



# **We've Come This Far by Faith**

*The Season after Pentecost: Stewardship 2022*  
**November 21, 2021**  
**Christ the King Sunday**

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

"We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, continually remembering before God your work of faith and labor of love and steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" ( 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3a)

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; 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: Now Thank We All Our God with Come, Ye Thankful People, Come by Johann Crüger (1598-1662) and George J. Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Cindy Berry (b. 1949)**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 544 Jesus Shall Reign**

Words; Isaac Watts. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton. Hymns reprinted under OneLicence.net #A-701323



Je - sus shall reign wher-e'er the sun doth his suc - ces - sive jour-neys run;  
To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais-es throng to crown his head.  
Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his love with sweet-est song;  
Bless-ings a - bound where - e - er he reigns the pris-oners leap to lose their  
Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



his king-dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more  
His Name like sweet per - fume shall rise with ev - ery morn-ing sac - ri - fice  
and in - fant voic - es shall pro-claim their ear - ly bless-ings on his Name.  
chains, the wea-ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are  
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

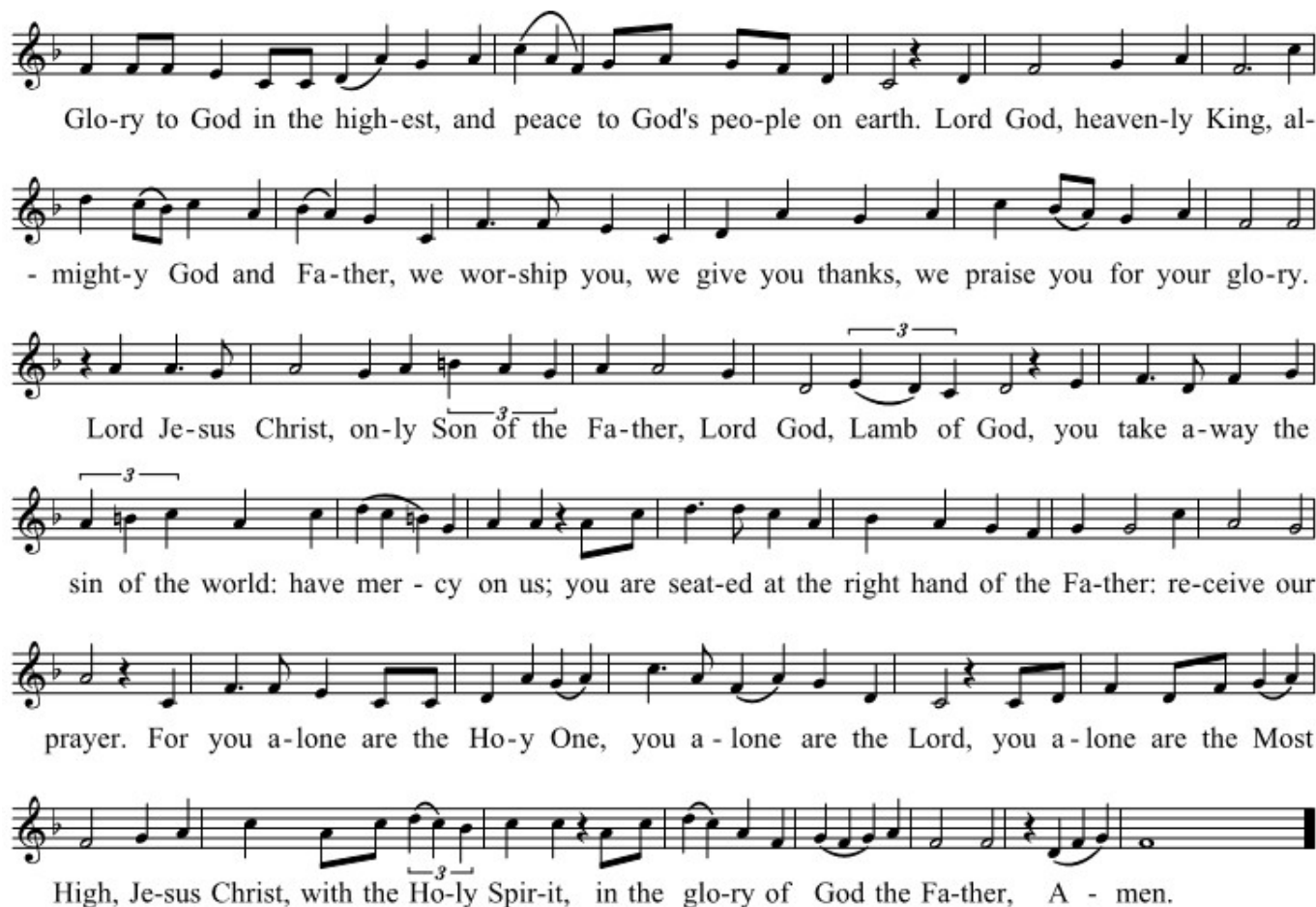
**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**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: Hymnal 1982 #S280

