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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

+Please stand, if able,

Processional Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#87



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

C. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*Said in Unison*)

*Almighty God unto you all hearts are open, all desires know, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleave 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.*

Hymn of Praise: Great is the Lord

Renew #22

Unison

Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just; by his pow-er we trust in his love.

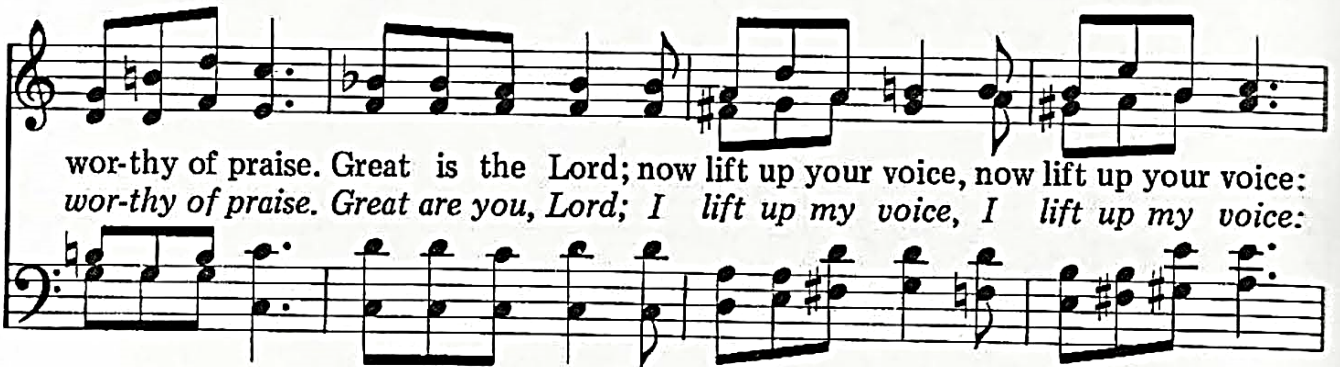
Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is love.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 6/8. The first system is marked 'Unison' and contains the lyrics 'Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just; by his pow-er we trust in his love.' The second system contains the lyrics 'Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is love.' The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

Harmony



1, 2. Great is the Lord and wor- thy of glo - ry! Great is the Lord and
D.S. Great are you, Lord, and wor- thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and



wor- thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
wor- thy of praise. Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:



Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! Lord!
 Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord! Lord!

1, 3 (Fine) 2 *D.S.*

C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

C: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON comes from the Prophet Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 147

[1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *

and prepares rain for the earth;

- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.]
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON comes from Paul's letter to the Galatians (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.


The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Shine, Jesus Shine (vs. 1-2 before, vs. 3 after)

Renew #247

Refrain
(♩ = 96)



Shine, Je - sus shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry,
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light. *Fine*

Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
 Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence from the sha - dows in -
 As we gaze on Your king - ly bright-ness, so our fa - ces dis -

dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
 to Your ra - di - ance; By the blood I may
 play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from

World, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth. You now
 en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell Your

D.C

bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
 dark-ness. Shine on me, shine on me.
 sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on me.



THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

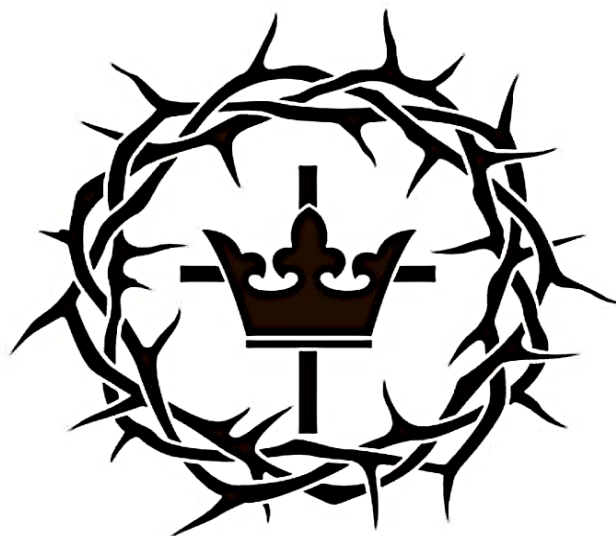
The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Douglas C. Smith

+Please be seated.



THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+Please remain standing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy". For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our soul let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For Thurmont and the village of Catoctin Furnace, for every city and community and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: **We pray for:** *Gladys F. Smith, Kathy Smith, Brett Kelly, Janet Nave, Richard Patterson*, Bob McAfee, Joan and Debbie Portner, Enid Shannon, Bob Stakes, Vanessa Pryor, Carl Keeney, Tracey Stottlemeyer, Margaret Cool, Betsy Schoonover, Paul Doyle, John Guillory, Richard Massey, Ursula Cole, Hawa Freeman, Ed Zinn, Kathryn Rentzell, Joe Loetell, Casey Gray, Nana T, Ben Ayres, Jo Mason, Susan Akins, Caroline Tate, Joan L., People of Ukraine and all the victims of the conflict in the Middle East and around the world.

We also offer prayers for those with long-term needs: Aaron Teitel, Mitchell Scott, Daryl and Susie Trout, Joan, Jimmy and Ira James Burrier, Nathaniel Rentzell, Virginia Rauth, Wilton III, Sue Shatto, Ed Joyner, Marcia Bell, Bobby Toms, Susan Hess, Danny Harman, Carla Beck, Adunni Dennis, Karen Hess, Robert L. Gray Jr., Mae Bolin, John Kent, Bonnie Miller, Cotton Harrison, Betty and Bob Gray, Robert Ricketts, Mildred Coshon, Rob and Becky Hankey, Susan and Jim Rauth, Shirley Long, Cheyanne Sanger, Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Bessie A., Deborah Boisvert, John Moser, Kim Grimm,

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all who have died, (especially for _____), in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mother (_____ and of all the) saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

A: To thee, O Lord our God.

+Silence

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***



CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

+Please kneel or stand if you are able.

A: *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.*

The Celebrant stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: *And also with you.*

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: *Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: *Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, first responders and their loved ones. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* We pray for: Tyler Pescatore, Jake Nichols, Nick Elias, Josh Long, Adam Long, Brandon Clabaugh, Josh Joyner, Eric Donnelly, Ryan Rhooms,

C: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice for God.

+Please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Hymn: Baptized in Water

LEVAS #121

1. Bap- tized in wa- ter, sealed by the Spi- rit, Cleansed by the
2. Bap- tized in wa- ter, sealed by the Spi- rit, Dead in the
3. Bap- tized in wa- ter, sealed by the Spi- rit, Marked with the

1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal- va- tion,
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris- ing,
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa- ther,

1. trust- ing his prom-ise, Faith ful- ly now God's praise we sing.
2. freed and for- giv- en, Thank- ful- ly now God's praise we sing.
3. we are his child- ren, Joy- ful- ly now God's praise we sing.

+Please stand, if able.

The Doxology (*sung*)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also, with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

C: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and will all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) (Sung)

S -130 in front of Hymnal

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)". It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

System 2:
might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

System 3:
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 - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+Please stand or kneel if able,

Celebrant continues;

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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 of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

A: 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



+Silence

C: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

A: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

C: This is the table of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love Him and those who want to love Him more.

So come you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long.

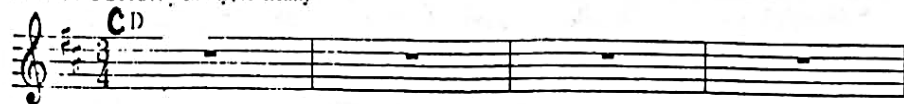
You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come because it is the Lord who invited you, those who seek Him will find Him here.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or you may request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, or if you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the greeters and if you feel called to be baptized at a later date, talk with Father Doug or Pastor Sally. Thank you.



INTRODUCTION - slowly, reverently



3. Glo - ry, _____
 Last Ref. Ab - ba, _____

3. glo - ry and praise to You _____
 Last Ref. Ab - ba, Fath - er. _____

3. Glo - ry and the praise to You _____ for -
 Last Ref. You are the pot - ter; _____

3. ev - er, a men, _____ for -
 Last Ref. we are the clay, _____ the


3. ev - er, a men, _____
 Last Ref. work of Your hands. _____ (Last Refrain)

2. (E) (Tacet - - - - -)
 Last Ref. _____ Ab - ba!







1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;
 2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
 3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, Would I seek thy face;
 4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me,


1. While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
 2. Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.
 3. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spi - rit, Save me by thy grace.
 4. Whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?




Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.



The Celebrant continues.

Let us pray.

