

The Season of Epiphany

**The Seventh Sunday
after the Epiphany**

February 20, 2022

**St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish,
Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. 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.

Prelude: *O Rest in the Lord* from *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Helen Rowe, alto

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desire:

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desire
and he shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him; commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evil doers.

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

O rest in the Lord, O rest in the Lord and wait, wait patiently for Him.

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #48 *O Day of radiant gladness*

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) Charles Price (b. 1920) Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein* German folk song
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O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and
This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth; this day for our sal -
This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear; his liv - ing pres - ence
That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim way, at length our rest at -



sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright, this day the high and low - ly through
- va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic - to - rious the
greet - ing through Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, re -
- tain - ing our end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our prais - es, O



a - ges joined in time, sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
Spi - rit sent from heaven, and thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
- newed with heaven - ly might, from grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

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

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

Song of Praise: Gloria – My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ*

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The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves with lyrics: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The". The second system also has two staves with lyrics: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world.". The third system has two staves with lyrics: "light of Christ has come in - to the world. world." and "The light of Christ has come come." The music features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The piano part includes a repeat sign with first and second endings.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us all pray together

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret because of the wicked:

or envy those who do evil.

For they will soon dry up like the grass:

and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good:

then you shall dwell in the land, and there find safe pasture.

Find your delight in the Lord:

and the Lord will give you your heart's desire.

Commit your life to the Lord:

put your trust in the one who will act for you,

so that the justice of your cause will break forth as the light:

your righteousness like the sun at noon.

Be still before the Lord, and wait in patience:

do not grieve at the prosperity of those who follow evil purposes.

Refrain from anger, and suppress your rage:

do not fret yourself, for that leads only to evil.

Those who do evil shall perish:

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

A little while, and the wicked shall be no more:

look well, and you will find their place is empty.

But the humble shall possess the land:

and enjoy the fullness of peace.

The wicked have evil designs on the just;

and grind their teeth at the sight of them.

Deliverance for the righteous comes from the Lord:

but the Most High is their stronghold in time of trouble.

God will help them and deliver them:

and will save them because they take refuge in the Lord.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #529 *In Christ, there is no east or west*

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In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North, but
Join hands dis - ci - ples of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who
In Christ now meet both East and West, In him meet South and North; All



one great fel - low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
serves my Fa - ther as a child is sure-ly kin to me.
Christ-ly souls are one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

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

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

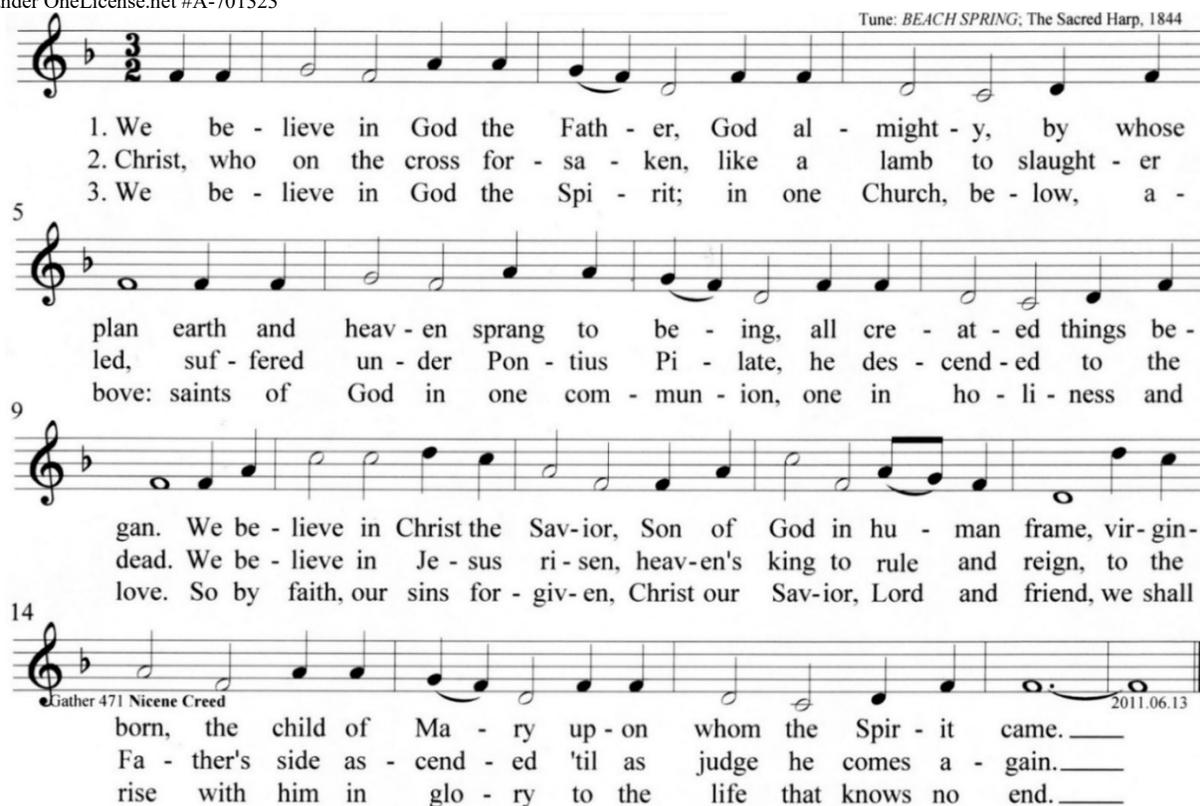
The Sermon: the Rev. Connie Reinhardt



We Believe in God

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Tune: *BEACH SPRING; The Sacred Harp, 1844*



1. We be - lieve in God the Fath - er, God al - might - y, by whose
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaught - er
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a -

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gan. We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame, vir - gin -
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dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, heav - en's king to rule and reign, to the
love. So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend, we shall

Gather 471 Nicene Creed 2011.06.13

born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spir - it came. ____
Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed 'til as judge he comes a - gain. ____
rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end. ____

The Prayers of the People

As we celebrate the coming of the One who brings the light of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, the sun and moon, stars and galaxies shine with your love for all you have made. That our life together may be a celebration of your good creation, we pray saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we are grateful that you continue to pour out the gift of your Spirit on your church. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, that we may embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, though we divide ourselves by country and language, religion and race, still your light shines on all people. That we may act in ways that reconcile rather than divide, and that we may look for the places your light shines rather than focus on the darkness, we pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your love and care shines into our lives, calling us to act as your hands and heart in the places we live. In a time where justice and respect can be hard to find, help us work on behalf of your justice and live more fully into your call to respect the dignity of every human being, we pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you bring healing where there is illness, hope where there is despair, life where there is death. May we be your willing hands and feet, carrying the gifts of your love and light to those in need. We pray for those who are homeless, for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, and for those whose lives have been devastated by gun violence. We pray also for those who are sick and those who are suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you make for each of us a dwelling place eternal, so that where you are, there we will be also. For all those who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in your presence, we pray, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, because of your grace we have much to celebrate. We thank you for those remembering birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience. For all that we have and all that we are, we give thanks to you, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

O God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and all of the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who brings your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

All pray together **God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and 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.**

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

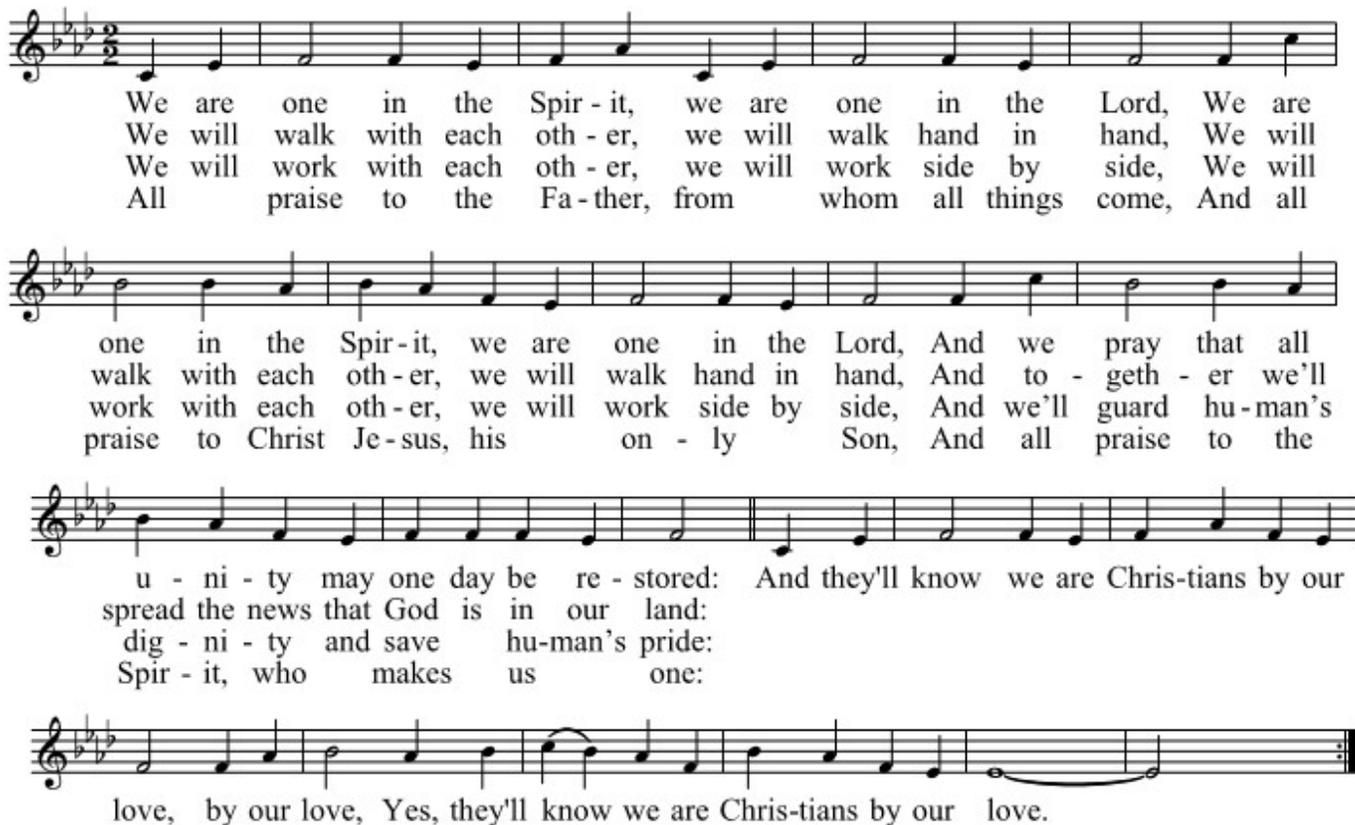
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus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

