



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY,
AND THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD/
EL PRIMER DOMINGO DESPUÉS DE LA EPIFANÍA,
Y EL BAUTISMO DE NUESTRO SEÑOR

CHORAL EUCHARIST
AND THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023
9:30 A.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ,
revealing His Life, Love, and Light to the world.

OUR VISION:

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a
radically welcoming, inclusive faith family –
sharing and teaching the love of Jesus Christ
through our worship, actions, and outreach:
transforming ourselves and the world.

NUESTRA MISIÓN:

Estamos llamados a ser discípulos de Cristo,
revelando su vida, amor, y luz al mundo.

NUESTRA VISIÓN:

La Iglesia Episcopal de San Bartolomé es una
familia de fe radicalmente acogedora e inclusiva,
que comparte y enseña el amor de Jesucristo a
través de nuestra alabanzas, acciones, y alcance:
transformándonos a nosotros mismos y al mundo

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING HYMN *(see next page)*

“The First Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular;
words, anon. 17th c.;
music, trad. English melody

Please stand, as able.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

music, David Thorne (b. 1969)

Antiphon:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, Heavenly King; Almighty God and Father;

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (*Ant.*)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (*Ant.*)

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit

in the Glory of God the Father. (*Ant.*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

FATHER in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42: 1-9, *The Servant, a Light to the Nations*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

HERE is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 29: *Afferte Domino*;
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Antiphon:

In the tem - ple of the Lord, all are cry - ing, "Glo - ry!"

Verses:

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you / gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and / strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory / thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty / waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of / splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the / cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of / Lebanon; (*Ant.*)
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / writhe *
and strips the forests / bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple of the / Lord *
all are crying, / "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the / flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever - / more.
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his / people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / peace. (*Ant.*)

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43, Gentiles Hear the Good News

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

PETER began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

The musical score for the Gradual is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - - ra - el!". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.



Choir The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father / thundered:
 "This is my beloved Son, listen to / him". *(repeat Gradual)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3: 13-17, *The Baptism of Jesus*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

JESUS came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the repetition of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Presider The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider then asks the parents and godparents:

Question Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Question Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Please stand, as able.

The Presider then addresses the congregation:

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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 to the dead. 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.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS

Presider Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth, for the church, and for the world.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Presider blesses the water, saying:

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WE thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Presider _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Presider Let us pray.

HEAVENLY Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider _____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Please stand, as able.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

“The Spirit of God Moved Over the Water”

WELSIANA, 11.11.11.8 with refrain;
words, and music, Bill Doggett (b. 1956)

During the hymn, the congregation is sprinkled with holy water.

The Spir - it of God moved o - ver the wa - ter while o - ver the
In Is - ra - el's need, God par - ted the wa - ter and made a broad
The chil - dren of God, bap - tized in the wa - ter are washed of their

depths a great dark - ness did lie. The Spir - it brought forth new
road through the sur - ging Red Sea. The peo - ple of God were
sins and re - born from a - bove. The chil - dren of God, made

life from the wa - ter; all crea - tures of earth, sea and sky.
brought through the wa - ter and Is - rael from E - gypt set free.
one in the wa - ter u - nite in com - mun - ion and love.

Give thanks un - to God for the bless - ing of wa - ter; give thanks for the wa - ter of life.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Baptism of Jesus”

music, Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

*Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.
When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father’s voice was heard in the place: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.
There were three persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord,
The Father said this blessed word: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.
Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan,
At our last end, we pray thee, say then: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant The Lord is here.
People **God’s Spirit is with us.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

IT is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

music, David Thorne (b. 1969)

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and 'ALL:'. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The organ part consists of chords and moving lines. The vocal part starts with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,'. The second staff continues the vocal line with 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na'. The third staff continues with 'in the high-est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with clear lyrics.

Organ **ALL:**
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
in the high-est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

People Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into six systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa-ther, in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li-ver us from ev - il. For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'

Our Fa-ther, in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as we for-give those who
sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li-ver us from
ev - il. For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

LORD Jesus, we believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. We are grateful to know there are many ways we can receive you, but whatever way we do, we know you come into our hearts, bodies, and souls, as you have come so many times and always will. We embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

Please be seated once you receive Communion.

AGNUS DEI

music, David Thorne (b. 1969)

Organ

ALL:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

The musical score for 'Agnus Dei' is written for organ and voice. It begins with an organ introduction. The vocal part, marked 'ALL:', starts with the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: Grant us peace.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

COMMUNION HYMN *see next page)*

“Christ, be our Light”

words and music, Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
 2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
 3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

O God, in love you have called us to be your people, and in love we have shared this bread and wine; may the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts by this holy meal, and may its light guide us on our journey and lead us home to you; in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for your participation in today's service. Your presence is a blessing to us.
 "All are welcome. No exceptions."*

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX, 7.7.7.7.7.7;

words, William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898);

music, Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

The musical score is written for a five-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music, each with five staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the parts. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes in the vocal lines, with a steady accompaniment in the lower parts. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is 4/4.

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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