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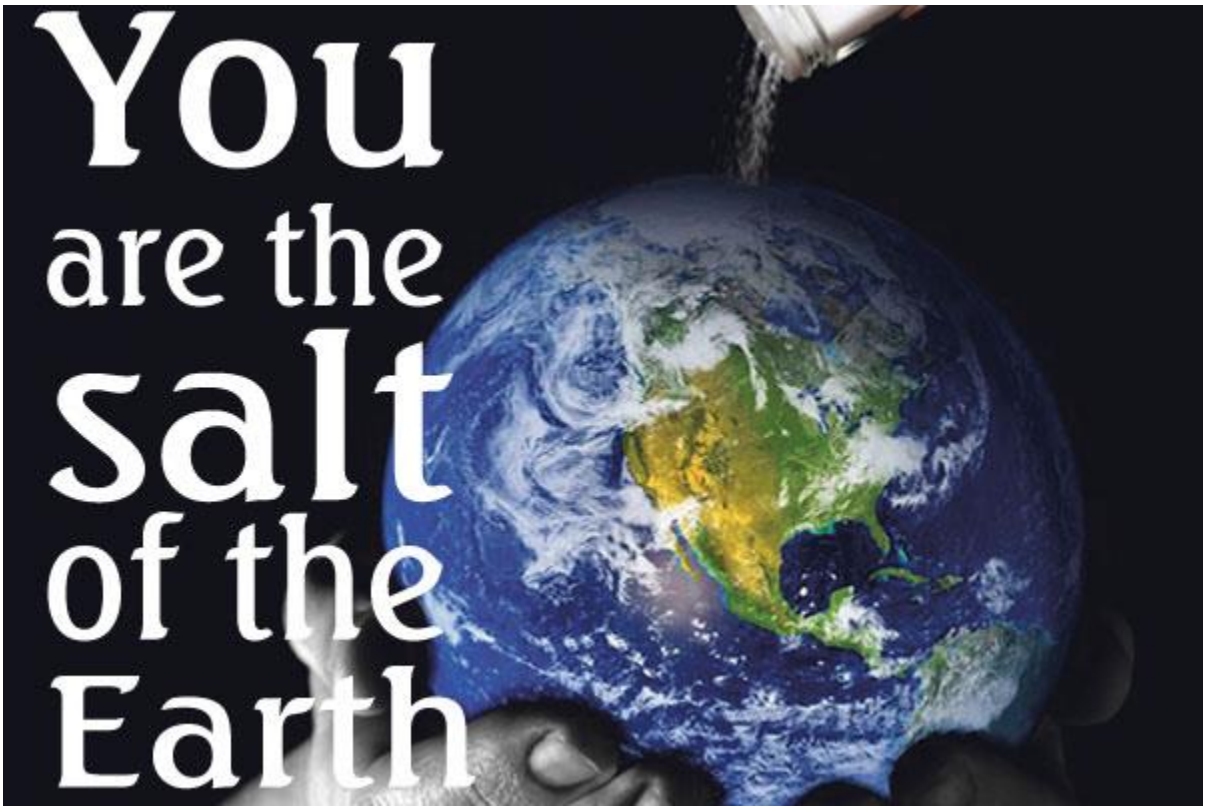
Canton, Ohio



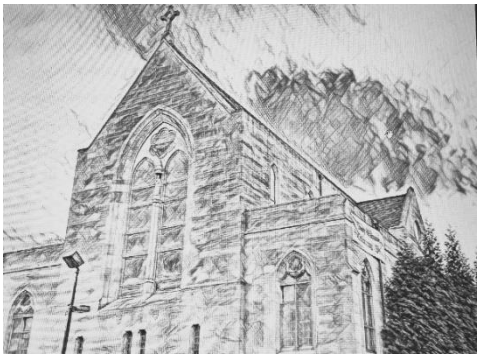
Sunday, February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.



