



**Welcome to**  
**St. John the Divine Episcopal Church**  
**17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**



**January 29, 2023**  
**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Holy Eucharist**

*St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Morgan Hill is a welcoming, inclusive community, sharing the Love of God with one another through prayer, worship, fellowship, and pastoral care, and through our outreach ministries in the South Valley communities and the Diocese of El Camino Real.*

# WORD OF GOD

## Opening Hymn:

### Christ is the World's True Light

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

H #542

ST. JOAN

Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)

$\text{♩} = 42$

1. Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2. In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ing,  
3. One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who won thee;

the Day-star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to ploughshare beat the sword, to prun - ing hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come Prince of Peace, and reign.

## Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

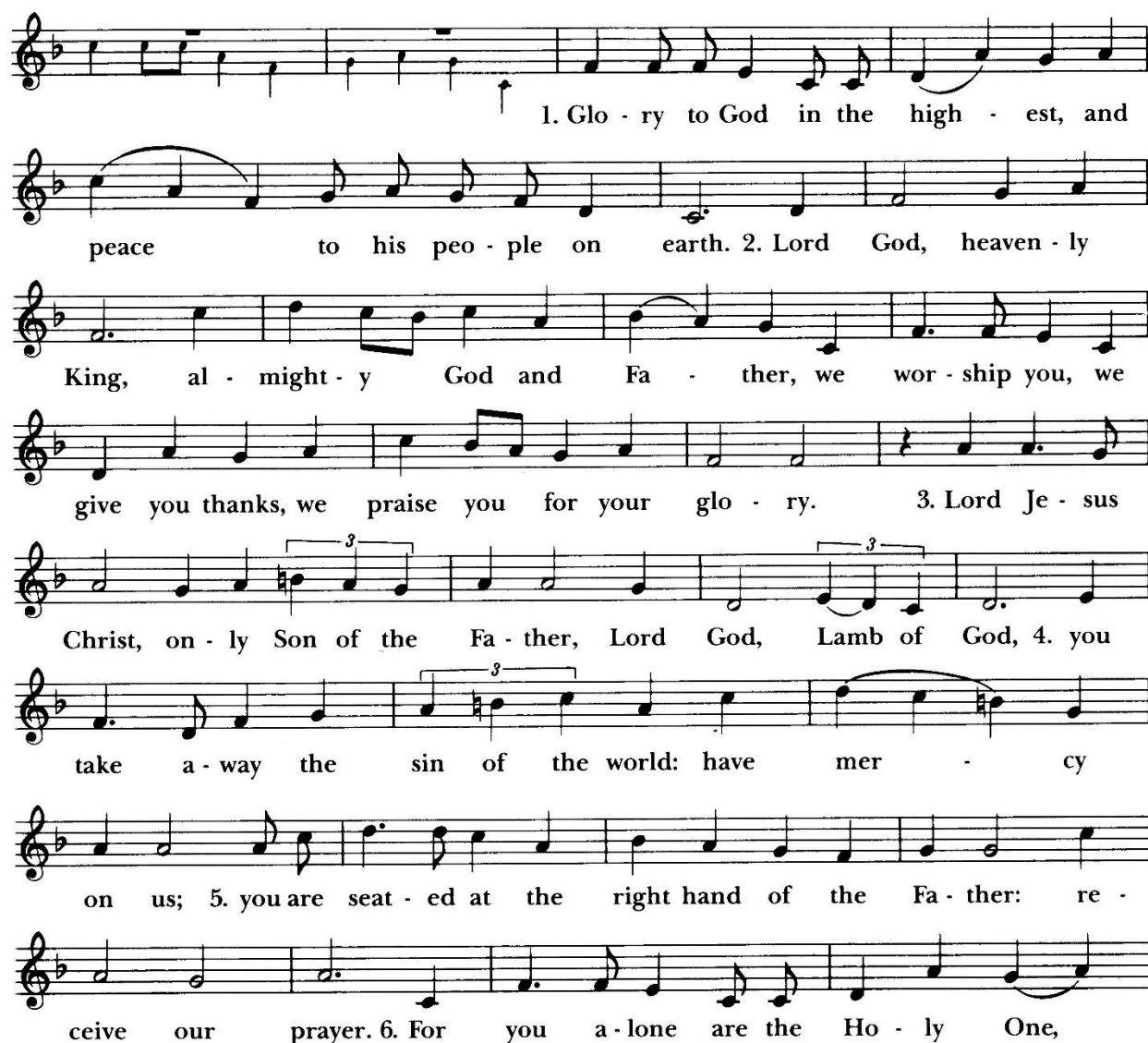
**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

