

# The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

## Prelude: *Come, All Ye Saints of Zion*

Music: John E. Tullidge arr. by Keith D Rowley

## Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Ratisbon* from *Geystliche gesangh Buchleyn*, 1524

Adapted and harmonized by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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:** The Bright Morning Star shines.

**People:** The Light of Christ shows the way.

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

**People:** Glory to God forever 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.

## My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ* (sung 3 times)

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The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The  
The light of Christ has come in - to the world.  
light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.  
The light of Christ has come come.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) in 2/4 time. 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 score includes repeat signs and first/second endings.

### 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: **Lifegiving God, whose wisdom speaks to us in light and breath, in earth and flesh: may we share her delight in all that has life and proclaim your incarnate word, the lover of all creation; through Jesus Christ, in whom all things hold together. Amen.**

### 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 112:1-9

Hallelujah! Blessèd are those who stand in awe of the Lord:

**and greatly delight in God's commandments.**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land:

**the children of the upright will be blessed.**

Riches and plenty shall fill their houses:

**righteousness shall be theirs for ever.**

They are a light in the darkness for the upright:

**being gracious compassionate and just.**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending:

**who conduct their affairs with justice.**

For the righteous will never be shaken:

**they will be kept in remembrance for ever.**

They will not live in fear of bad news:

**because with steadfast heart they trust in the Lord.**

Their heart is steady, they will not fear:

**in the end they shall see their enemies' downfall.**

They give freely to the poor:

**their righteousness stands for ever, and they will hold up their head with honor.**

*At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together*

**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: Hymnal 1982 #707 *Take my life and let it be*

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Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;  
Take my voice, and let me sing al-ways, on - ly for my King;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

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

### **Matthew 5:13-20**

Jesus said, “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

“Don’t suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures—either God’s Law or the Prophets. I’m not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God’s Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God’s Law will be alive and working.

“Trivialize even the smallest item in God’s Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won’t know the first thing about entering the kingdom.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

#### **The Creed: *We believe in God Creator***

Words: paraphrase of the *Apostles Creed*. Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889) *Merton*



We be-lieve in God Cre - a - tor, God al - might - y, by whose plan  
We be-lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame,  
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,  
We be-lieve that Je - sus ris - en, did as - cend to reign in heaven  
We be-lieve in God the Spir - it; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:  
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend,



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - a - ted things be - gan.  
vir - gin-born, the child of Mar - y up-on whom the Spir - it came.  
suf-fered un - der Pon-tius Pi - late, he de-scend-ed to the dead.  
side by side with the Cre - a - tor till as judge he comes a - gain.  
saints of God in one com-mun-ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.  
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

## The Prayers of the People

Rejoicing in the Word made flesh and revealed to us in light, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. We pray for the church and its leaders, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Wendy our deacon intern, and for the community of St. George's. May we follow your way of justice and love in all we say and do. We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Light of all creation, guide us to care for your people. We pray for those lacking food, shelter, clothing, and other basic necessities of life. Help us to advocate for those in need, as we say: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Ember of steadfast care, we pray for the world and its leaders, especially where there is trouble and suffering. We pray especially for the people of Gaza and Haiti, of Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela, and other places of conflict. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence as we pursue peace and reconciliation in your name. We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Flame of abundant love, warm our hearts to those in need of your healing, including those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Giver of comfort and peace, pour your light on those who have died and those who mourn. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Starlight of grace, you give us much to celebrate in our lives. We thank you for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience, as we pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

God of radiant light, kindle your flame within us, that we may know your transforming presence, through 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 grace and mercy, You call us to follow your light, yet we confess that we resist the ways your revelation unsettles us. In settling for familiarity over faithfulness, we doubt our worth, resist your direction, and look away from the needs of those around us. Forgive us, O God. Renew us in mercy and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live as people shaped by your light and truth. 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 Christ be always with you.

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

## 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.

*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. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text\* stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to [onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give](http://onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give), or donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). (\*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

## Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #594 God of grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power; crown thine an - cient  
Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways! From the fears that  
Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton,  
Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore; let the gift of



Chur - ch's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom grant us cour - age  
long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise: Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour,	for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days,	for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal,	lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore,	serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

It is truly right and good always and everywhere to give you thanks, God of grace and glory.

**For you celebrated your new gift of baptism in signs and wonders at the Jordan; your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of your Word made flesh. Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant, and anointing him with the oil of gladness to preach the good news to the poor.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven, we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven for ever praising you and singing:

### **Sanctus: S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Setting: from Deutsch Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1787-1828). Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

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'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
- san - na in the high - est. 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.

**Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, preached good news to the poor, 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 before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, thanked you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great then is the mystery of faith:

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

Holy One, as we offer back to you this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. May we who share them at this table be fed by Christ's body and blood, and offer ourselves to serve others in his name.

We pray that you pour your Spirit on us also, that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus as we wait for his coming in glory.