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Our mission

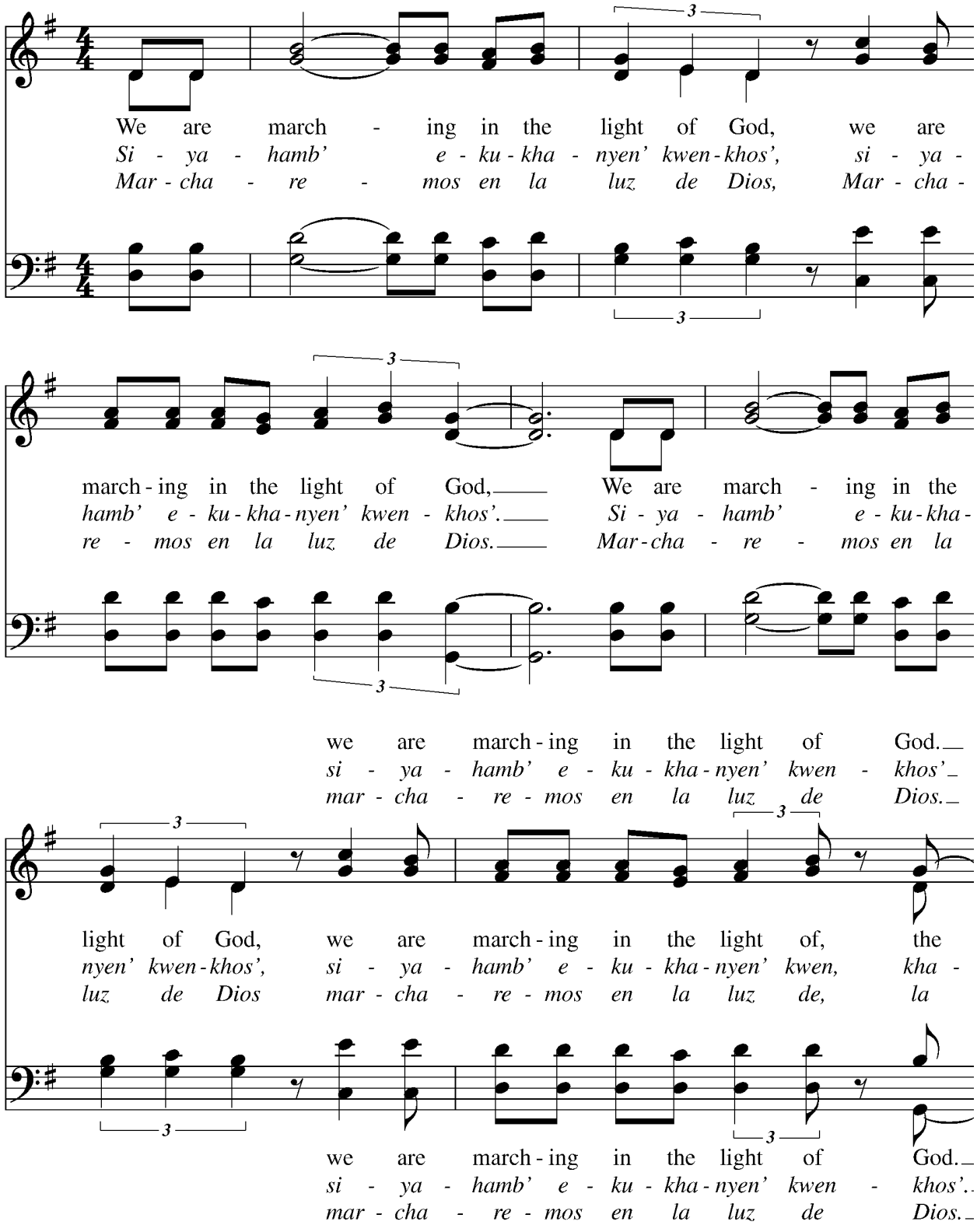
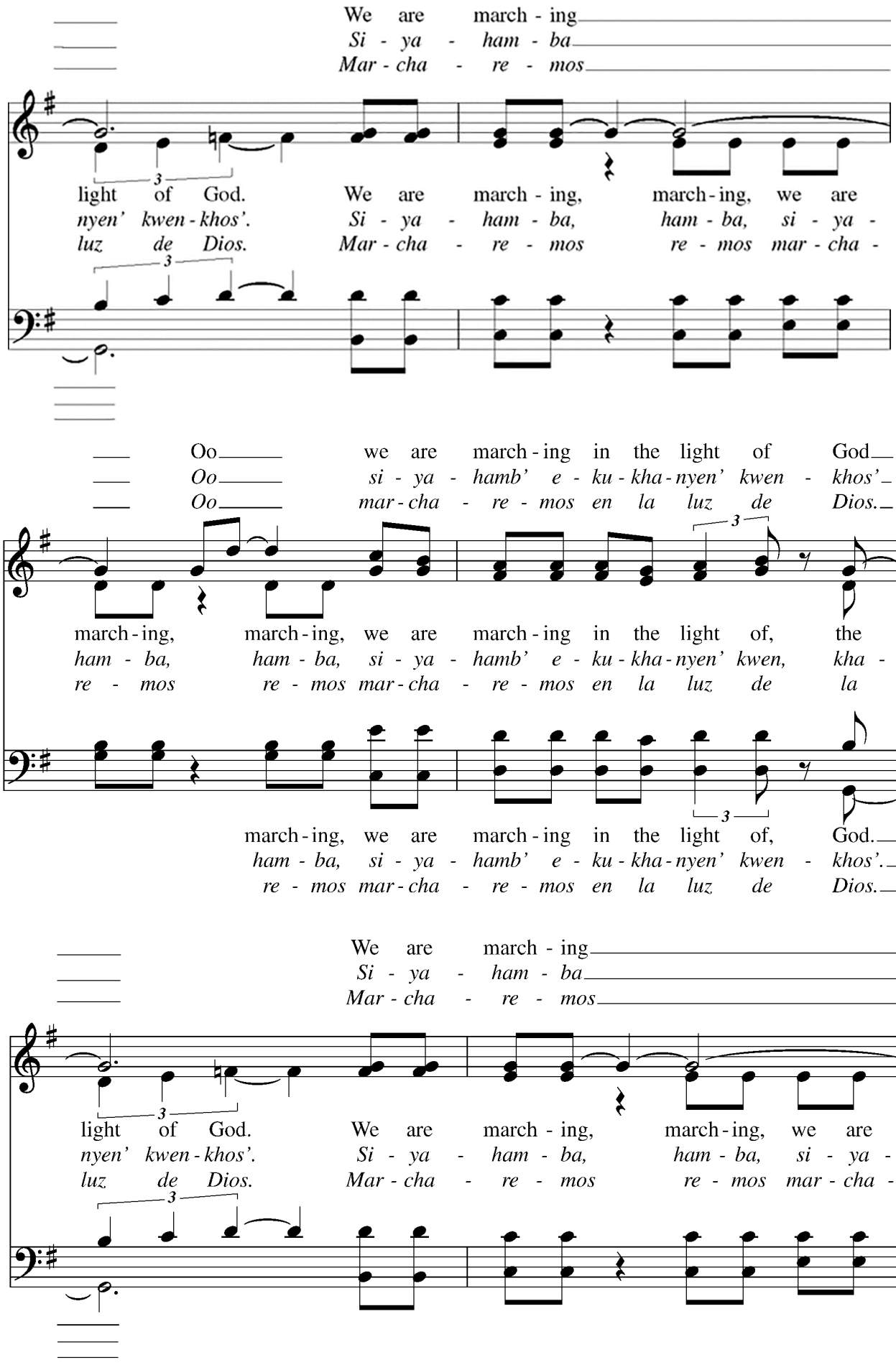
St. Paul's is a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9
Second Lesson:1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Prelude: *The Name of Jesus* by Hugh Livingston Jr.

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"We are Marching in the Light of God" (Siyahamba) (WLP 787)***

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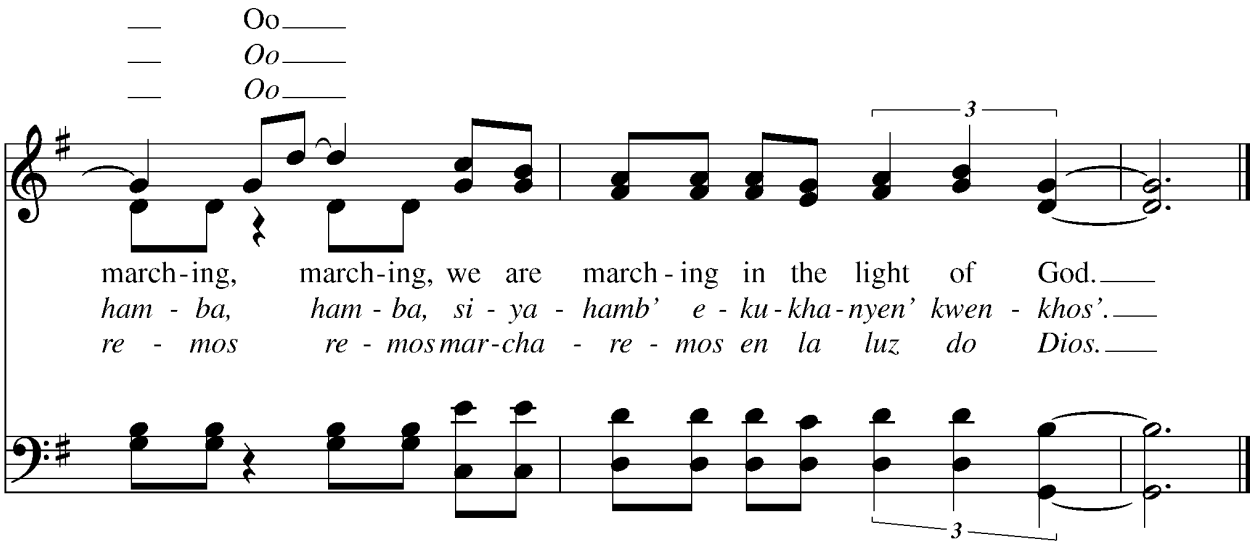
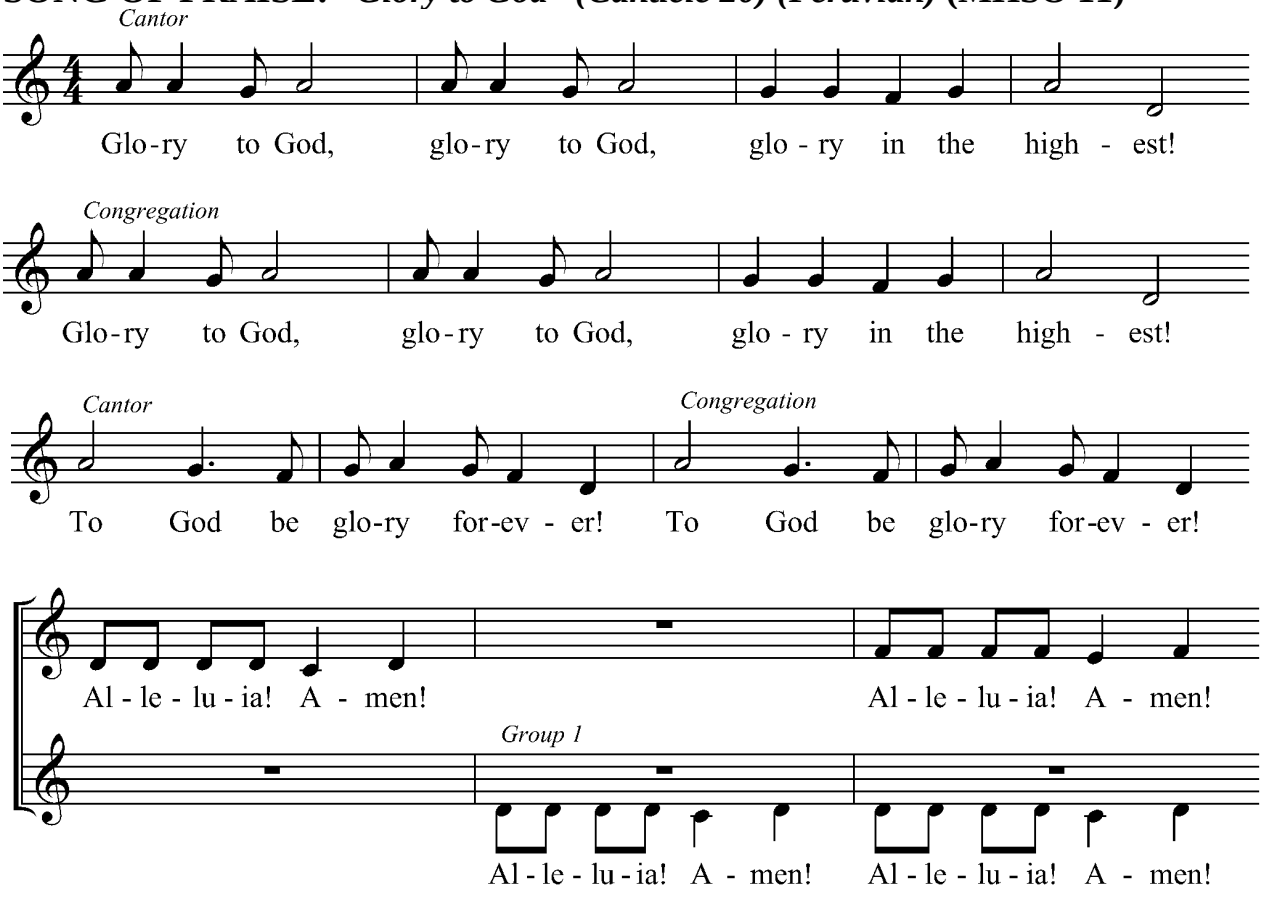
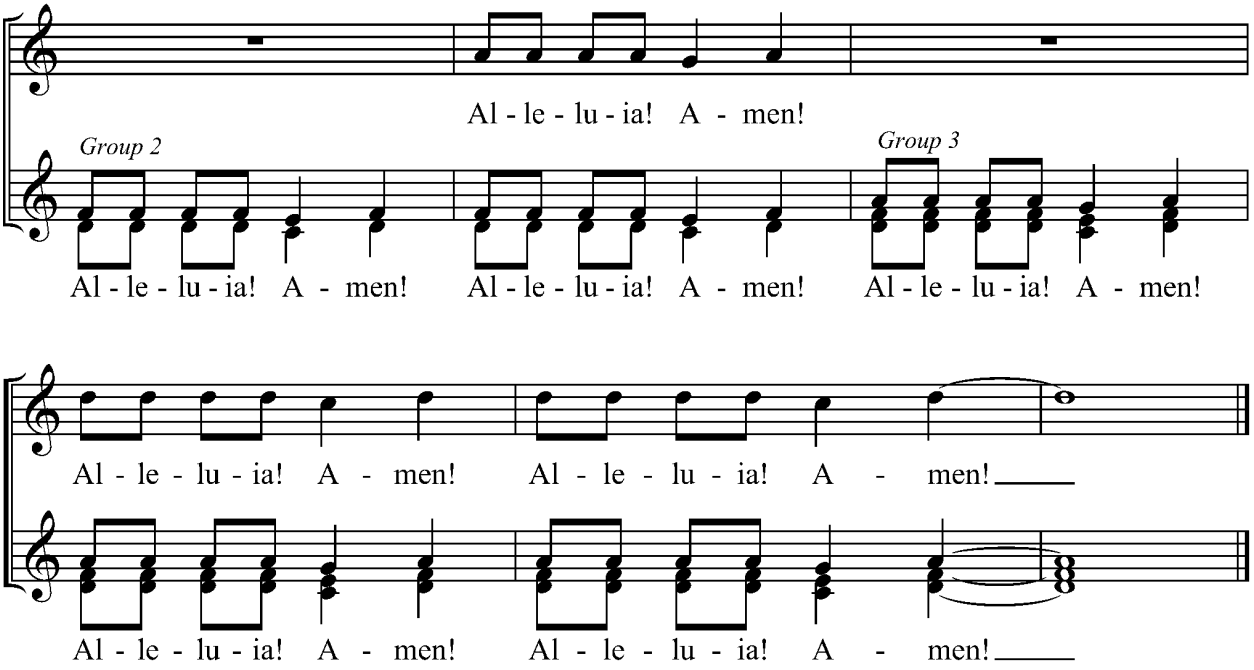

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: "*Glory to God" (Canticle 20) (Peruvian)* (MHSO 11)



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[1]Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
[2]Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

[3]“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
[4]Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
[5]Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

[6]Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
[7]Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
[8]Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
[9a]Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[[9b]If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
[10]if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
[11]The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
[12]Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

Remain seated.

[1]Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
[2]Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
[3]Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last forever.
[4]Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
[5]It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
[6]For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
[7]They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the LORD.
[8]Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
[9]They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

[1]When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. [2]For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. [3]And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. [4]My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5]so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

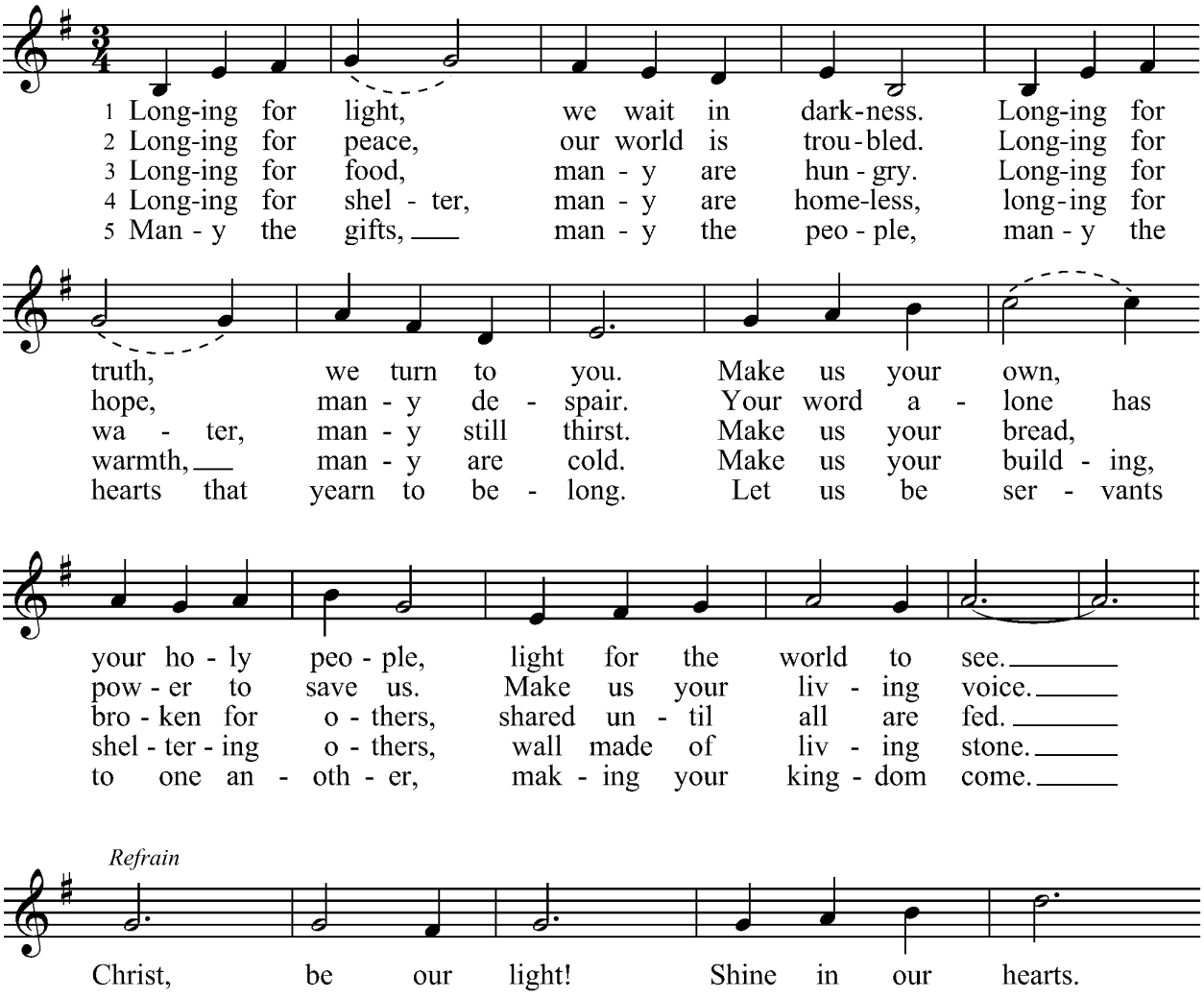
[6]Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

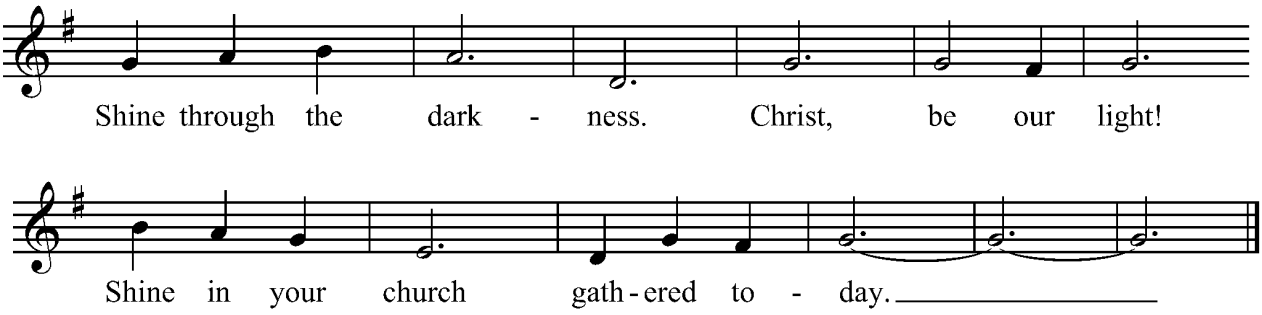
[7]But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages
for our glory. [8]None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they
would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

[9]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"—
[10]these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches
everything, even the depths of God. [11]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. [12]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.

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"Longing for Light"*** *All stand.*





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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said:] 13"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: *Rev. Jeff Baker*

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed

THE CREED
All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For our president; local elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are ill, especially Jeff Nowlin, Ron Neidig, Anthony Wilson, Desiree Smith, MaryAnn, David, Lynn, Ron, Lee, Lynsee Hoisington, Jessica, Kelly, Laurie, Holly, Mary Lou, Rosie, Stephan Campian, Andy, David Swope, Ron Campian, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our Bishops and Diocesan Staff, (see bulletin for names)
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Robin our Deacon; for Jeff our assisting clergy and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

<u>YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED</u>

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week. Especially Rick Senften and M.L. Schultze. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

COLLECT FOR PEACE
Said by all

Grant, O God that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease;

that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN
The People sit, stand or kneel.

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

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.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN: ***Psalm 150*** by Bob Chilcott

The Great Thanksgiving

(Please remain standing)

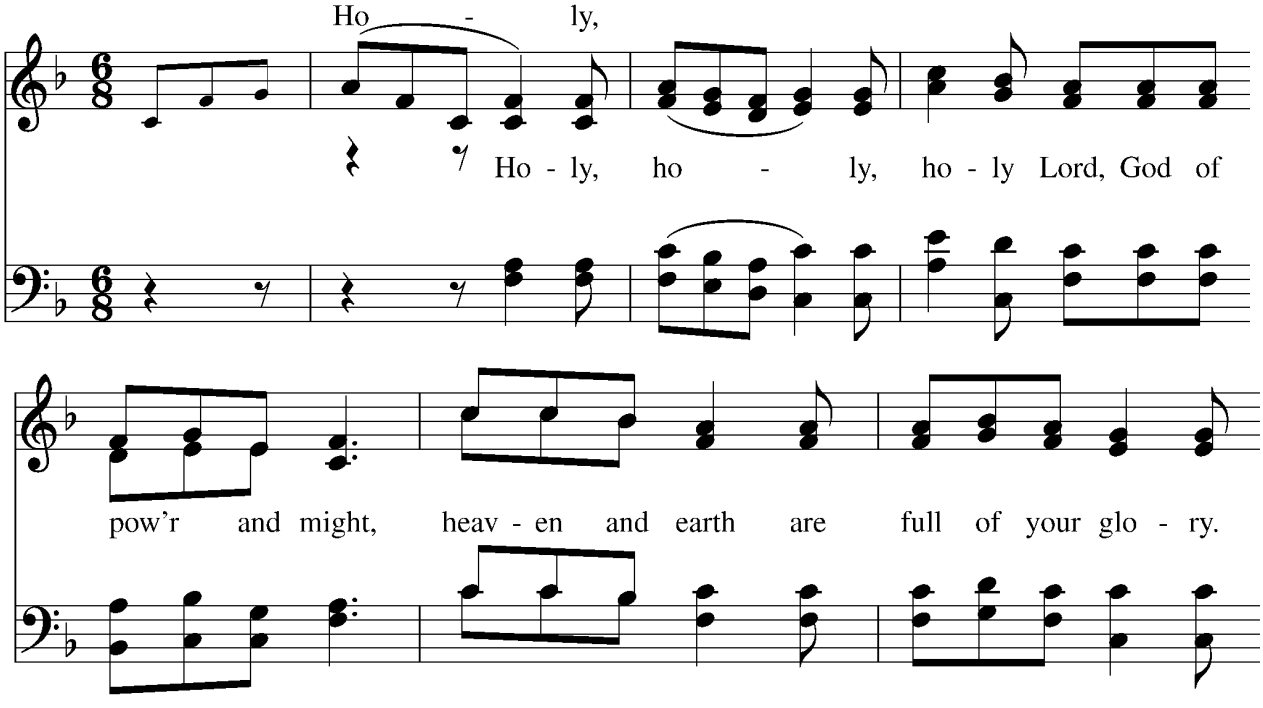
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