**All**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

## 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  
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,



## *Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Foolish God, shaming the strong through the weakness of love; turning upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

*Micah 6:1-8*

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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## *Psalm*

## *Psalm 15*

*Antiphon: first time, cantor*

*Antiphon: second time, cantor and congregation*

*Antiphon* WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

I love to do your will O my God.

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- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

*Antiphon - all*

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

*Antiphon - all*

### ***Second Reading***

***1 Corinthians 1:18-31***

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 the 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. 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.

***All:***       **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Gradual:**

# When Jesus Scaled the Mount of God

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p.13

FOREST GREEN, English melody  
adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1. When Je - sus scaled the mount of God all heav - en marked his climb  
2. The poor and hun - gry went with Christ and sav - ored all he said.  
3. The moun-tain calls its pil - grims still to its e - pi - pha - nies,

and cheered the words that re - ar - ranged Earth's set - tled par - a - digm.  
The weep - ing came to laugh and see a world stood on its head.  
to gath - er on the heights and pray to see what Je - sus sees;

It was a day the dev - il raged, a day kings cursed their  
The ha - ted climbed the moun - tain, too, to stand on friend - ly  
a world that longs to turn to God and, long - ing, comes a -

crowns, that day when all the down went up and all the up went down.  
ground, that day when all the down went up and all the up went down.  
round to praise the day the down go up and all the up come down.

## ***Gospel Reading***

***Matthew 5:1-12***

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

***All:* 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.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***All:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## ***Sermon***

***The Rev. Karen Cuffie***

## ***Nicene Creed***

**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.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who 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 the People***

**Leader:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let us pray to the Lord saying, "In the house of the Lord all are crying, "Glory."

Lord, give your Church the blessing of peace. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Thanksgiving for our Retired Clergy and their service to the Church. Give us the power to testify about your Son, Jesus. Give us your Spirit that we may live fully into your righteous calling.

*Silence*

**People:** In the house of the Lord all are crying, "Glory."

**Leader:** Lord, give this nation the blessing of peace. Make our hearts understand that you show no partiality.

*Silence*

**People:** In the house of the Lord all are crying, "Glory."

*Leader:* Lord, give your creation the blessing of peace. You make yourself known to us in your works. You created the heavens and stretched them out; you spread out the earth and what comes from it. You are upon the mighty waters. May we witness your presence all around us.

*Silence*

*People:* **In the house of the Lord all are crying, “Glory.”**

*Leader:* Lord, give this region the blessing of peace. May we not grow faint until your justice has been established in our hearts and lives.

*Silence*

*People:* **In the house of the Lord all are crying, “Glory.”**

*Leader:* Lord, give to our friends and family the blessing of peace. Bring your light to those who sit in darkness. In their places of hurt, pain, and death, declare new things and spring for new life.

*(Please add your petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People:* **In the house of the Lord all are crying, “Glory.”**

*Leader:* Lord, give to those who have died the blessing of everlasting peace. May those who ate and drank of the body and blood of Christ in this life also know his resurrection.

*Silence*

*People:* **In the house of the Lord all are crying, “Glory.”**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**



## ***Confession of Sin***

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(There will be a moment of silence)*

*People:* **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**

## ***Absolution***

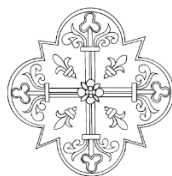
*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## ***The Peace***

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Exchange peace.*



## Offertory:

### Blest are God's Peacemaking Ones

Carolyn Winfrey Gillete, 2005

Songs of Grace #74

ABERYSTWYTH

Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

$\text{♩} = 44$

1. Blest are God's peace - ma - king ones, sent to work in count - less ways -  
2. Bless - ed are God's pro - phets, too, Called to chal - lenge what we know.  
3. God, through Je - sus' love and grace, may we live what we pro - fess.