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
- might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our  
prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most  
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

## 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: **Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Psalm 93

You O LORD are king, you are clothed in majesty:

**you have robed yourself, and put on the girdle of strength.**

You have made the world so firm: **that it can never be moved.**

Your throne O Lord has stood firm from of old: **from all eternity you are God.**

The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice:

**the waters lift up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the noise of great waters, mightier than the waves of the sea:

**so the LORD on high is mighty.**

Truly your law stands firm: **holiness O Lord adorns your house forever.**

## Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn: LEVAS # 96 *He Is King of Kings*

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He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords; Je-sus Christ, the first and last

no man works like Him. He is no man works like Him. 1. He  
2. I

built his throne up in the air no man works like Him; 1. And  
was but young when I be - gun. 2. But

called the saints from ev - 'er where no man works like Him. He is  
now my race is al-most won. *D.S.*

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

## John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

Words: Nicene Creed paraphrased by Terry Doyle TSSF. Music: 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol, *Piccardy*;  
Hymnal 1982 # 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



We be - lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,  
We be - lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,  
Christ now con - quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's ho - ly throne,  
We be - lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of Life sus - tain - ing Earth.  
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one Church and made whole.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe. All things vis - i -  
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one. Je - sus born of  
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run. Christ now comes a -  
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth. And the Spir - it  
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, trust - ing in God's mer - cy and love. As God's lov - ing



- ble and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.  
Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.  
- gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.  
now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.  
kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

## The Prayers of the People

O God, you have brought us this far by faith. We know that trusting in you and your holy word has never failed us. You have shown us many times over that you are a God of graciousness and generosity; and you call us to give with gratitude from what we have, knowing that everything comes from you. For all the abundance of our lives, with faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the church, and for our community, offering our thanks and praise to you, and asking for your guidance and wisdom. With faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

You give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole church and its leaders who model faith in you. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Anne-Marie, Sarah and Thelma as they offer pastoral support, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are hungry, for those caught in violence and war, for those experiencing homelessness, and for those who suffer storms and natural disasters. We pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. Inspire us to put our faith into action by serving those in need. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, and those who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in our hearts. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer, and ask for your presence with those who mourn. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving as we celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, as we pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge you, O God, as the source of all that we have and all that we are, with the sure knowledge that it is you who has brought us this far and with you we will be able to face any discouragement. Continue to nurture our faith and grant us the wisdom and courage to live lives of generosity, today and always. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

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

*After a time of silence, all pray together:* **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.**

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.**

## **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.

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net). There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash.

## Offertory Hymn: Hymnal # 439 Wondrous Love

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What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## 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, holy God, creator of heaven and earth, and author of all good gifts. You are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**In this new life, Jesus calls us to the work of faith, to labor in love of him, and to the steadiness of hope we find in his life, death, and resurrection. Therefore we praise you, lifting our voices with all creation as we sing:**

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

Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), A Mass for Soulful People © 1979 North American Liturgy Resources.  
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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. Bless-ed 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.

*The Celebrant continues:*

We thank you, loving God, because when we turned away from you, you did not reject us but sent us Jesus, your Son. In his life, he revealed to us the way of compassion; before he was handed over to suffering and death he embodied for us self-giving love as he washed the feet of his



disciples; in his laying down his life for his friends, he opened for us the way of new life. He gave himself for us on the cross, and continues to show us the way to live in love.

And so we remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, shared it with them 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, blessed and shared it saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

**It is the mystery of our faith, O God, that with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.**

And now we ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us Christ's body and blood. As you feed us with these gifts, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon us also, that we may more closely live and walk in the way of Jesus, our Savior.

**Help us to love one another, to give generously to those in need, to welcome the stranger, and to give rest to the weary, as we look forward to that day when all creation is gathered in your loving arms.**

With all your saints we give you glory O God, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the 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 and silence is kept, all sing the fraction anthem.*

### Fraction Anthem: *Be Known to Us Wonder Love and Praise # 875*

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. be bread. One bod-y are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread." The score includes markings for "Cantor or choir" and "1. Congregation" / "2. Cantor or choir". The piece ends with a double bar line. A small code "WLP 875" is visible at the bottom left of the fourth staff.

*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

*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.*

*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.*

## Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 # 397 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Words: Martin Rinckart, tr. Catherine Winkworth. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, Johann Crüger. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who  
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us! with  
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the  
wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's  
ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his  
Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven eternal, Triune  
arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and  
grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in  
God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and  
still is ours to-day.  
this world and the next.  
shall be, evermore.

## Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #152 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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Let us break bread to-gether on our knees Let us break bread to-gether on our knees.  
Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.  
Let us praise God to-gether on our knees. Let us praise God to-gether on  
our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh  
Lord, have mercy on me.

## Post-Communion Prayer

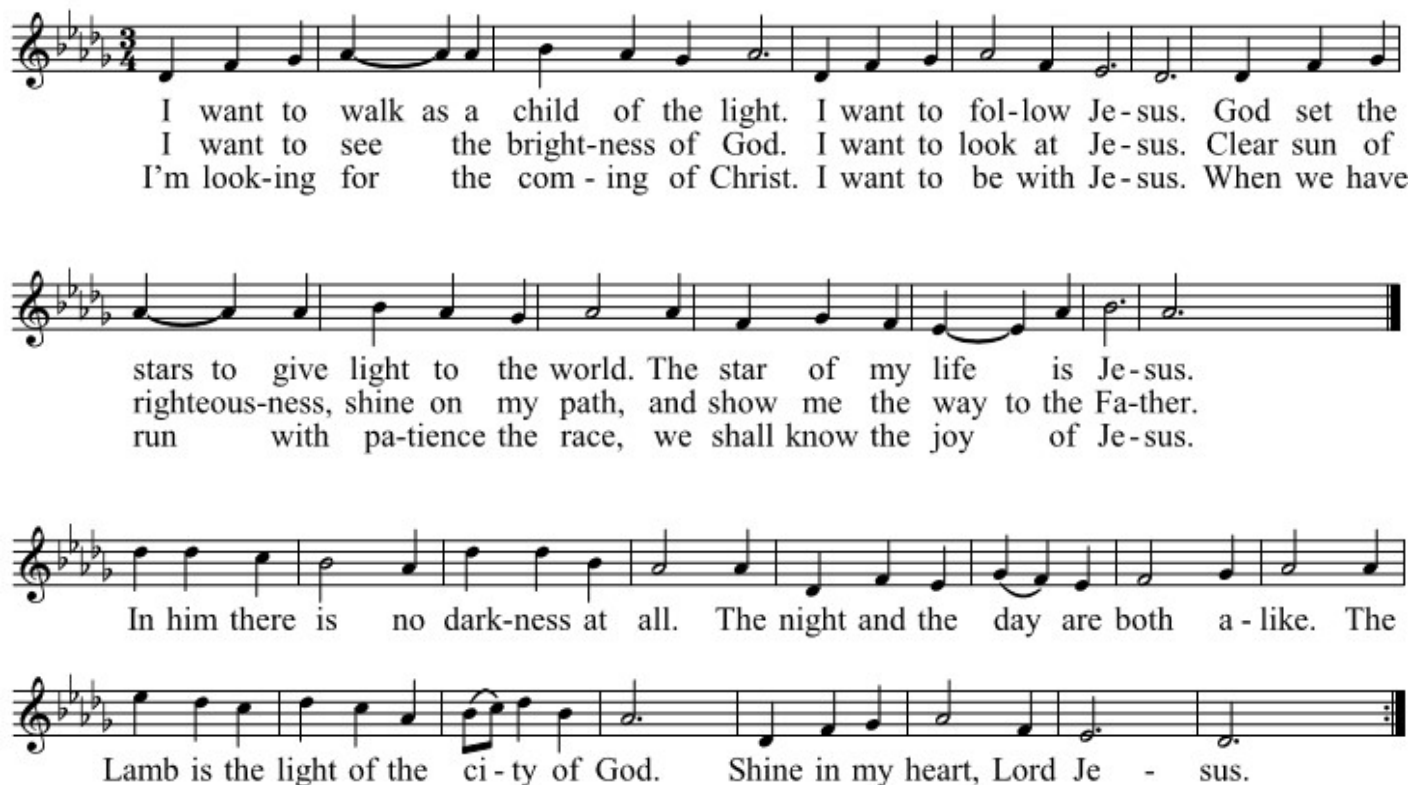
*Celebrant* Let us pray: **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread and wine. May this holy Communion give us strength and courage, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be renewed for your service to others, embody your desire for justice, and live lives of generosity in the steadiness of hope through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant:* Life is short, and 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. And may the God of all Grace, the God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, bless you and keep you in peace, this day and always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 490 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Words: Kathleen Thomerson. Music *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low Je-sus. God set the I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je-sus. Clear sun of I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with Je-sus. When we have stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je-sus. righteous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa-ther. 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 Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* by George J. Elvey, arr. Victor Labenske