**For honor and praise belong to you, O God, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**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. And 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 Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together*

### Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 *Christ our Passover*

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

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

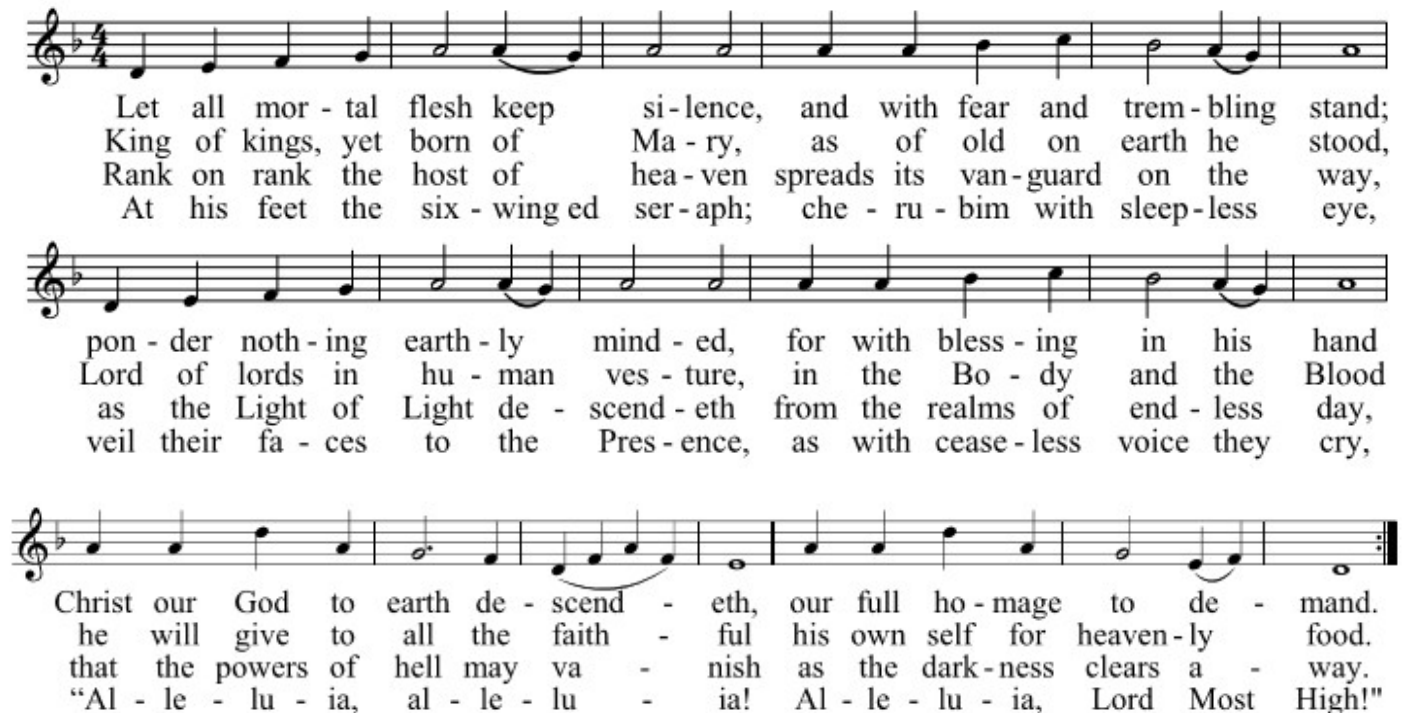
## The Communion

*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 prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing; cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*

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

Words: Liturgy of Saint James para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: *Picardy* 17<sup>th</sup> century French carol. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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 heaven - ly 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: My Heart Sings Out #59 *Longing for light*

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Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.  
Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for wa ter, man - y still thirst.  
Long-ing for shel ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for warmth, man - y are cold.  
Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
Your word a - lone has pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
Make us your build ing, shel - ter - ing o - thers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
Let us be ser vants to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



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



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



## Communion Hymn 3: Hymnal 1982 #335 *I Am the Bread of Life*

Words and Music: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927). Arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not  
The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the  
Un - less you eat of the Flesh of the Son of  
I am the re - sur - rec tion, I am the  
Yes, Lord we be - lieve that you are the



hun ger; they who be - lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for -  
Man and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with in  
life. They who be - lieve in me, e - ven if they  
Christ, the Son of God who has



me - ev - er, un - less the Fa - ther draw them  
- ev - er, they shall live for ev - er,  
you, you shall not have life with - in you  
die, they shall live for - ev - er.  
come in - to the world.



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,



and I will raise them up on the last day.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: **God of grace and light, we thank you for nourishing us at this table with your Word, who is the bread of life: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God our Creator, who led the magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out her gifts on you and bring you light and peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty be with you now and remain with you 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 -

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

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

— We are march - ing, Oo we are  
— Si - ya - ham - ba, Oo si - ya -  
— Mar - cha - re - mos Oo mar - cha -

march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba,  
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. —

## The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude: *Ave Verum Corpus*

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart