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## WELCOME

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, welcome to Holy Faith Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable while you are here, and that you will leave strengthened to meet the challenges of your week. We hope these notes about our worship will be helpful to you.

## ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

Standing, sitting, or kneeling for various parts of the service is a matter of personal preference. Please use whatever posture is most helpful to you. If it is your piety to kneel for prayers, please take a kneeler as you come in. Kneelers are stacked at the entrance of this sanctuary. If at first you don't see them, ask an usher for assistance. Congregational responses are shown in **bold**.

## CELEBRATING CHILDREN

To parents and grandparents of young children: Congratulations - you made it to church! Now we hope you can relax. God put the wiggle in children - don't feel you need to suppress it here. You may sit anywhere you wish. Some families prefer sitting up front where they can see what's going on. Others prefer sitting in our soft space in the back, where we provide soft toys, and from where families can exit.

If your child needs a break, feel free to leave (and then please come back). We have a nursery downstairs where you are welcome. You may also leave to play outside. And don't worry if your children are playing during the service. They are still hearing and absorbing what is going on.

## IN SERVICE TODAY:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Barry Osterbur  
Deacon: The Rev. Don Dersnah  
Assisting Minister: Molly Hilton  
Readers: Richard Boulter / Peg Hassett  
Church Musician: Joy Morin  
Greeter: Tish Dersnah  
Usher: Dan McGraw  
Altar Flowers: Steve Jolliffe  
Altar Guild: Jean & Neil Savage  
Tech Support: Andy Amstutz / Jim Mangi / Christen Mitchell / Lori Venable  
Hospitality: Dan McGraw  
Counters: Steve Jolliffe / Carolyn Schneider

## HOLY FAITH'S PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Andy Amstutz, Treasurer\*  
Jane Darling ('24)  
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Charlie Jacobs ('25)  
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The Rev. Andrea Martin, Pastor  
Noelle Milkey, President ('24)  
Christen Mitchell ('25)

*\*Non-voting members*

# THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**      *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, arr. Lorie Line*

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN**      *You Are Holy*

*The congregation stands in body or in spirit.*

1\*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* *May be sung in canon.*

## THE GREETING

The presider says:

We give thanks for this holy season,  
adorned with epiphanies,  
for the star that led the magi to the manger,  
**that the nations may see the light of Christ;**

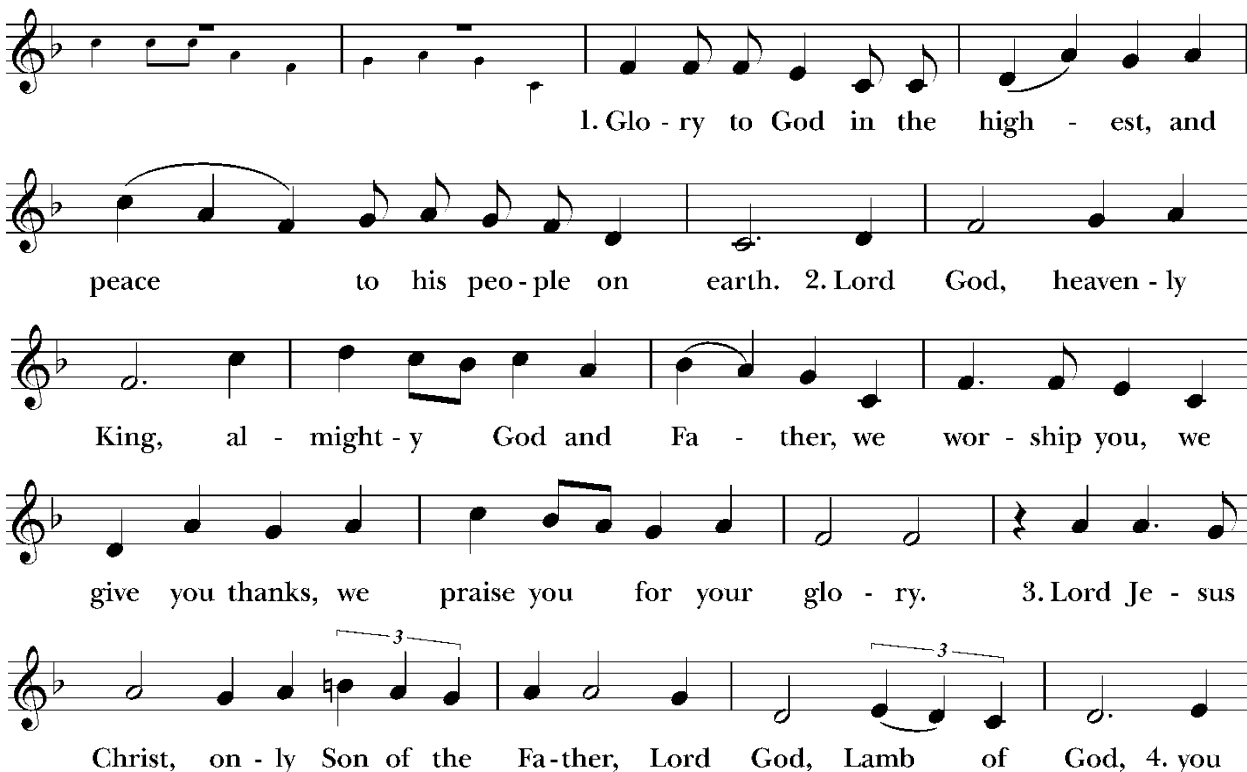
for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,  
**that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;**

for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,  
**that the Christ would save us all.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.**

God who sent the Light into our world,  
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,  
God who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## THE GLORIA



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

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## THE GLORIA (Continued)

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'sin of the world'. The second staff continues the melody with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The third staff has a quarter note followed by an eighth note. The fourth staff has a quarter note followed by an eighth note. The fifth staff features a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'Ho - ly Spi - Rit'. The sixth staff concludes the phrase with a quarter note followed by an eighth note and a final double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with You.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Give Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The congregation is seated.*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

**Micah 6:1-8**

**Richard Boulter**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

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But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *Celtic Alleluia*

*The congregation stands in body or in spirit.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, some with slurs. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

**THE GOSPEL**      **The Rev. Don Dersnah**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andrea Martin

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

*Build a Longer Table*

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,

feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.

Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**Molly Hilton**

Let us love one another that with one mind we may confess the Holy Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Molly Hilton

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**



The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*For what else, or for whom else, shall we pray?*

 *I invite your petitions now silently, aloud,*   
*or through the Chat feature.*

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Presider says:*

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Don Dersnah

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the deacon begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:  
"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."  
God's mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace. The greeting of Peace may be exchanged by waving, or with a virtual high five.*

# GOD'S TABLE

## THE OFFERTORY

*Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God. - Ephesians 5:2*

*The congregation may be seated.*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS - Instrumental Music

*Seeing how greatly God loves us, we share freely of the good things we've received. Please consider making an offering for the work of the church either by placing your offering in the plate at the back of the church, through the e-giving feature of our website, or by mailing a check to Holy Faith at 6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Saline, MI 48176.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN *The Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise

Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

Molly Hilton

*The congregation stands in body or in spirit.*

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

*The presider continues:*

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. And now we give you thanks because, in the Incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all nations may be brought out of our darkness to see the radiance of your glory.

When we turned away  
You did not reject us.  
But came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
And welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
That we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
And made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
At supper with his friends  
He took bread, and gave you thanks;  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

**God, we do this in remembrance of him:  
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
He gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
Which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

**God, we do this in remembrance of him:  
His blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
Send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
May be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
Make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
We offer you this sacrifice of praise  
And lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

**THE SANCTUS** *Land of Rest*, American Folk Melody; adapt. and harm. Buchanan



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## THE INVITATION

The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal.  
Come, behold and receive your God.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

- *All are welcome to God's table. Come as invited to the altar where you may kneel or stand.*
- *Please hold out your hands to take the bread that has been dipped in wine.*
- *If you wish to receive bread only, please indicate so by putting your finger in front of your lips.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are also available; please make your need known.*
- *If you wish to receive a blessing only, please indicate so by crossing your arms in front of you,*



## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

*Congregation may remain seated*



## Let us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three parts.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three parts.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in one line.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music concludes the piece. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in one line.

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Molly Hilton

Let us pray,

**God of new beginnings, in the waters of baptism and from the grace that springs forth abundantly from this table, we receive your Holy Spirit and become one with Jesus; help us to live as children of God, filled with your heavenly love, so that all the people and creatures of earth may live happily as one family. Amen.**

**HYMN** *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

*(Go to hymn on next page.)*

## THE BLESSING.

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

## ANNUAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

## ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon says:*

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR APRÈS-ANNUAL MEETING HOT DOG BAR

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*Today's worship is faithful to the shape of the historic Christian liturgy as found in both Episcopal and Lutheran settings. Permission to use resources for our worship come from Augsburg Press, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Lectionary Page; SundaysandSeasons.org; RiteSeries, and other resources where indicated.*

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**We Are Marching in the Light of God**

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the

This system features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody in the treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment with eighth notes.

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
we are march-ing in the light of God.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff.

We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
we are march-ing in the light of God.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff.

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**We Are Marching in the Light of God (continued)**

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top line features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The bottom line features a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. The top line features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a long note in the fourth measure. The bottom line features a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

we are march - ing in the light of God.

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth line of music. The top line features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The bottom line features a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.