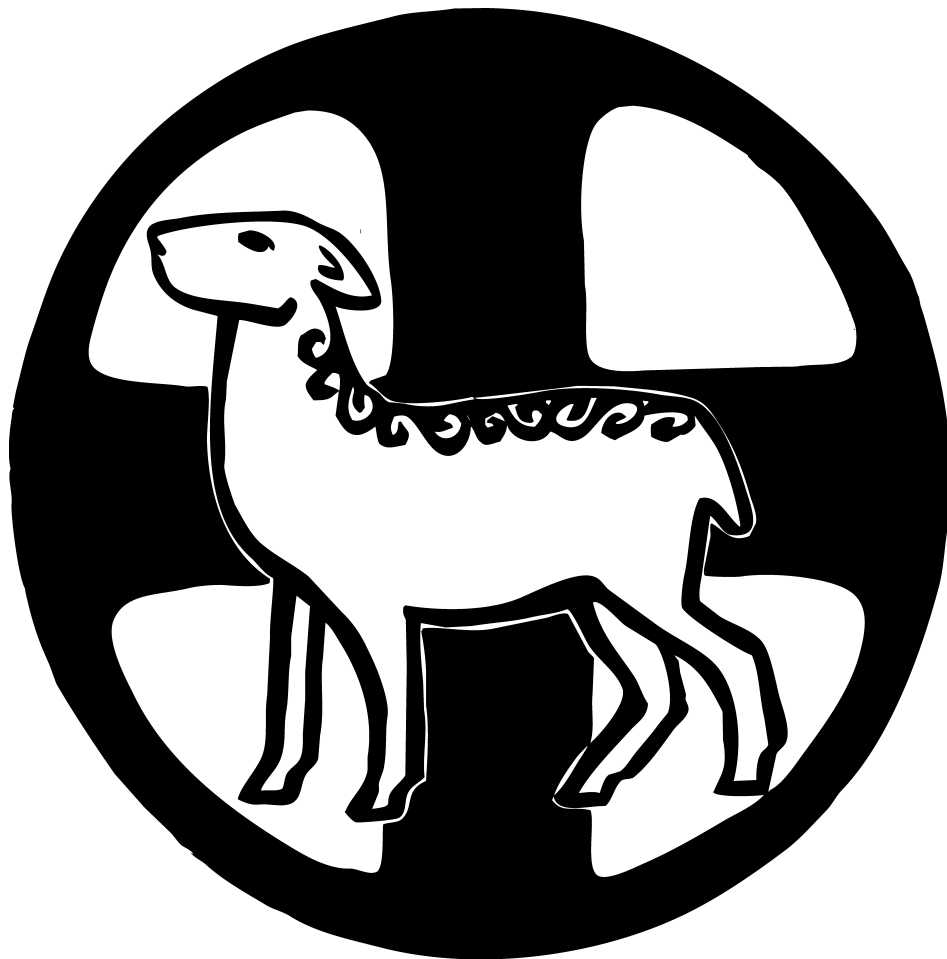


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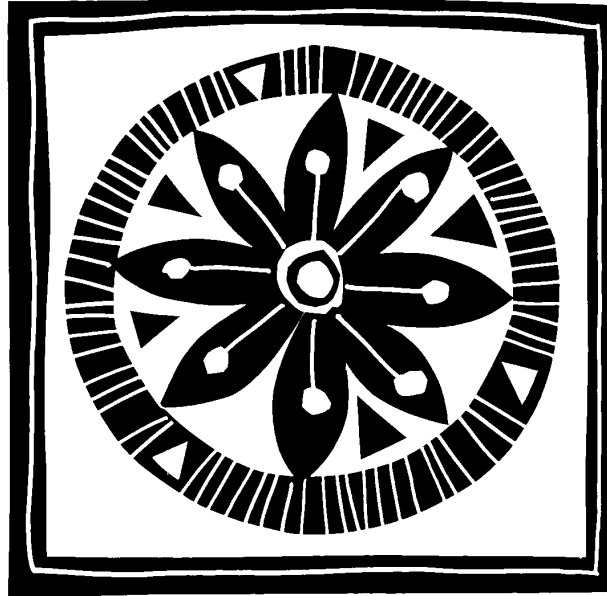
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9:45 am January 18, 2026

**Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.**



*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*



**+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +**

**PRELUDE**

*Please stand.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor	Hear the good news of the psalmist's proclamation:
All	<b>If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"</b>
Pastor	Even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day.
All	<b>The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us has come to us in Jesus Christ</b>
Pastor	who binds up the broken hearted.
All	<b>heals all our infirmities,</b>
Pastor	and relieves our burden of sin.
All	<b>So arise, shine; for your light has come,</b>
Pastor	And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
All	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>

**GATHERING SONG**  
All sing.

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain*



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!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

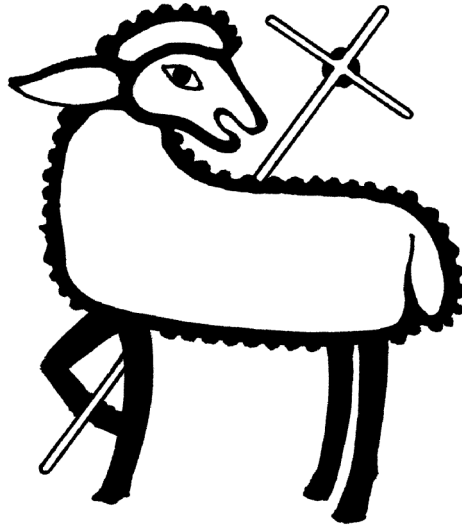


set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



*Refrain*

Shine on on me, shine on on me:  
Shine on on me, shine on on me:



### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Pastor      Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**All            Amen.**

Pastor      Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor      Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**All            you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

Pastor      The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**All            Amen.**

*All sing.*

## I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will  
sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the *Fine*  
Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known thy  
faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make  
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known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions.