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Offertory Hymn: Gather #533 *They'll know We Are Christians*

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The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, We will We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, We will All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come, And all one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard hu - man's praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all praise to the u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our spread the news that God is in our land: dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride: Spir - it, who makes us one: love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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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.

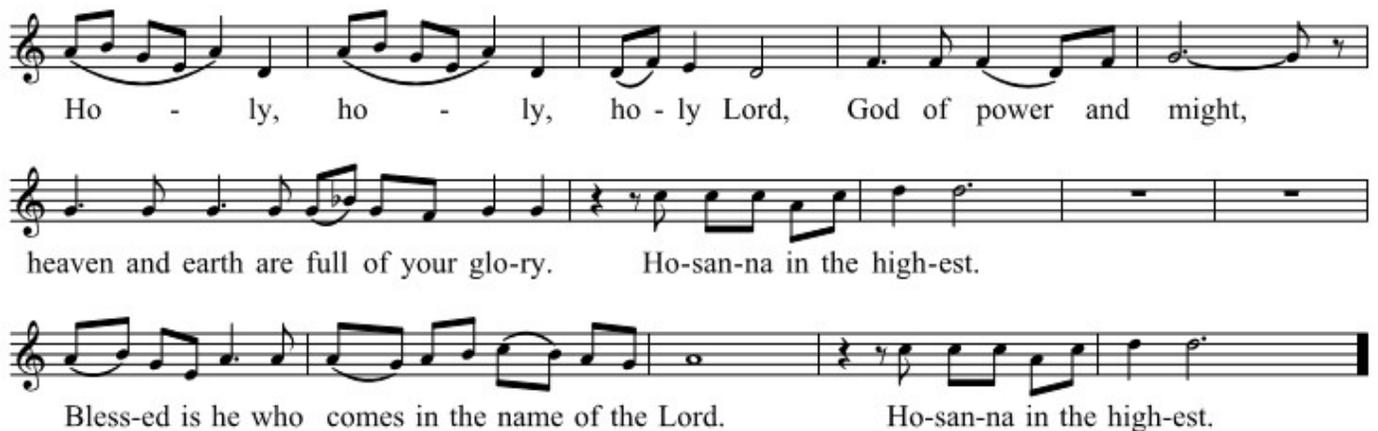
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, 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 forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S128

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son Jesus.

Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore, according to his command O God,

We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice. And now most gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 *May We Be One*

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

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 the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

Communion Anthem: *Do Not Be Vexed* arranged by John Bell

Words from Psalm 37. Music: *Rising Sun*

*Do not be vexed or envy those obsessed, obsessed with doing wrong.
Their fortune is like fields of grass whose growth cannot last long.*

*Trust in the Lord, do what is right; take root, take root in God's good ground.
Delight in God, for in God's will your heart's desire is found.*

*Give God your trust and let the Lord direct your future way.
The justice of your cause shall rise and shine as clear as day.*

*Do not be jealous or dismayed should evil folk succeed.
Wait patiently for God who comes in quietness to your need*

*Better the pennies of the poor than wicked, than wicked gain.
God breaks their pow'r, but humble folk will never live in vain.*

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936) Music: *Land of Rest*, American Folk Melody © 1971 Hope Publishing Company. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en, loved, and free, in
I come with Chris - tians far and near to find as all are fed, the
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends. That
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence al - ways near, is
To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our dif - ferent ways, and



awe and won - der to re - call his life laid down for me.
new com - mu - ni - ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
love that made us makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
in such friend - ship bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
as his peo - ple in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.

And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;

May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you;

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always.

Amen.

Dismissal Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #787 *We are marching in the light of God*

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We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen kwen - khos', si - ya
Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

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— Mar - cha - re - mos Oo mar - cha -

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re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos

— Oo We are march - ing in the light of God. —
— Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. —
— Oo Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. —

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *We're Marching to Zion* arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

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