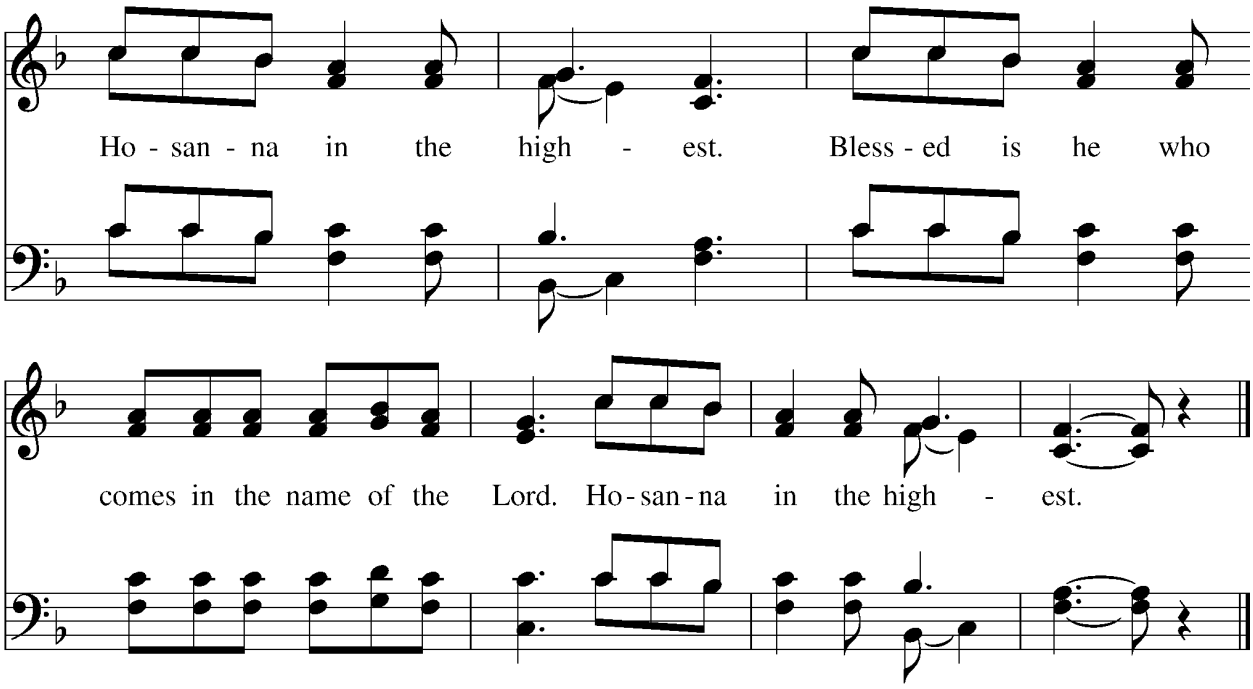
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SANCTUS: ***"Holy, Holy, Holy" WLP 857 (Pulkingham) (Freedom Mass) (BCP p. 367)***





Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

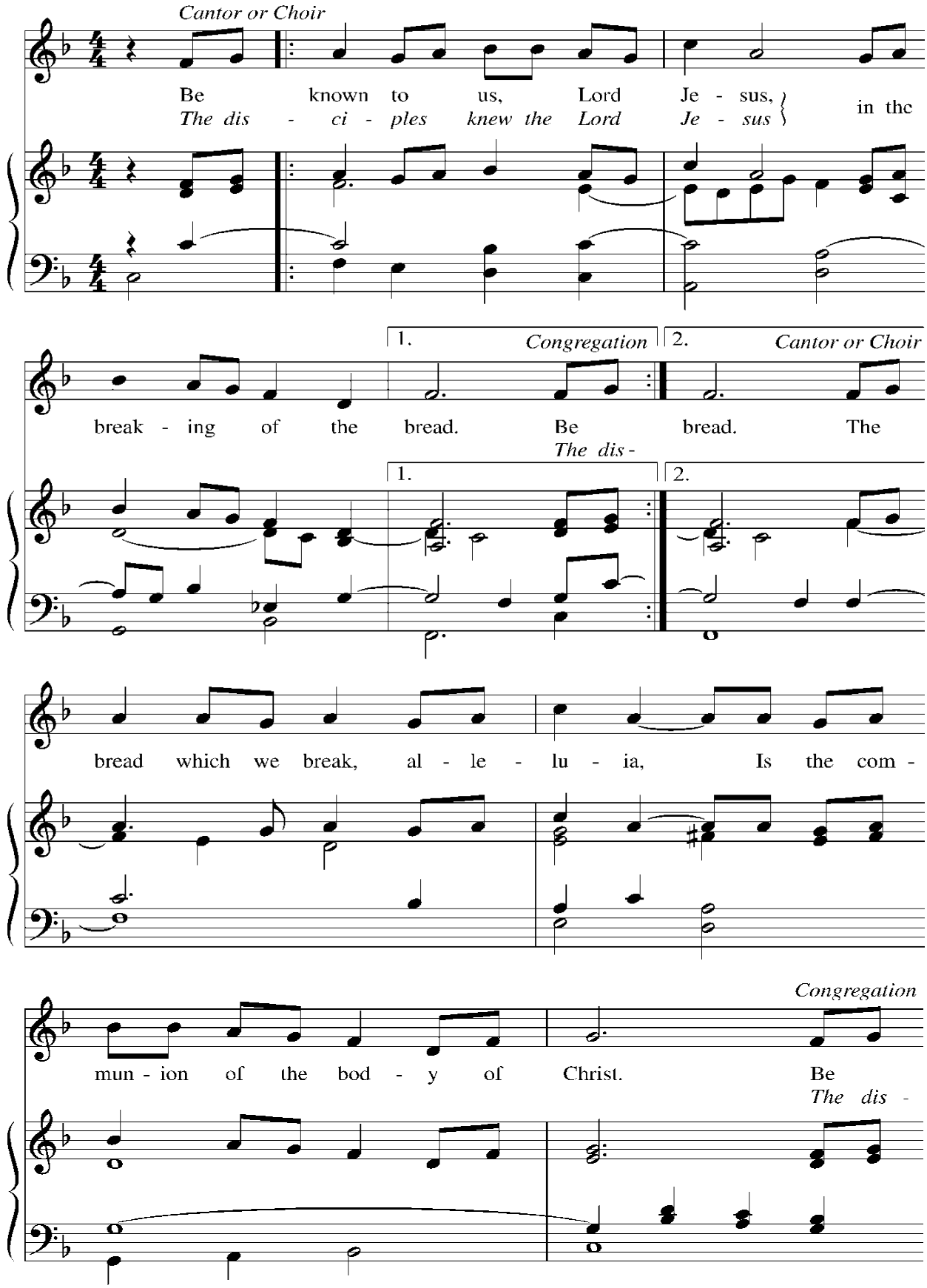
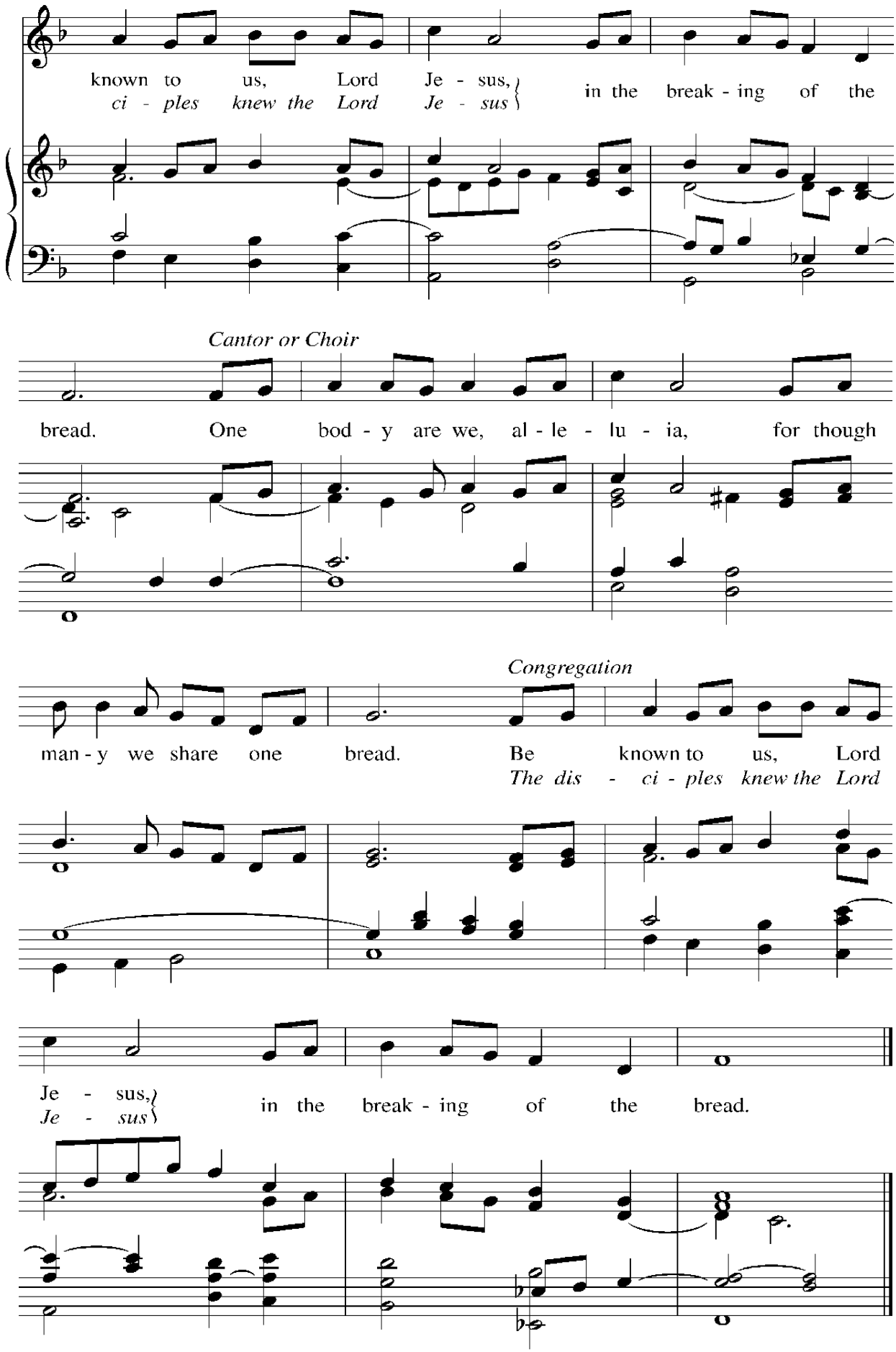
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: "Be Known to Us" WLP #875

