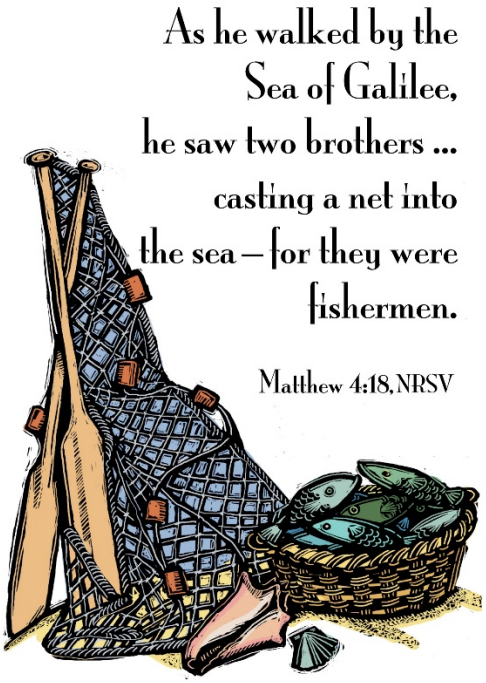
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2023



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INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

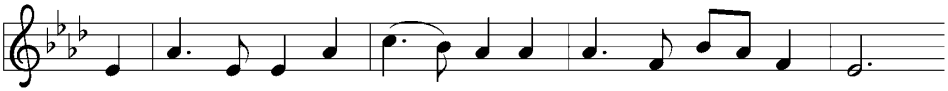
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

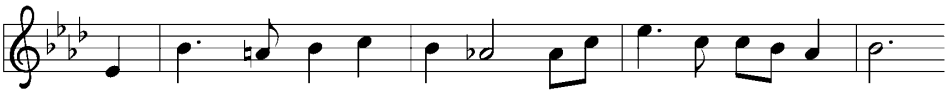
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

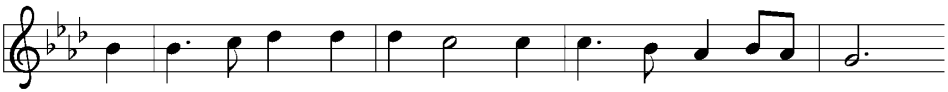
I Love to Tell the Story



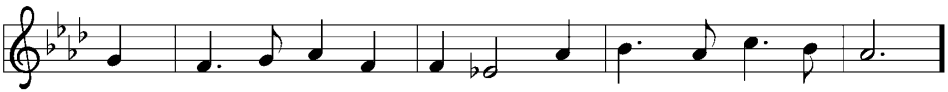
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

