



ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Episcopal Church in Kapa'au, Hawai'i

A place to BE the love of God and to FEEL the love of God.

HOLY EUCHARIST

in person & livestreamed

December 29, 2024 7:00 am & 9:00 am

First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Kirk Corey

Opening Hymn *Hail to the Lord who comes*

1982 Hymnal #259

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, while the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first stanza is the most prominent, with the other stanzas providing additional verses. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals, as well as dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The overall style is that of a traditional hymn tune.

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;
watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,
and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands
Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;
thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.
takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.
be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be all God's creation, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gloria

from the traditional hymn

Refrain

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Bass/Tenor) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is the 'Refrain', with the lyrics 'Glo - - - - - ri - a'. The second system has the lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -'. The third system has the lyrics '- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes in the vocal lines, with sustained chords in the piano accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line.

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Collect

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.Amen.

Source: Book of Common Prayer

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 147:13-21 Laudate Dominum

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *

he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *

and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *

who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *

to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

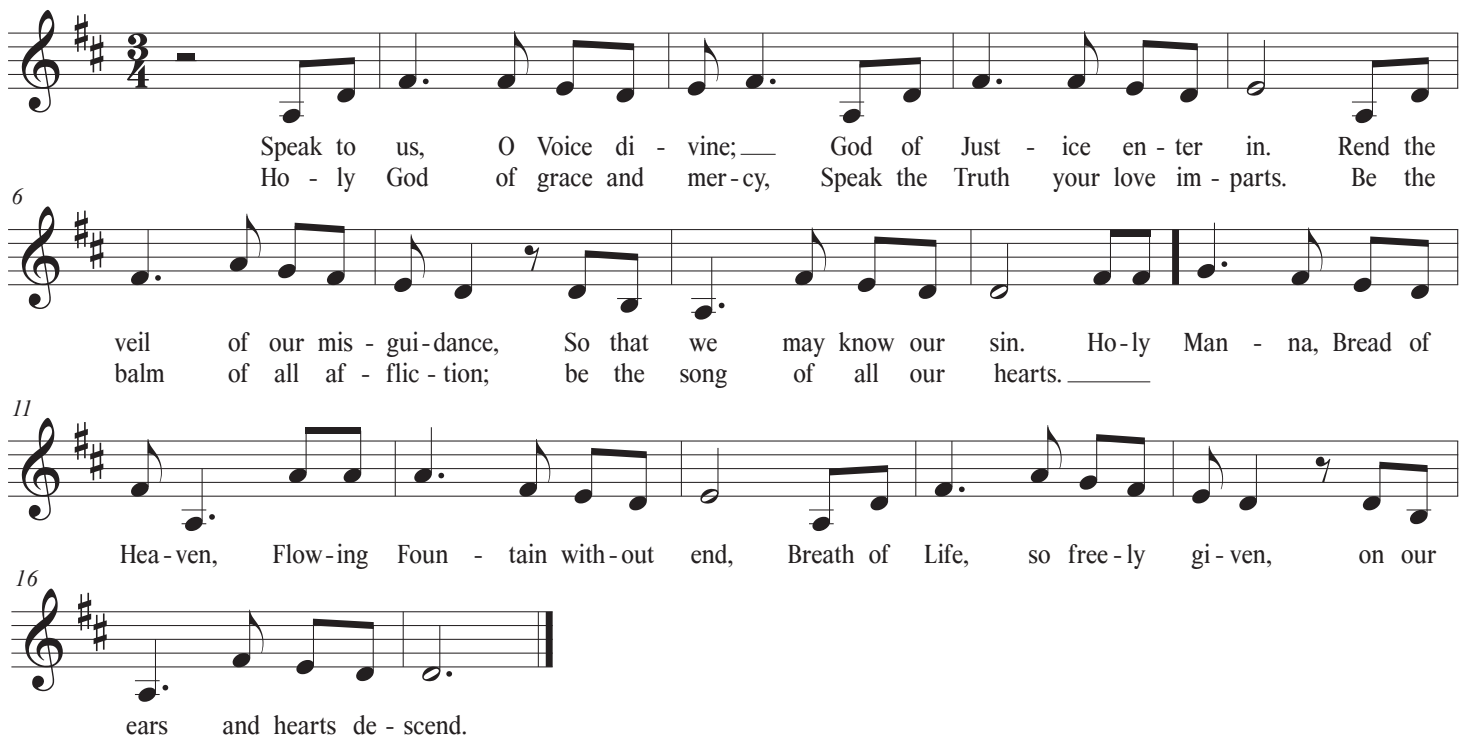
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Holy Manna

by Mila Polevia



Speak to us, O Voice di - vine; — God of Just - ice en - ter in. Rend the
Ho - ly God of grace and mer - cy, Speak the Truth your love im - parts. Be the
veil of our mis - gui - dance, So that we may know our sin. Ho - ly Man - na, Bread of
balm of all af - flic - tion; be the song of all our hearts. _____
Hea - ven, Flow - ing Foun - tain with - out end, Breath of Life, so free - ly gi - ven, on our
ears and hearts de - scend.