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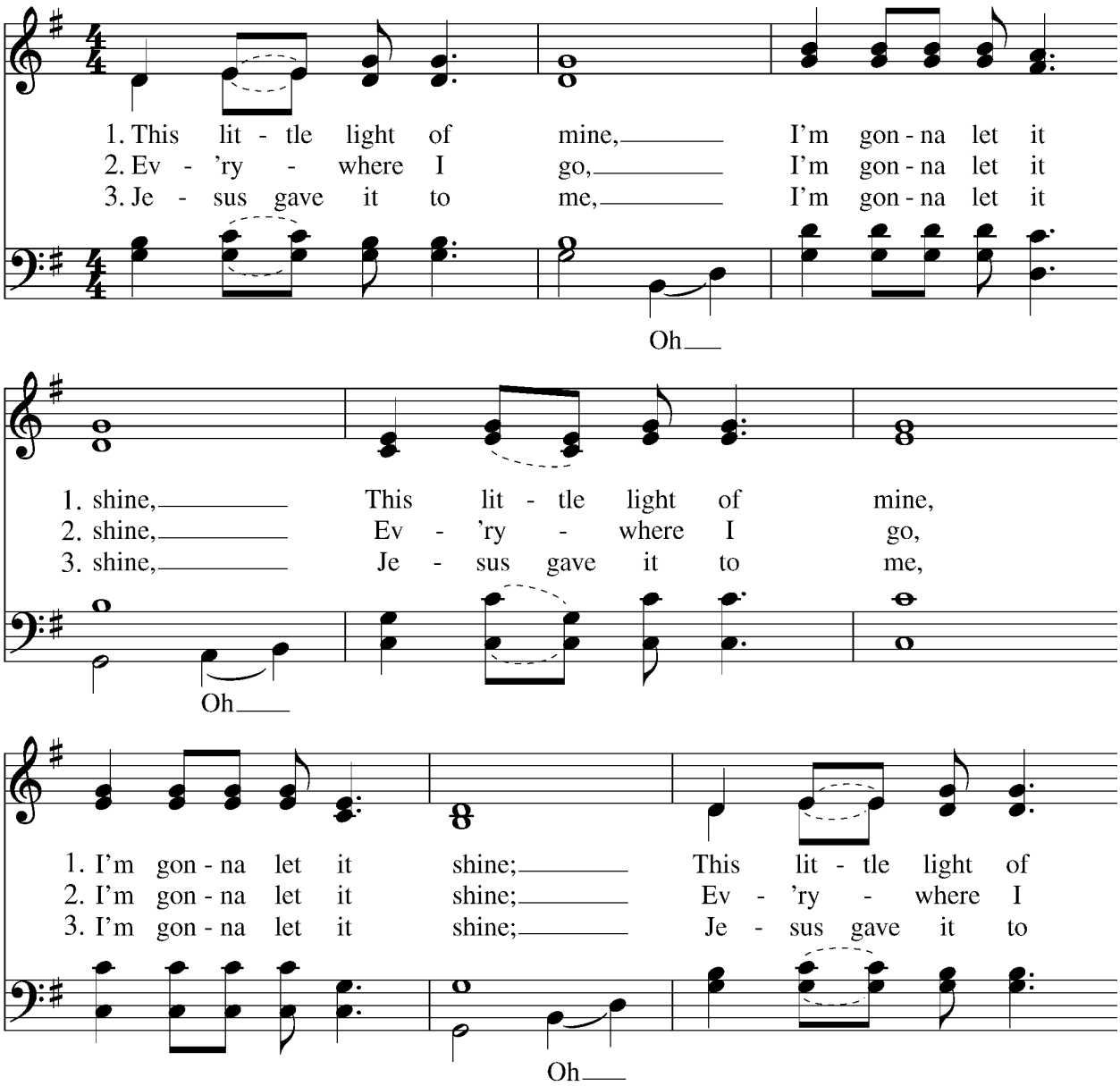
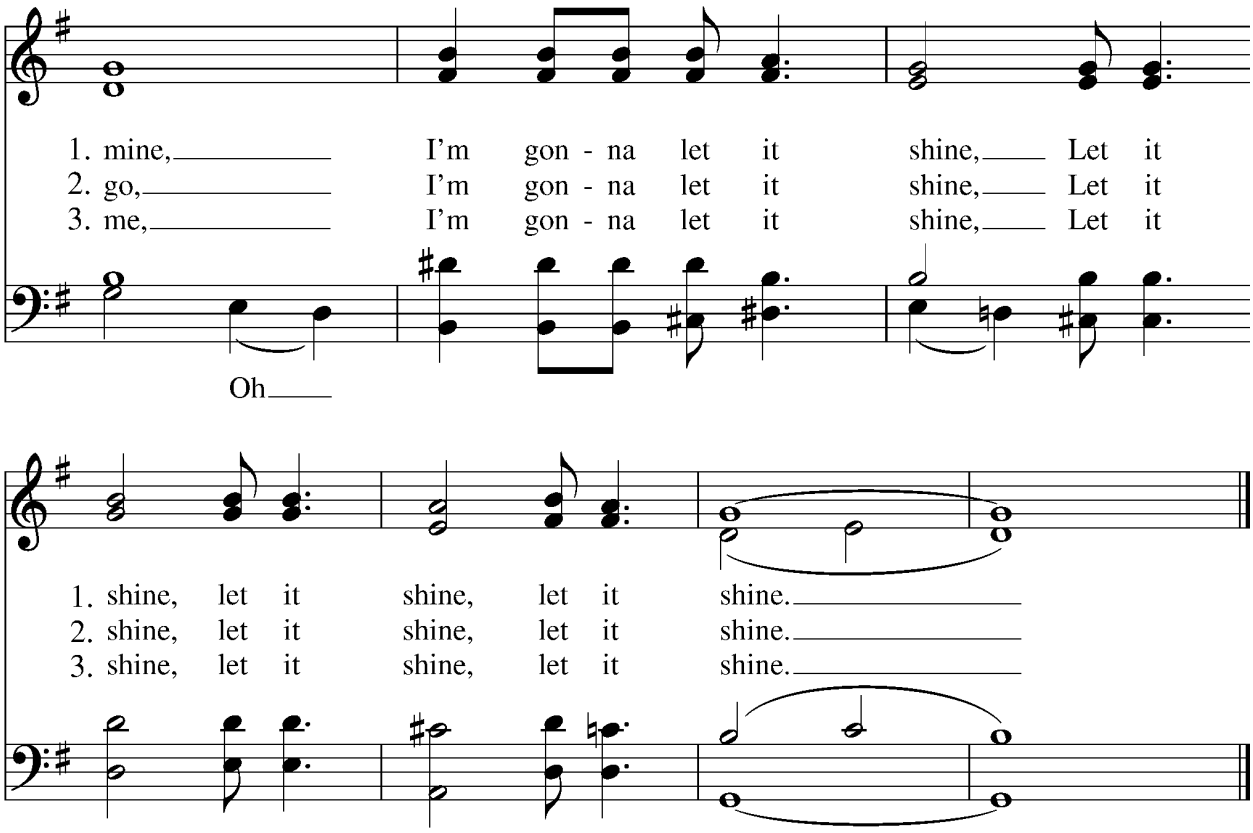