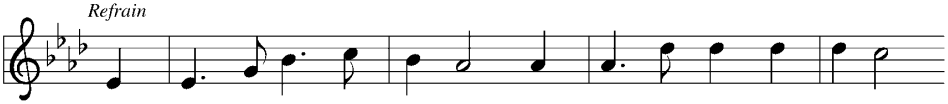


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

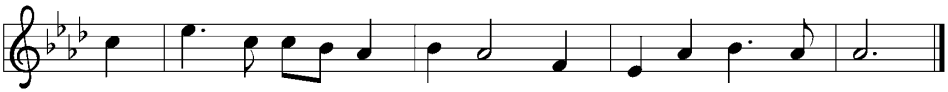


it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

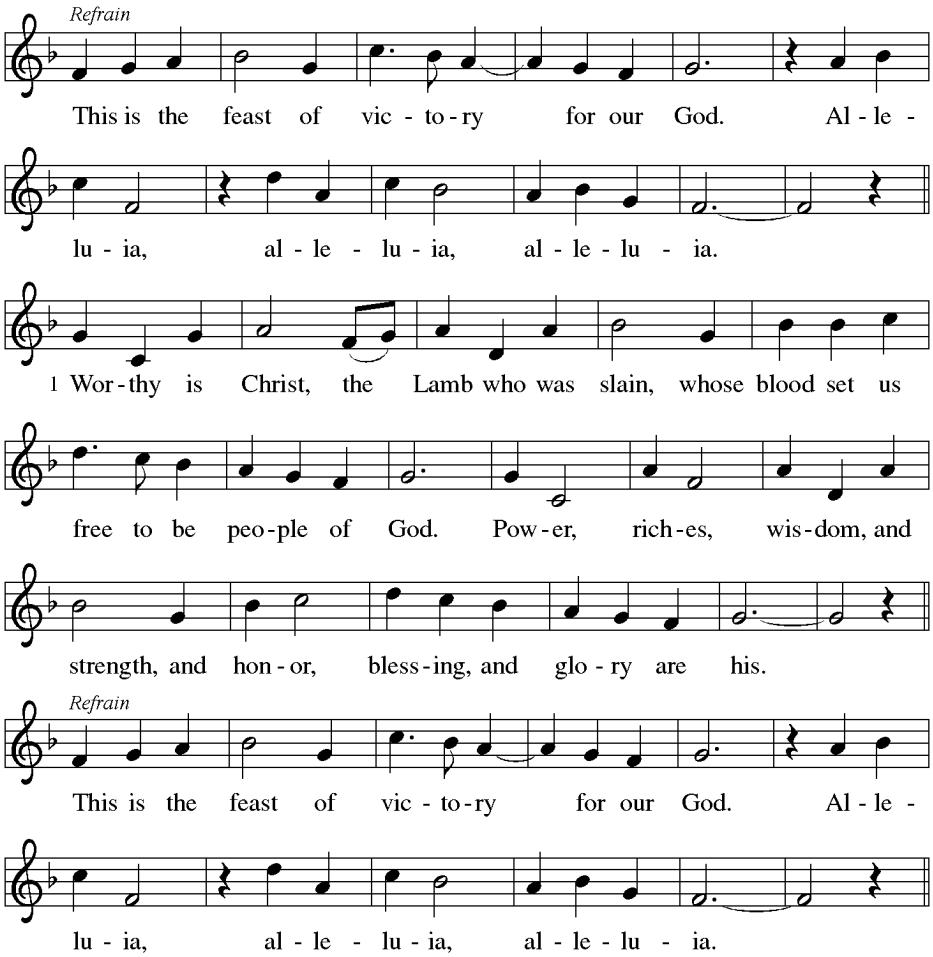


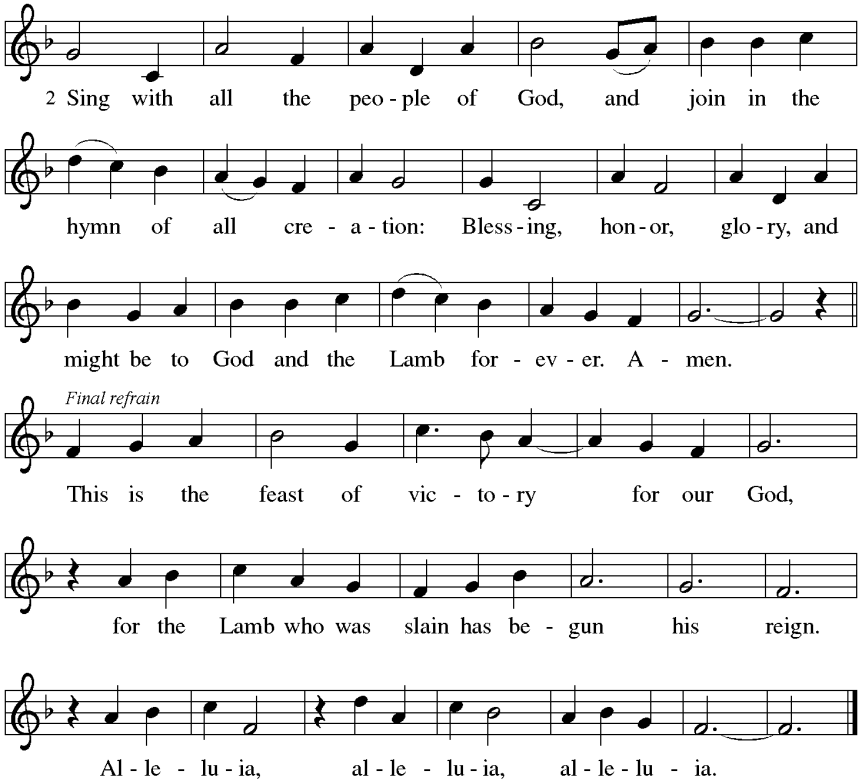
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

[1]There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD]
brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter
time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of
the nations.

