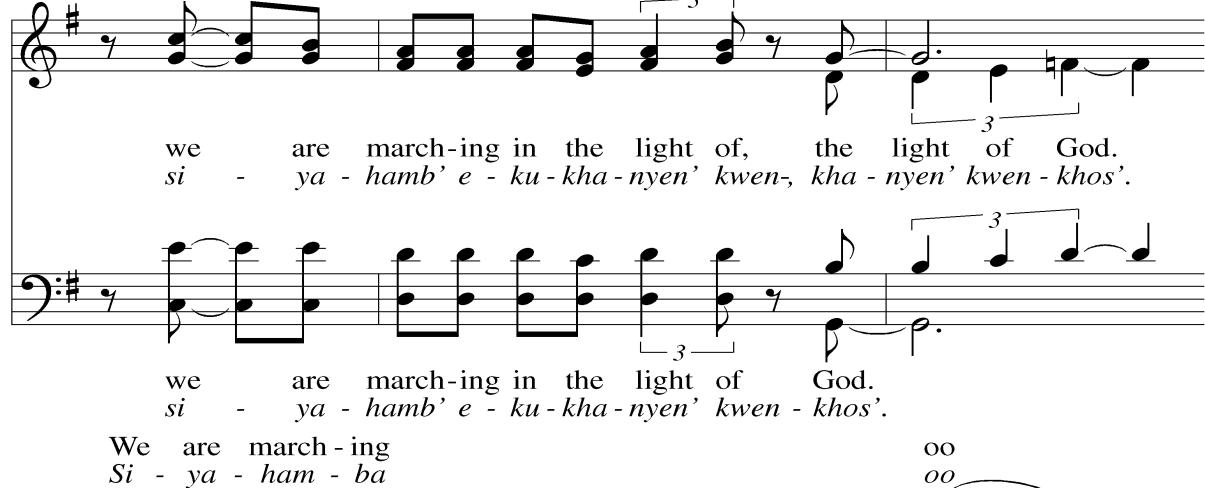


We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -



light of God. We are marching in the light of God,
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are marching in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.



we are marching in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are marching in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are marching
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are marching, march-ing, we are marching, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba,

we are marching in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are marching in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are marching
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are marching, march-ing, we are marching, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba,

we are marching in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Reprise of We Are Marching in the Light*

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Upcoming Commemorations

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Thursday, January 15, 2026

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

Saturday, January 17, 2026

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.