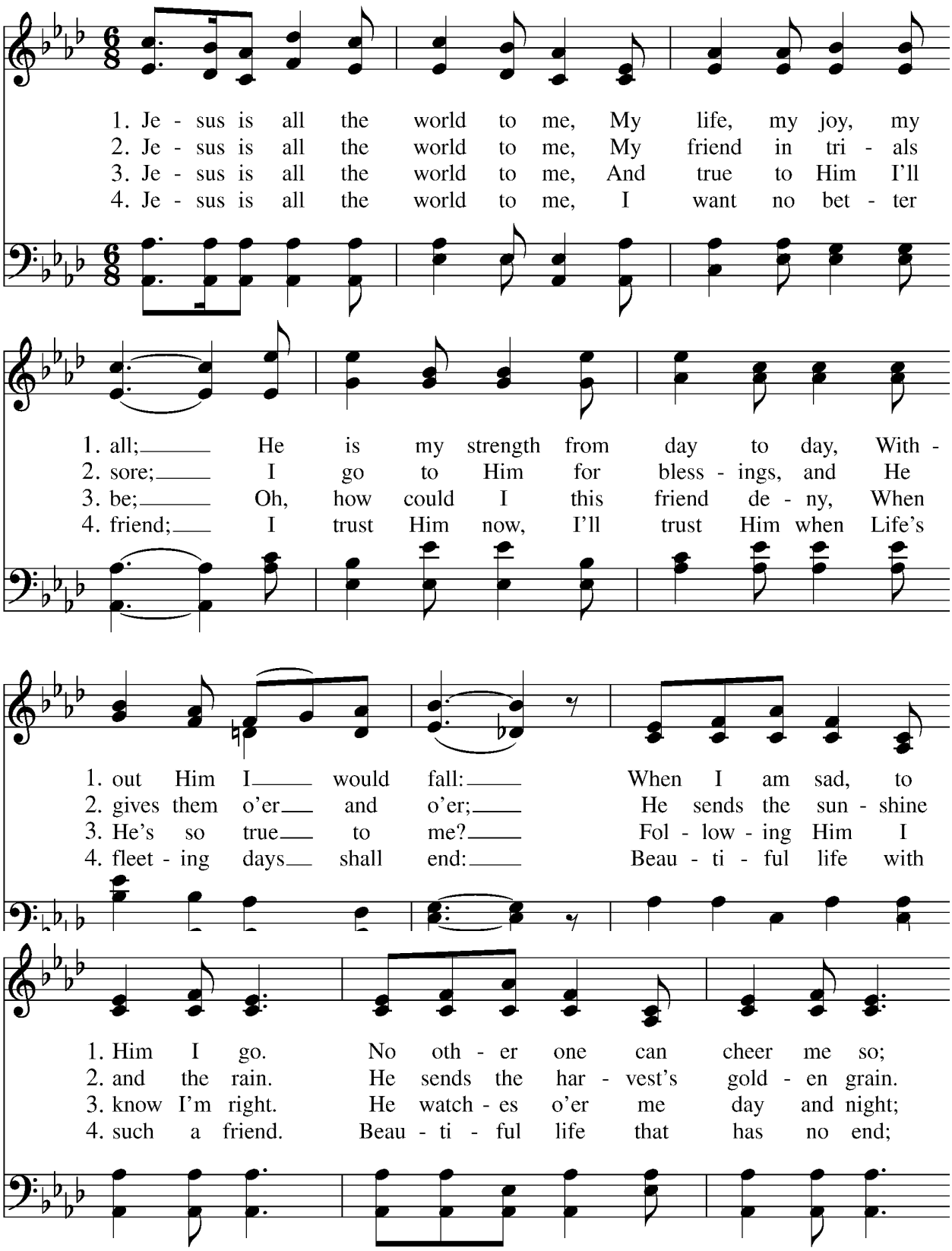
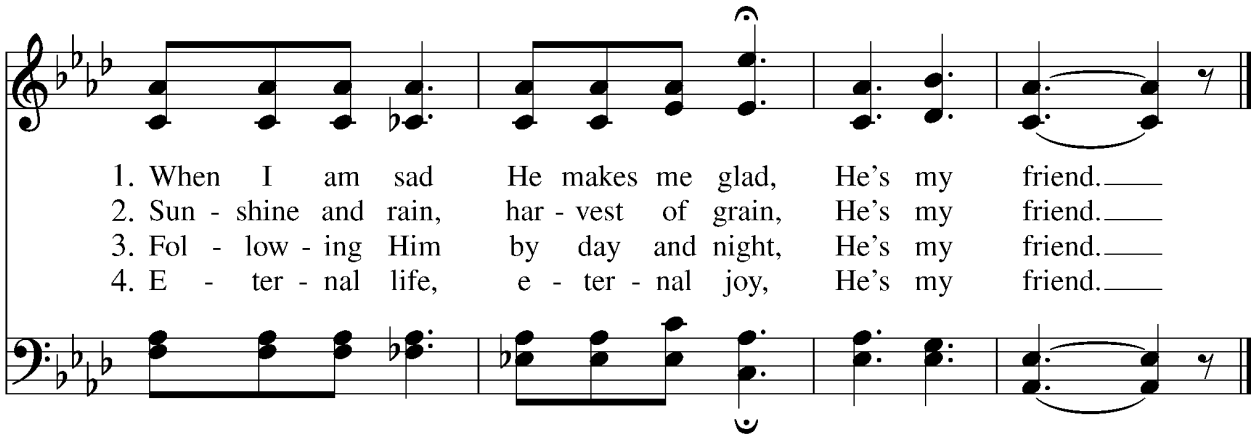
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Deacon of the parish.

