

# The Transfiguration

## St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington  
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Welcome to St. George's! We are delighted to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet includes all of the prayers, music and readings you will need to fully participate in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

### Opening Hymn: Hymnal #7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

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Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ the true, the on - ly Light,  
Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

**Celebrant:** As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:

**People:** **Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.**

**Celebrant:** In your Wisdom, speak in us:

**People:** **and bring us strength, healing and peace.**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**All pray together:** 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: Wonder Love and Praise #821 Glory to God *sung three times*

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God; Praise to the Son; Love to the Spi-rit; Three and yet One." The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God; Praise to the Son; Love to the Three and yet One." A small copyright notice "WLP 821 2009.06.17" is visible at the beginning of the second staff.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **God of Moses and Elijah, revealed in burning bush and chariot of fire; you speak to us in freedom, your glory escapes our naming; in your mercy, dwell with us and lift us beyond all fear and empty worship; through Jesus Christ, the glory of the Father. Amen.**

### Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

### Psalm 99

You are king O Lord, and the people tremble:

**you sit enthroned upon the cherubim, and the earth is quaking.**

You O Lord are great upon your holy mountain:

**you are exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and terrible name:

**holy are you and mighty, a king who delights in justice.**

You have established equity:

**you have dealt justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

We proclaim your greatness O Lord our God:

**we bow down before your footstool for you are holy.**

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who called on your name:

**these called to you O Lord and you answered.**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud:

**they kept your teachings and the law that you gave them.**

You answered them O Lord our God:

**to them you were a God who forgives, though you punished their offences.**

We proclaim your greatness O Lord our God:

**we bow down towards your holy hill, for you O Lord our God are holy.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #58 *The Lord Is My Light***

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The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion, the Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion, the  
Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion; whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear, whom  
shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life. whom shall I fear?  
In the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me, O, in the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me,  
in the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me, whom shall I fear?

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

### The Creed: We Believe in God Almighty

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We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,  
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Ma - ker of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ  
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life  
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

## The Prayers of the People

O God of splendor and glory, we pray to you as we remember how Jesus was transfigured before the disciples, saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of splendor and glory, ignite the spirits of all who lead in your church, that they may be a beacon to guide us across life's troubled waters toward the wholeness of life in you. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's, saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of splendor and glory, illuminate the halls of governments in our country and across this world with your saving wisdom and grace. Guide our voices to speak only with love and compassion on behalf of all your people. We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of splendor and glory, we pray for those who most need to feel your healing love and to know the comfort of your enduring Presence. We pray this morning for those who are hungry in our community; for those experiencing homelessness; for those suffering the effects of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and for all caught in the violence of war. We pray also for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now: *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of splendor and glory, let our departed loved ones be received in the holy whirlwind of your divine radiance, and may the light of Christ shine through the darkest hours for those who mourn. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of splendor and glory, we offer you our thanks and praise for all of the blessings of our lives, and especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

Holy One of blessing, help us to live in the light of your transfigured Son, that we may follow him faithfully and know your presence with us. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

**Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow you faithfully, but often we get lost or turn away from you. We try to love our neighbors and ourselves, and even by your grace to love our enemies, but we fail. We have not fully shared the gifts you entrust to us; we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. For all of the ways we have fallen short, we are truly sorry. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May 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.**

## Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

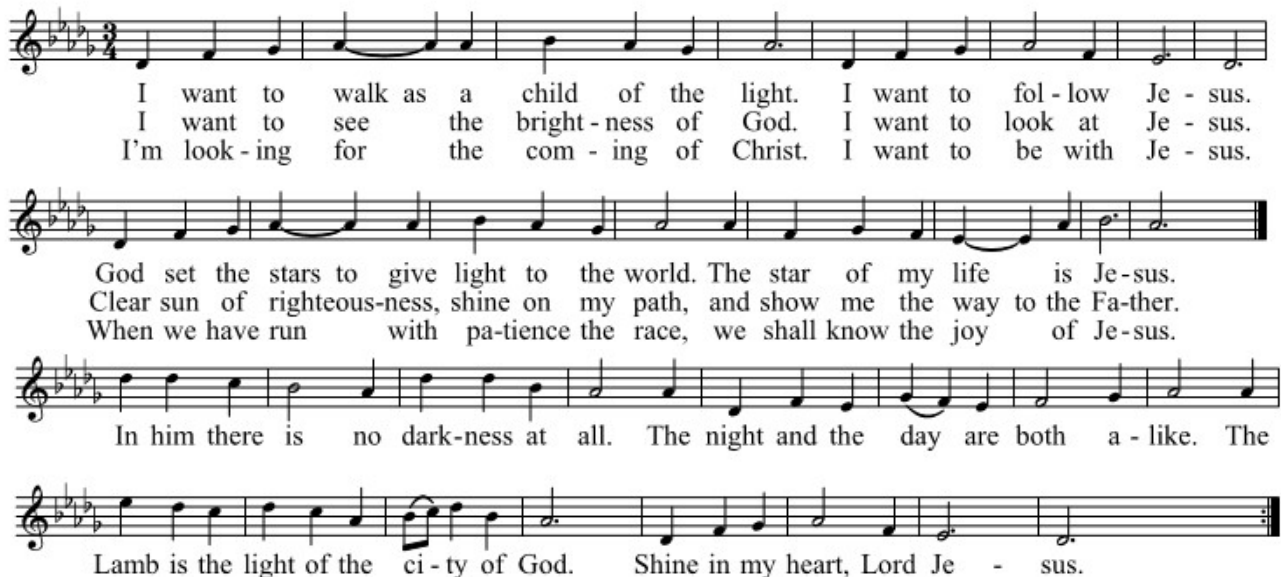
## The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). You may also donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org) or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale. Baskets at the doors of the Sanctuary may be used for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

## Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #490 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

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I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to see the bright - ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.  
I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
Clear sun of righteous - ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The  
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

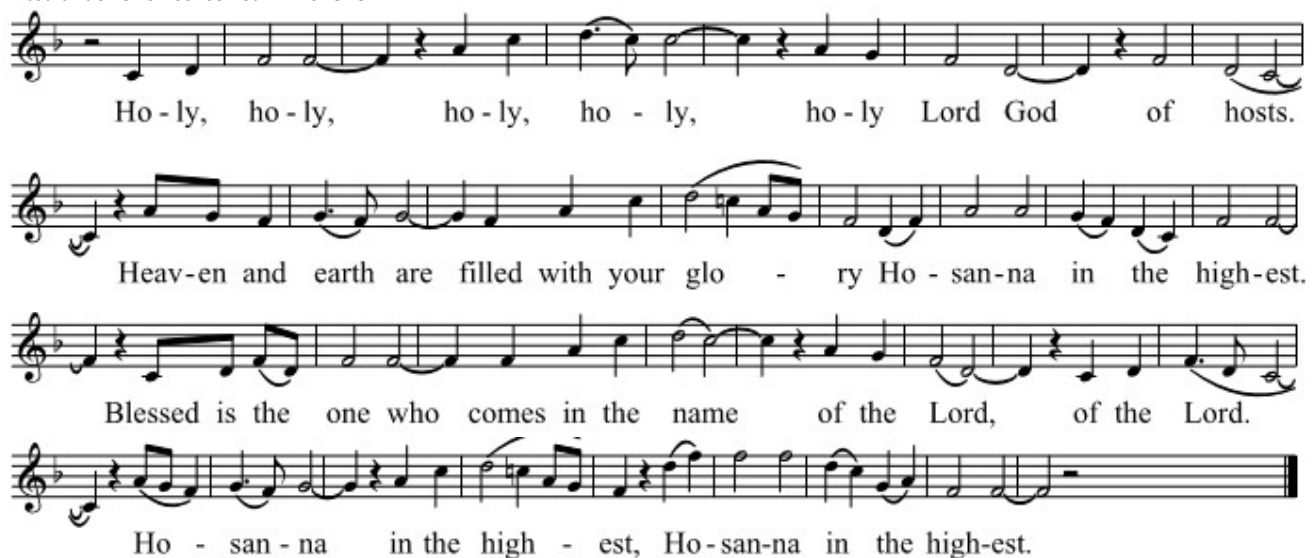
We praise you Holy Trinity, mystery of being and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring the creation into existence, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