[2]The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land
of deep darkness—on them light has shined. [3]You have multiplied the nation, you have
increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult
when dividing plunder. [4]For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their
shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

[1]The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
[4]**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.
[5]For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
[6]**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
[7]Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
[8]**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."**
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.
[9]Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

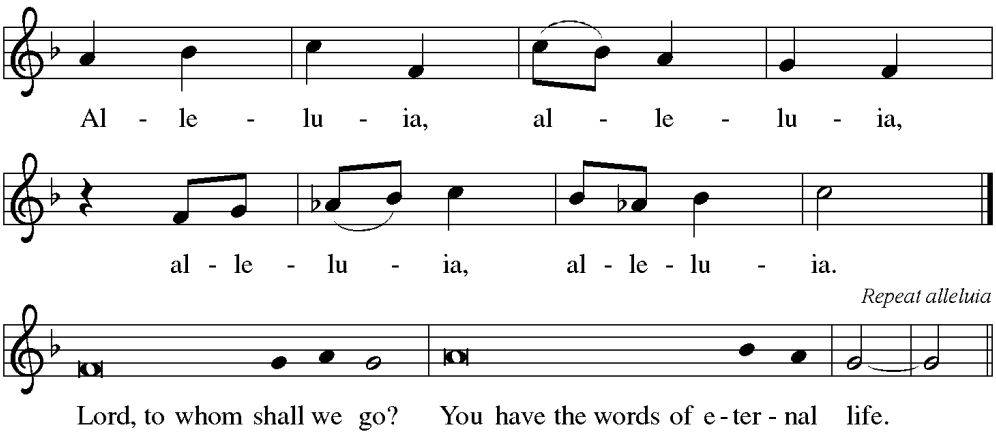
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

[10]Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be
united in the same mind and the same purpose. [11]For it has been reported to me by
Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. [12]What I
mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong
to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." [13]Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for
you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? [14]I thank God that I baptized none of
you except Crispus and Gaius, [15]so that no one can say that you were baptized in my
name. [16]I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know
whether I baptized anyone else. [17]For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim
the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be
emptied of its power.

[18]For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to
us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand



GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The holy gospel according Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left
Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and
Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be
fulfilled:

15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and
for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."
17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near."

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called
Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.
19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." 20 Immediately
they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other
brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father
Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and
their father, and followed him.

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the
good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the
people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

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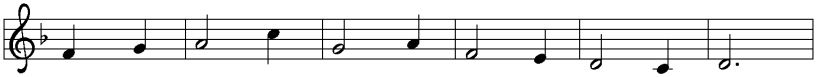
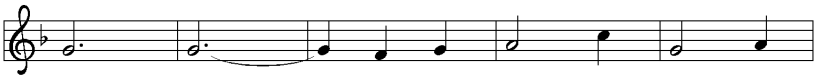
Will You Come and Follow Me

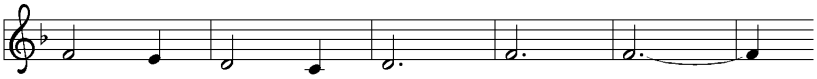
The Summons



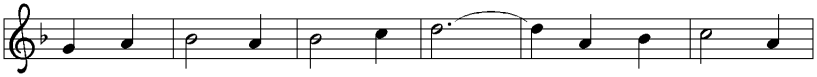
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



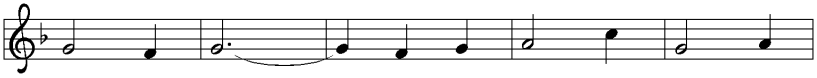
your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



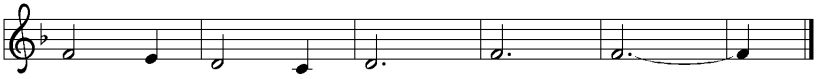
know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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CHOIR ANTHEM *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*

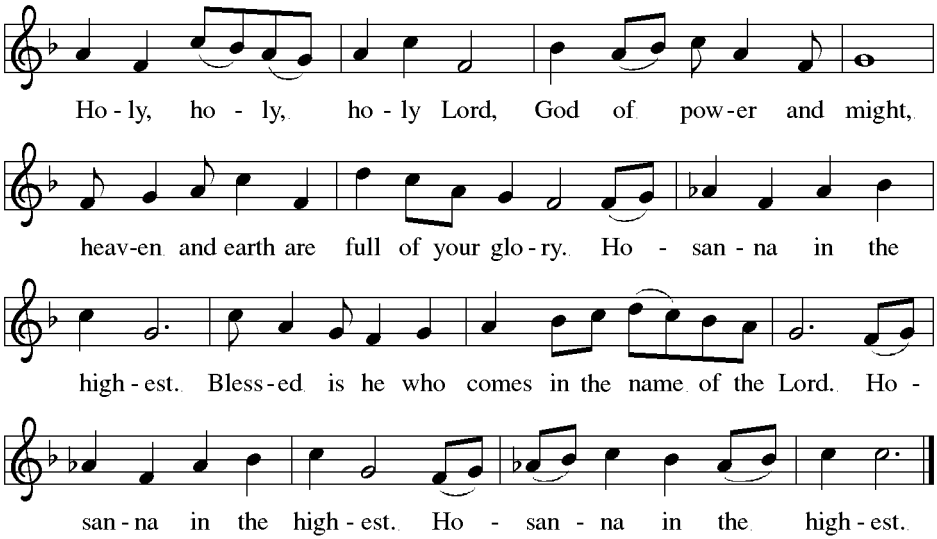
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

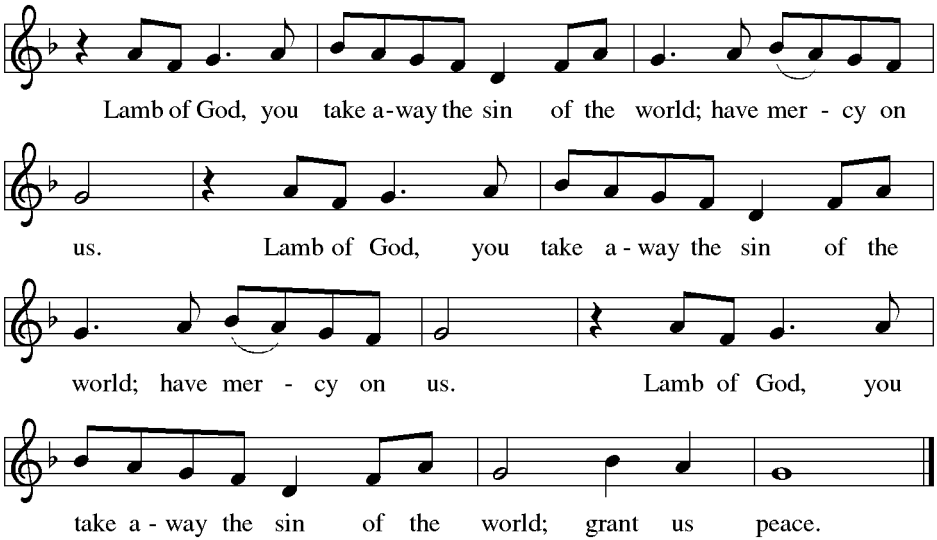
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY TIME

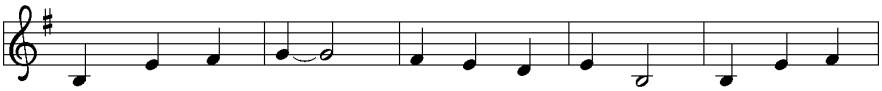
BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

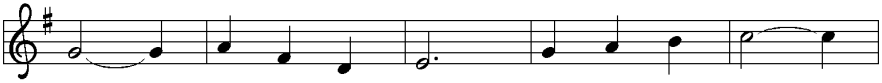
Please stand

SENDING HYMN

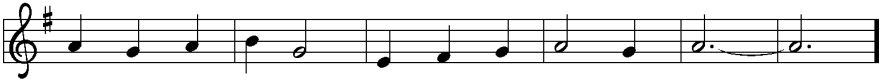
Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

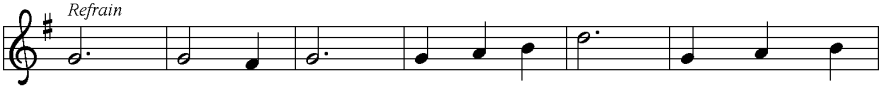


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

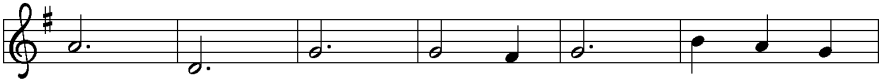


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

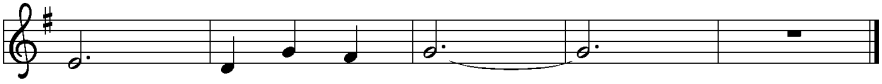
Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



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DISMISSAL

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"I Love To Tell The Story"
"Will You Come and Follow Me"
"Christ Be Our Light"

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Our Stewardship
For the month ending December 2022

	Church	Little Lambs
Needed monthly	$ 27,551.17	$ 46,079.69
Giving/Income for the month	$ 49,768.04	$ 44,402.16
Expenses YTD	$ 355,135.32	$ 574,430.68
Giving/Income YTD	$ 273,881.75	$ 704,225.20

Estimated Cost for Roof and Renovations	$ 150,000.00
Total Paid Out for Roof and Renovations so far	$ 109,082.00
Contributions towards Roof and Renovations	$ 18,086.38