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The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Masada

Music for reflection and gathering of prayers. Please hand them to Deacon Lani.

Please stand as you are able.

The Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.**

Prayers of the People for Christmas

Deacon God of the One who has come, your Star rises in our hearts as we make our own journey to greet you. Bring us to the humility of the stable as we join our voices in prayer.

For the church. For your people gathered here, and for those throughout the world. Remind us of what it means to be faithful, even as Mary offered her womb, Joseph, the strength of his protection, and the shepherds their awe and wonder.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For the world. For our nation and for all nations. Keep us mindful that the hopes and fears of all time, of all hearts, and of all spirits are met in You, and that you are Emanuel, God with us.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For this community. Let the light of your star illumine the shadows that hide the needs of those around us. Bring us your vision of justice and the courage to live it; the willingness to learn the names of those in need, and the compassion to respond.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For ourselves. Open us ever more deeply to your Presence. Open our eyes to see by the stable lamp that we are created in your own image. Open our ears to hear the stars that bend their voices, and blend our voices with the stones that cry in praise of you.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For our children and for children everywhere. That even as we greet the Holy Child, we may know the holy and joyous gift of their presence in our lives, and that we may come to know the Truth of your Love together.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For those who suffer. Show them, through us, the brightness of your Star, the promise of your presence, and the Hope of your healing, that they may know, in special ways, grace upon grace.

(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For those who have died. We rejoice that they now live in perfect joy, their spirit voices praising your name and reminding us that the absence we know is, by your grace, made full and holy.

God of hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Concluding Prayer

Presider Holy Word made flesh, you have come to us in love. Shower your light upon us, let it shine forth within us, and grant us your grace as we follow the Star to life, and hope, and promise. **Amen.**

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Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Queen's Prayer

1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i - ka la - ni,
 2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a,
 3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka,
 4. No - lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u,

A 'o Kou 'o - ia 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.
 'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o.
 A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.
 Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me - ne.

Translation of The Queen's Prayer: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow, imprisoned. You are my light. Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O God, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcement of birthday and anniversary celebrations for the coming week.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

[All are invited to share the peace with one another.]

The Holy Communion

Offertory

All We come with offerings of our time, our money, our strength, our pleasure in one another's company. All these we bring to God in dedication and for use in the glory of the realm of God.

Offertory Hymn *Sing of the Lord's Goodness*

Gather 3rd Edition #610

1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom,
2. Pow-er he has wield-ed, hon-or is his gar-ment,
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor-row,
4. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trum-pet,
come to him and bless his name. Mer-cy he has shown us,
ris-en from the snares of death. His word he has spo-ken,
Spir-it of our God most high; sol-ace for the wea-ry,
praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,
his love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.
one bread he has bro-ken, new life he now gives to all.
par-don for the sin-ner, splen-dor of the liv-ing God.
praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.
Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness,
mel-o-dies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with your mu-sic,
wor-ship him and bless his name.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Presider continues,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus (Advent)

by Mila Polevia

F Eb/F Bb/F F F Eb/F
Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

7 Bb/F F Eb F Eb F
Glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

13 C Bb F Ab Eb Db Eb F
Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[The Lord's Prayer is spoken at 7:00 am and sung at 9:00 am.]

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

All **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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn *Agnus Dei*

by Mila Polevia

4/4

Am F C G Am F

O Lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

5 C G Am F 1. C G 2. C G Am F

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O on us. O Lamb of God that

10 C G Am F C G Am F

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us

14 A

peace.

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Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Instructions for receiving the sacraments

You are invited to come up, row by row, to receive the sacraments of bread and wine. The usher will guide you. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please tell the usher; the priest and deacon will come to you.

At the font

The waters of our font remind us of the waters that flow mauka to makai through this ahupua'a we are enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted permission. We are connected to the āina, God, and one another. We pause at the font to remember our baptismal vows that recall us to our Creator and remind us to care for all people in this community, in our diocese, and all creation. In remembrance of the sacrament of baptism, we anoint one another.

As you approach the front of the church, an attendant holding water from our font will invite you to dip a finger in the water.

You may turn to the person behind you and anoint them with water, making a small cross on their forehead. If you prefer not to be anointed, simply cross your arms and the attendant will anoint the person behind you.

Receiving the bread and wine

To receive the bread (also called the host), extend your hands with palms flat. The priest will place the host on your palm with the words “The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.” Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free.

To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the chalice. The deacon will say “the Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation.”

If you prefer, you may dip a small part the host in the wine. This is called intinction. Please dip carefully so that your fingers do not touch the wine. The deacon will say “the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.”

Receiving Bread only

If you do not wish to partake in the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Consuming the host is considered the full sacrament of Holy Communion.

Receiving a blessing

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine but would like a blessing, you are invited to come forward, arms crossed, to receive the blessing.