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"This Little Light of Mine" (LEVAS 221)***

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (EOW p. 70)
Let us pray together

Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ***"Jesus Is All the World to Me" (LEVAS 77)***



DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Listen to the Lambs* by Adolphus Hailstork

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Deacon-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Guest Priest:	The Rev. Jeff Baker
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	M.L. Schultze
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Demetrius Carrothers
Greeter:	Beth Paynter
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Barb Anderson, Shirley Brown
Counters:	Demetrius Carrothers, M.L. Schultze

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Small Group Study
Come join us at 10:00 a.m. in the library as we follow the revelation of Jesus through the Gospels for the Season of Epiphany.

Thursday Choir Rehearsal
Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Consider "making a joyful noise unto the Lord" and join our great choir!! All are welcome!

Finance Committee Meeting
Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Meeting materials and Zoom info will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Diocesan Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones. This Eucharist will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral. The preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Retired Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts, who succeeded Bishop Barbara as Suffragan. *Deacon Robin will be participating in the service.*

Shrove Tuesday Dinner & Courageous Conversations on Race Relations (CCORR)
Our Shrove Tuesday celebration has returned! This year, we will be celebrating our time in conjunction with CCORR over a traditional Pancake Supper. The gathering will be held in the Guild Hall on Tuesday, February 21st, at 6:00 p.m. After the meal, we will enter into a time of discussion regarding an Introduction to Redlining. Don't forget to wear your beads!!!

Social Justice Book Club
The next book to be read is "All the White Friends I Couldn't Keep" by Andre Henry. Books are now available for pickup at StarkFresh. Meetings will now be held once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The next gathering is on February 28th. You can join us either here in the Guild Hall or via Zoom.

Upcoming Commemorations

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
Sunday, February 5, 2023

Roger Williams, 1683, and Anne Hutchinson, 1643, Prophetic Witnesses
Sunday, February 5, 2023

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
Monday, February 6, 2023

Cornelius the Centurion: Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby: Hymnwriter, 1915
Saturday, February 11, 2023

2/5/2023: In the Diocese of Ohio Bishops & Diocesan Staff

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr., Bishop of Ohio
The Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop Coadjutor-elect
Ms. Beth Bergstrom
Ms. Christina Butterfield
Ms. Eva J. Cole
The Rev. Margaret D'Anieri
The Rev. Percy R. Grant
The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert
The Rev. A. Bradford Purdom, III
Ms. Rebecca H. Miller
Mr. William A. Powel, III
Ms. Susan M. Leishman
Ms. Jessica Rocha
Ms. Mary Ann Semple
The Rev. Anna Sutterisch
Ms. Antoinette Taylor
Ms. Janine Johnson

Special Worship Service Schedule

Wednesday, February 22nd, Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00p
Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday Service, 10:30a
Thursday, April 6th, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00p
Friday, April 7th, Good Friday Service, 7:00p
Sunday, April 9th, Easter Sunday Service, 10:30a

Save the Date: Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly

Please mark your calendars for the Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop Coadjutor with the right of succession to become the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

The service and celebration following will be held on Saturday, **April 29, 2023**, at 11:00 a.m. at Public Auditorium in Cleveland. Contact the Transition Committee at Transitioncommittee@dohio.org with any questions.

February 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 5 10:30 am Service Rev. Jeff Baker	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8 10 am Small Group Library 6 pm Finance Zoom	Feb 9 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Feb 10	Feb 11 11 am Diocesan Observance Service @ Cathedral 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Feb 12 10:30 am Service Rev. Christopher Hofer	Feb 13 6 pm Communications Zoom	Feb 14 	Feb 15 10 am Small Group Library	Feb 16 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Feb 17	Feb 18 9a-3p Vestry Retreat 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
		SHROVE TUESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY			
Feb 19 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield	Feb 20 6 pm Vestry Mtg	Feb 21 6:00 pm Pancake Supper & Courageous Conversations	Feb 22 Noon Ashes2Go 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	Feb 23 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Feb 24	Feb 25 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Feb 26 Lent 1 10:30 am Service Rev. Brad Purdom	Feb 27	Feb 28 7:00 pm Social Justice Book Group	Mar 1 10 am Small Group Library	Mar 2 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Mar 3	Mar 4 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)

February Birthdays

14th- Nancy Suba

18th- Deborah Findlay

19th- Olivia Johnson

Happy Anniversary

Rick Senften & M.L. Schultze: 5th

William & Linda Kendrick: 22nd

Mike & Beth Paynter: 29th

The Black History Month 2023 theme, “Black Resistance,” explores how "African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings," since the nation's earliest days.

5 Facts About Black History Month

https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/how-to-celebrate-black-history-month

1. Before it was Black History Month, “Negro History Week” was created by Carter G. Woodson, an African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. He is considered the “Father of Black History.”

2. Initially, the intended purpose of “Negro History Week” was to encourage coordinated teachings of Black history in America’s public schools, although it took a little while to catch on.

3. President Gerald Ford was the first to officially recognize Black History Month, in 1976.

4. Before it was officially recognized by the president, students and educators at Kent State first celebrated Black History Month in February 1970.

5. While you can certainly celebrate Black history anywhere at any time, only a few other countries formally recognize the holiday abroad. This includes Canada, Ireland, the UK, and the Netherlands.

2023 Lenten Formation Series

"Preparing to Become the Beloved Community"

February 26th-March 29th, Wednesday & Sunday Sessions
(See schedule below)

WELCOME

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. —Mark 1:9-12

This Lent, the Diocesan Community is invited into a journey to commit in new ways to becoming Beloved Community and growing loving, liberating, life-giving relationships across the human family of God. We make the journey not only as individual Christians and congregations but as a whole church.

We are excited about the St. Paul's family and friends joining together on this journey.

For your convenience, every session will be provided each week on both Wednesdays @ 10a, and Sundays @ 9a in the Meeting Room on the Lower Level. Please join us!

Session One: Lent 1 – Becoming the Beloved Community

Session Two: Lent 2 – Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society

Session Three: Lent 3 – Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

Session Four: Lent 4 – Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

Session Five: Lent 5 – Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus

◊ Clips from the video series called "The Chosen" will be incorporated into the study.

◊ Handouts will be provided.

For more information, please see Deacon Robin, or call the Church Office, at 330-455-0286.
All are welcome!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Music Begins at 10:25 am. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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Sermon Notes