+Please stand if able.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

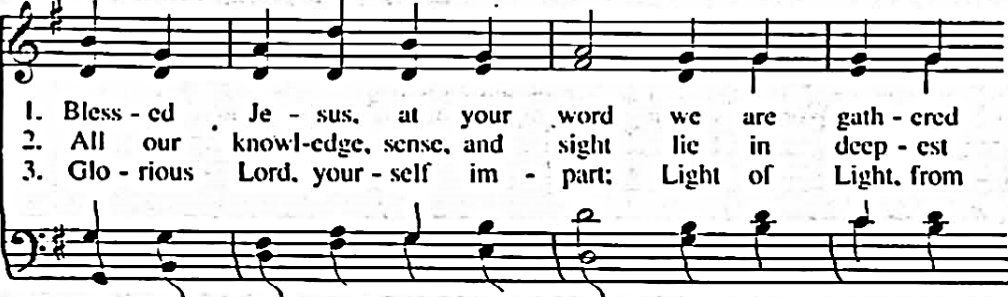
The Blessing

Announcements (*please be seated*)

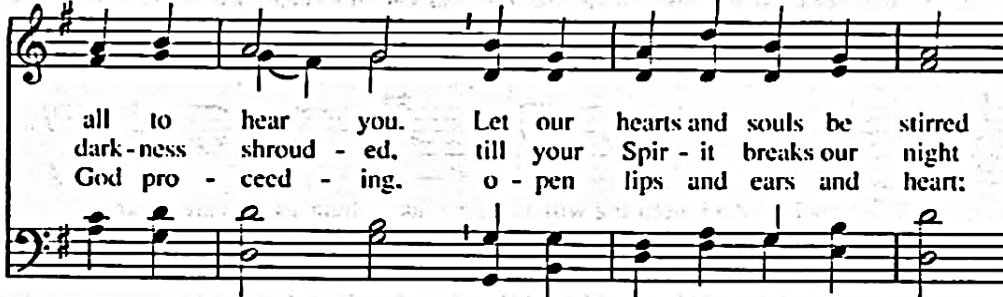
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RECESSIONAL: Blessed Jesus At Your Word

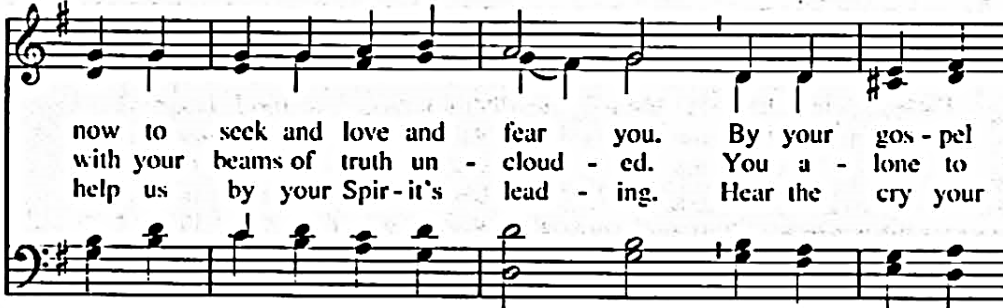
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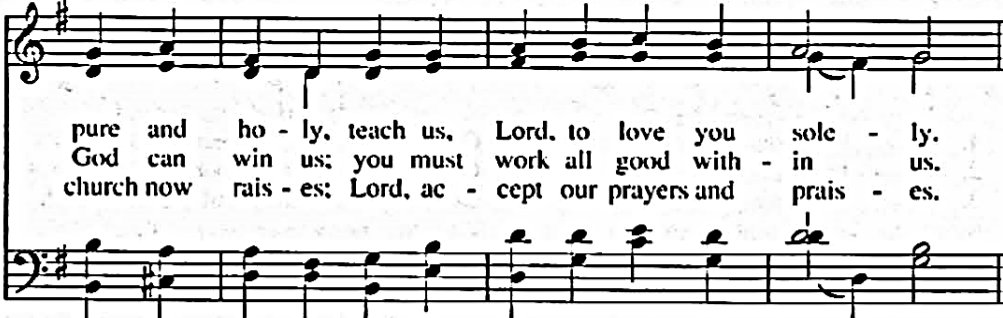
1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered
2. All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3. Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part; Light of Light, from



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing. o - pen lips and ears and heart:



now to seek and love and fear you. By your gos - pel
with your beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
help us by your Spir - it's lead - ing. Hear the cry your



pure and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
church now rais - es; Lord, ac - cept our prayers and prais - es.

GO NOW IN PEACE *(sung while candles are being extinguished)*

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

DISMISSAL

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We are happy you are worshipping with us. If you have any questions, please ask. We look forward to seeing you again, so come back to worship, serve, and share fellowship with us.

There is a lovely Thank You note from Bob McAfee to the members of Harriet Chapel posted on the bulletin board in the parish hallway.

Save the Date:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH will be Lessons and Carols, readers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please let the office know. Thank you.

DOCENT MEETING on Sunday, January 14th, Liz is requesting all Docents plan to stay following church to discuss 2023 and plan 2024. Please see Liz Shatto, for any answers you may need.

ANNUAL MEETING *and POTLUCK:* will be held on Sunday, January 21st, 2024, following church. So, please all committee chairpersons, submit your annual reports to the office as soon as possible.

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+ NON-PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is currently in the works. Beginning next week, Susie from the office will be on hand to go over all addresses and telephone information the office may have for each of you. You will also be asked to sign a waiver, giving the church your permission to publish your information and to hand it out to current church members only. This will protect the church and you as well, as robot calls and scams are on the on the rise.

2024 PLEDGE FORM – If you haven't returned your pledge forms for 2024, please do so,. Our future budget is based upon these pledges. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR: We thank Ann Hess and Mary Allison for providing the refreshments for today.

+++New sign-up sheets for 2024 have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the parish hall. Please consider signing up, if you are hesitant to host a morning by yourself, ask a friend to join you. Nothing fancy is necessary, whatever you feel comfortable providing will do. The church has paper products, coffee, and water available for your use.

FOOD BANK NEWS: You can place your donated items in the baskets located in the narthex. We currently distribute to 100 or so families each week, which comes out to over 300 people a week. As part of our outreach to the local community, let's fill up these baskets every week. Let's help each other, support each other in our daily life. Remember the Parable of the Good Samaritan, consider – who is my neighbor?

A FLOWER SIGNUP SHEET: New flower sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway to the parish hall. The church uses Gateway Florist in Thurmont.

The cost of the flowers is \$65.00, this includes the vase and delivery.

When signing up you do have the option to indicate whether you would like to provide your own flowers or have the church order them for you.

When the season permits, you may use flowers from your own gardens, or you may even use a nice potted plant. +Remember, no artificial flowers

are allowed on the altar. We would also like to caution against using live

flowers which have been dyed, if these should accidentally get spilled, the dye may damage the carpet.



DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: On the first Sunday of each month all loose offerings will go into the Rector's discretionary Fund, to be used in emergencies. On every 5th Sunday all loose offerings will be used for our Outreach Ministry.

ACUTE AND LONG-TERM PRAYER LISTS: Please review your prayer requests and let the church office know if someone can be removed or just moved from one list to another. Thank you.

PRAYER INTERCESSOR: Choose one or two people to pray for each week. Praying will help lift their burdens and will bring you closer to God and your neighbors.

TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH: To ensure that our ministries remain active, and those with needs can still depend on us to help them, we are asking you to continue to give your weekly donations and special gifts to the church. The program, **Tithe.ly**, is easy to use and upon making a successful transaction you will get an immediate receipt. Here is the link to our donation page – <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2426883>. You may also continue to support your church by mailing your gifts. Thank you for every gift you can give to support our church and ministries.

THE CHIMES NEWSLETTER: The deadline for submitting an article for placement in the newsletter will be the **20th** of each month. We want to keep everyone aware of what is going on in our community and church. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

*Vestry meets on the third Wednesday, September through July at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

*The Men's Bible Study Group holds their meetings via telephone conferencing on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If interested in joining them, please contact John Giffin at: 302-712-5355.

*A.A. meets in the parish hall at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and at noon on Fridays.

LIVING WATER INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY will be worshipping here at Harriet Chapel on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month. Their worship begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by fellowship, all are welcome.

MUSIC PROVIDED BY STEPHEN HESS. As always, Stephen, we thank you for your faithful ministry and the many blessings which your ministry has brought to us.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Fr. Doug and Pastor Sally will always try to get to church for services unless the roads are unsafe. Please use your own discretion about whether the roads near your home are safe for travel. If we know in advance that church will not be held, we will post the cancellation on Facebook, on our Website and Susie will send out an email to let everyone know. In turn, we are asking you to call those whom you believe may not have access to a computer to let them know our status. Please make sure that the office has your correct email address. Thank you.

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