God's own daugh - ters, God's own sons, Serv - ing with - out seek - ing praise.  
Work - ing for a world that's new, Call - ing us to change and grow.  
In the chal - len - ges we face, may we know what makes us blest.

Yet like leav - en in our bread, They per - sist to change and grown.  
Though the mes - sage that they bear stands a - gainst what pow - ers say -  
May we stand a - gainst the wrong; may our thirst for you in - crease.

By God's Spi - rit, they are led To pur - sue God's peace ful call.  
It is Je - sus' word they share, News of God's new break - ing day.  
Give to us a pro - phet's song! May we work to bring your peace.

## Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## ***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

The musical score is written for a two-part vocal setting (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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 Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

# The Lord's Prayer

The Hymnal 1940 #722

Traditional, very ancient

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.

Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heav en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us.

And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Hymns:

### Lead Us, Heavenly Father

H #559

DULCE CARMEN

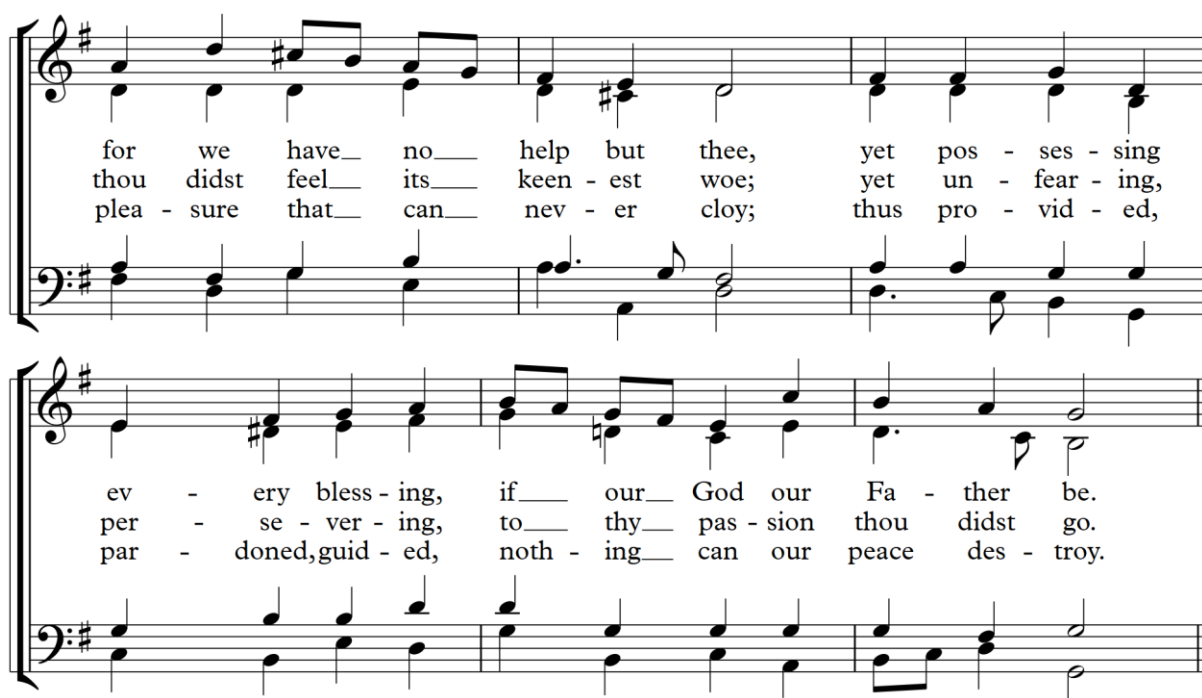
James Edmeston (1791-1867)

fr. *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782

1. Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
2. Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
3. Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing





for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing;  
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.



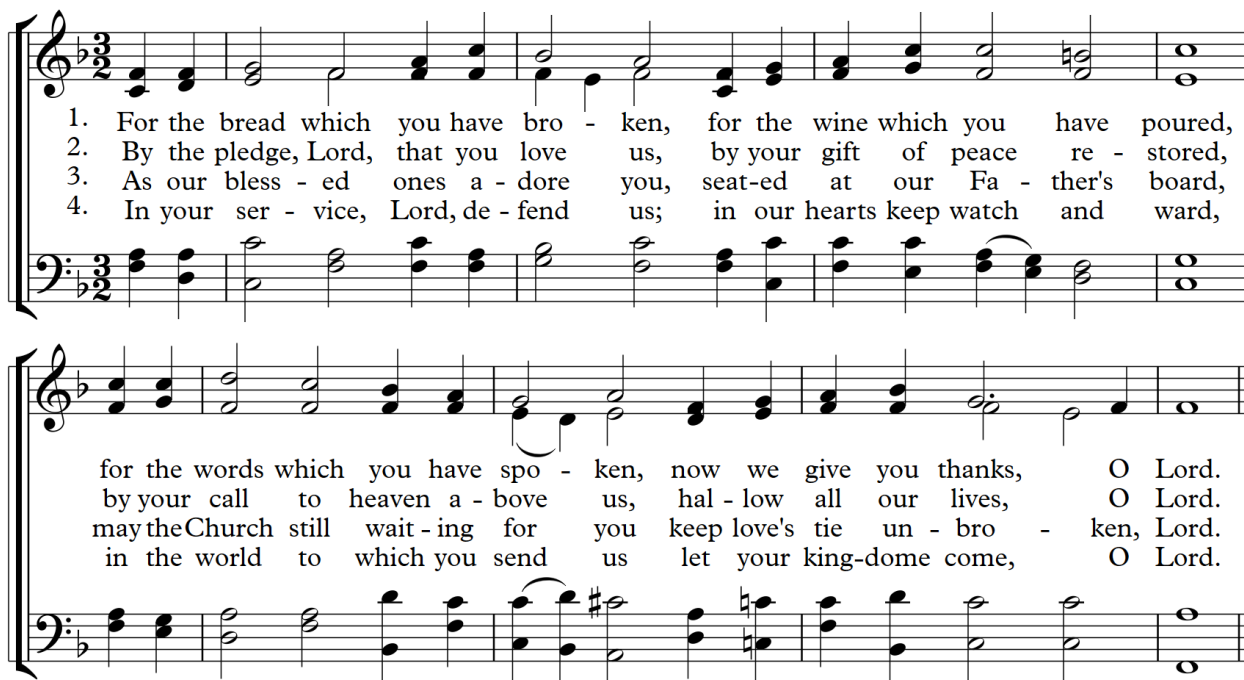
## For the Bread Which You Have Broken

OMNI DIE

Louis F. Benson (1855-1930)

H #341

fr. *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631



1. For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2. By the pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
 3. As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat-ed at our Fa - ther's board,  
 4. In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heaven a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the Church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king-dome come, O Lord.

## ***Post Communion Prayer***

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***The Blessing***

### ***Announcements***

### ***Birthday and Anniversary Blessings***

**Birthday Blessing:** Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; 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.

**Anniversary Blessing:** O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Mission Song:

# O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

Ruth Duck, 1991

Dancing in the Universe #19

WAREHAM

1. O ra - diant Christ, in - car - nate Word, e - ter - nal  
2. Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too tired to  
3. Your glor - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the font where  
4. O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth; our faith and

love re - vealed in time; come, make your home with -  
care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our  
we were born a - new. At - tune your church to  
hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples

in our hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.  
shad - owed world: your ra - diance bathes with pow'r to heal.  
know you near; il - lu - mine all we say and do.  
to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Birthdays** last week and this week:

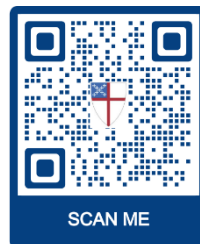
Mia Parish

## **Mark your calendar:**

- Feb. 21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 5:30pm
- Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday at Advent Lutheran, time is TBA

## **Parish announcements:**

- Community Solutions always needs diapers and wipes.
- We are also collecting full sized toiletries and cleaning supplies. Please drop off your donations at the church.
- Here is the QR code to our new website:



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***Reminder:*** *Next week's service is at 10:00am at St. Stephen's.*