**You drew near to Abraham and Sarah as the unexpected guest; you wrestled with Jacob and blessed him with wounds; you dwelt in glory and wisdom with the people of your covenant.**

Your all-embracing heart assumed our human story and came among us in Word made flesh, Jesus the holy child of God. Through the scandal of Christ crucified and the Spirit of love that raised him from the dead, you end our isolation and draw us into the community of your grace. Therefore we join the eternal song of power and glory, of difference and delight, as we sing:

**Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas #255**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, we praise you for your love that brings order out of chaos, breathes life into dust, leads captives into freedom, and calls home those who wander away from you. You give bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; you even raise the dead to life.

**We thank you for Jesus, the Word made flesh and light of the world, who is shepherd and gate, way and truth, and fountain of living water that gives life everlasting.**

We thank you for Jesus, who is the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and the resurrection and the life. On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you O God, gave it to them 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, gave you thanks and said, "Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We ask you to pour out your Spirit on us O God and come and live in us, in this bread and in this cup, in our hearts and in our being, that we may be one body in Christ. May we be one in service to others and love of you in this place and every place, in this world and in the world to come.

**Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to you O Holy One, forever and ever! Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The bread is broken and silence is kept*

### **Fraction Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #865 Christ our Passover**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

*Celebrant:* Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**



*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

### Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 # 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

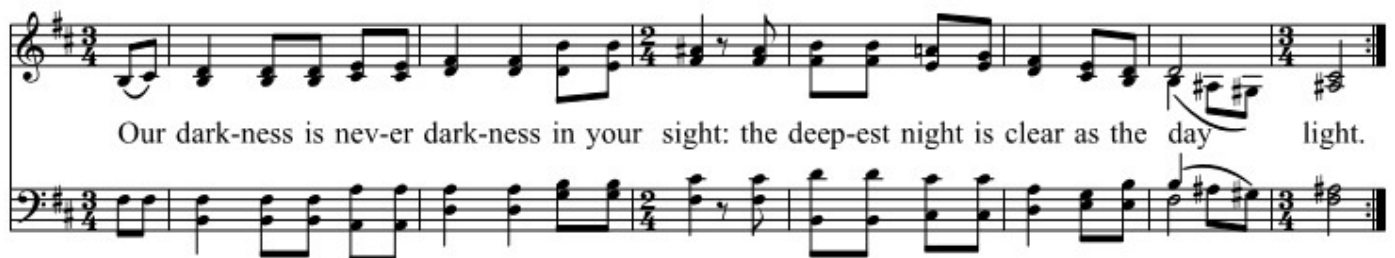
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Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,  
Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard on the way,  
At his feet the six - wing ed ser - aph; che - ru - bim with sleep - less eye,  
pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
as the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fa - ces to the Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,  
Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full ho - mage to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav - enly food.  
that the powers of hell may va - nish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

### Communion Hymn 2: Gather #553 *Our Darkness*

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Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the deep - est night is clear as the day light.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* Let us pray: **God of fire and wind, giver of life, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to serve others following the example of Jesus. May the Spirit blow through us**

and into the world you have made, that we may bring your love wherever we go, through Jesus Christ who gave himself away for love. Amen.

*The people may be seated for announcements*

## Announcements

### The Blessing

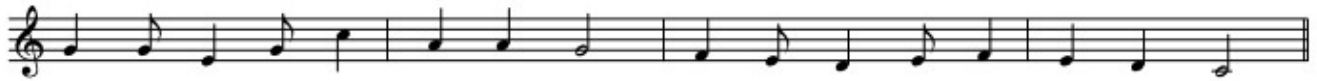
We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal Hymn: New Century Hymnal #347 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he set the tone,  
Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.