Communion Hymn Ho'omanao I Au by Mila Polevia

O ke - i - a A' - u O - wa - u O Ko' - u Ki - no. O ke - i - a O - wa - u
no i - a o - e. no ke a - lo - ha. o Ko' - u ko - ko. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
no ia mai ia' - u. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u. no Ma - lu - hi - a. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.

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Translation - This is my body. This is my blood. Remember me. Remember me.
I am in you and you are in me. Remember me. Remember me.
I am Love and I am Peace. Remember me. Remember me.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

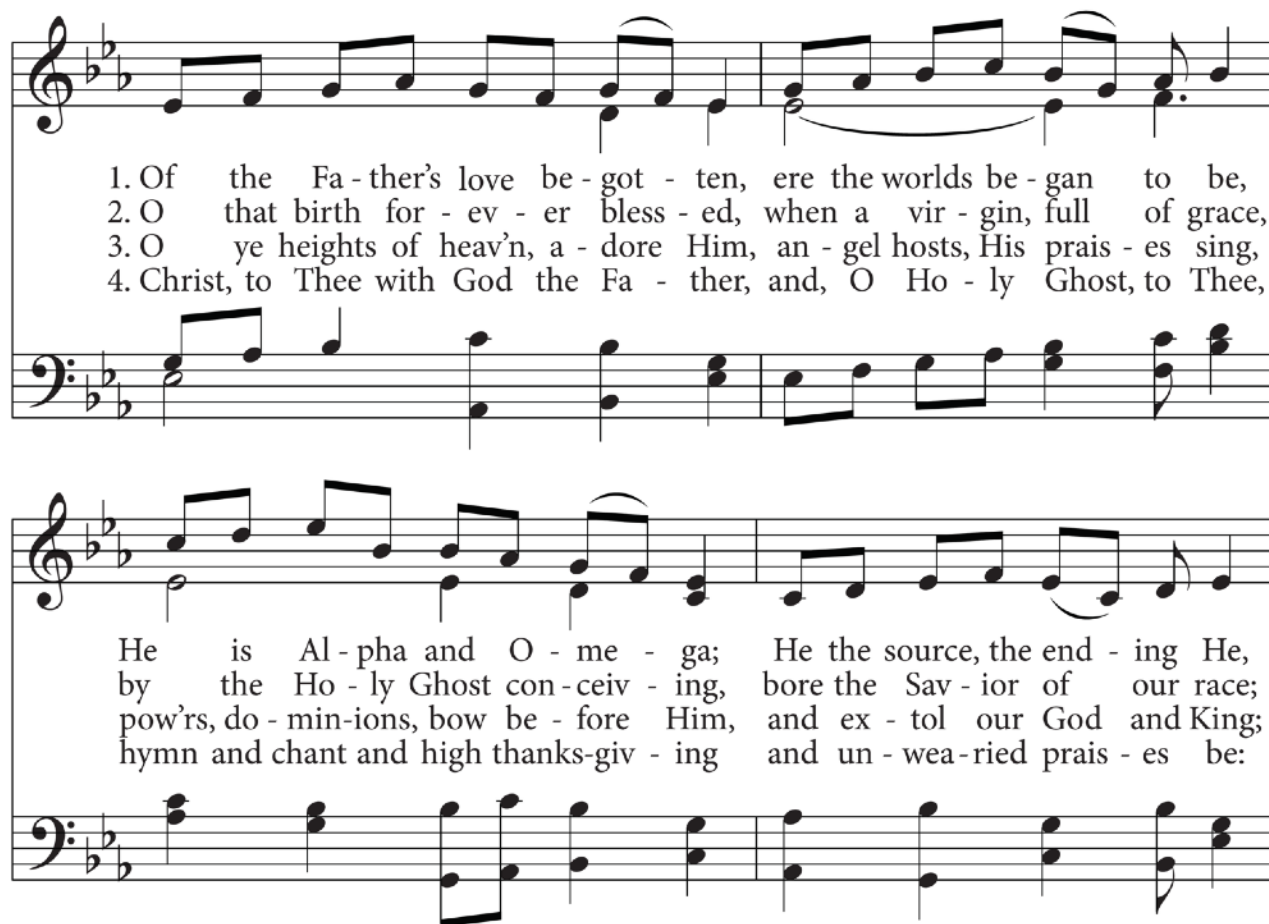
The Blessing

Presider May the light of Christ shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.

May the blessing of God, our Creator,
and of the Son, our Light,
and of the Holy Spirit, our Breath
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Of the Father's love begotten*

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1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, ere the worlds be-gan to be,
2. O that birth for-ev-er bless-ed, when a vir-gin, full of grace,
3. O ye heights of heav'n, a-dore Him, an-gel hosts, His prais-es sing,
4. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa-ther, and, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,

He is Al-pha and O-me-ga; He the source, the end-ing He,
by the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing, bore the Sav-ior of our race;
pow'rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore Him, and ex-tol our God and King;
hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing and un-wea-ried prais-es be:

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed His
let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude *Fugue, Johann Georg Albrechtsberger (1736 – 1809)*

Kirk Corey, organ



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