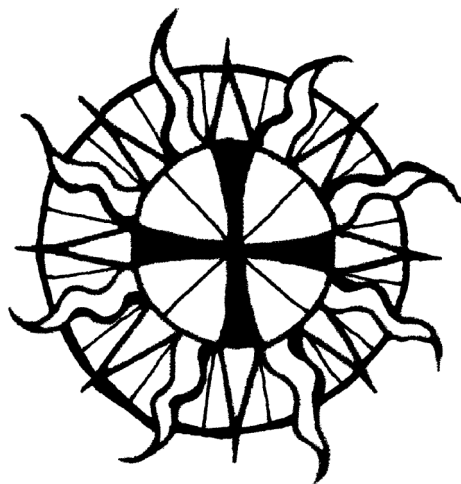
Text: Psalm 89:1  
Music: FILLMORE, J. H. Fillmore

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.  
Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that  
through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and  
joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader  
**All**

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader            Word of God, word of life.  
All                **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and sing.*

## All Hail King Jesus!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'All hail King Je - sus! All hail Em - man - u - el,'. The second staff contains 'King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morn - ing Star.' The third staff contains 'And through - out e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing your prais - es;'. The fourth staff contains 'and I'll reign with you through - out e - ter - ni - ty.' There is a triplet of eighth notes in the third staff.

All hail King Je - sus! All hail Em - man - u - el,  
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morn - ing Star.  
And through - out e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing your prais - es;  
and I'll reign with you through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Dave Moody  
Music: KING JESUS, Dave Moody



Pastor            The Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
All                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 1:29–42**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Pastor            The Gospel of the Lord.  
All                **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

*Assumptions and Assurances*  
*Pastor Sharon Core*



*Please stand and sing.*

## Thy Word

Thy word, thy word is a lamp un-to my feet.

Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp un-to my

feet; and a light un-to my path, and a light un-to my

path. *To repeat* *Last time* path, and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105  
Music: THY WORD, Richard Webb

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Asst. Min.

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**All**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:*

Asst. Min.                      Merciful God,  
**All**                                **receive our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

Pastor                      Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
                                  trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**All**                                **Amen.**

## SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor                      May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**All**                                **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."*

*Sit*

## + SHARING OUR GIFTS +

## OFFERING

*Today we receive both our offering and our 2026 financial intentions. Both are gathered in thanksgiving to God for the mission of the church. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.*

*Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.*

## OFFERTORY SONG

*'10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)' words and music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman*

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Text and music: Dwight Liles  
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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

**All** **God of majesty,**  
**in thanksgiving we dedicate to you our offering and our**  
**intention for this year. Use what we have gathered that**  
**your reign may come near in this place. Feed us and**  
**strengthen us so that we may faithfully serve you. In the**  
**name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray.**  
**Amen.**

### **+ COME TO THE TABLE +**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All 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.**

Pastor Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## COMMUNION

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*Communion will be offered by intinction.*

*For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands, a separate tray with preset elements is available. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.*

*You are an important part of our faith community.*

*In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.*

## COMMUNION SONG

***All sing.***

### One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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***Please stand.***

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,  
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

**All**

**Amen.**

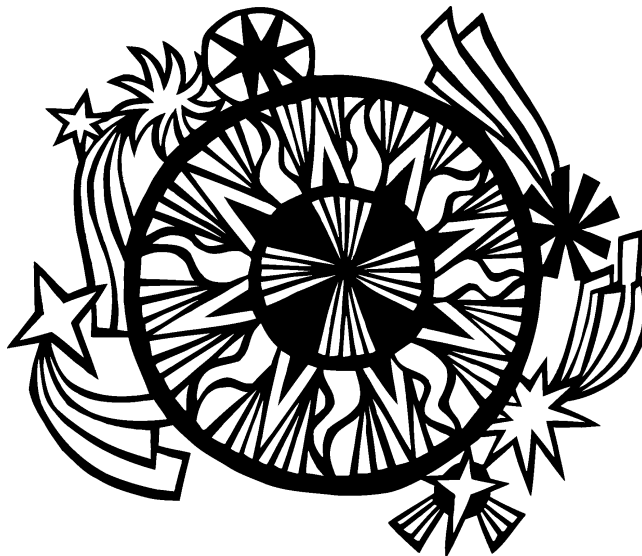
**PRAYER**

Asst. Min.

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**



**+ THE SENDING +**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor

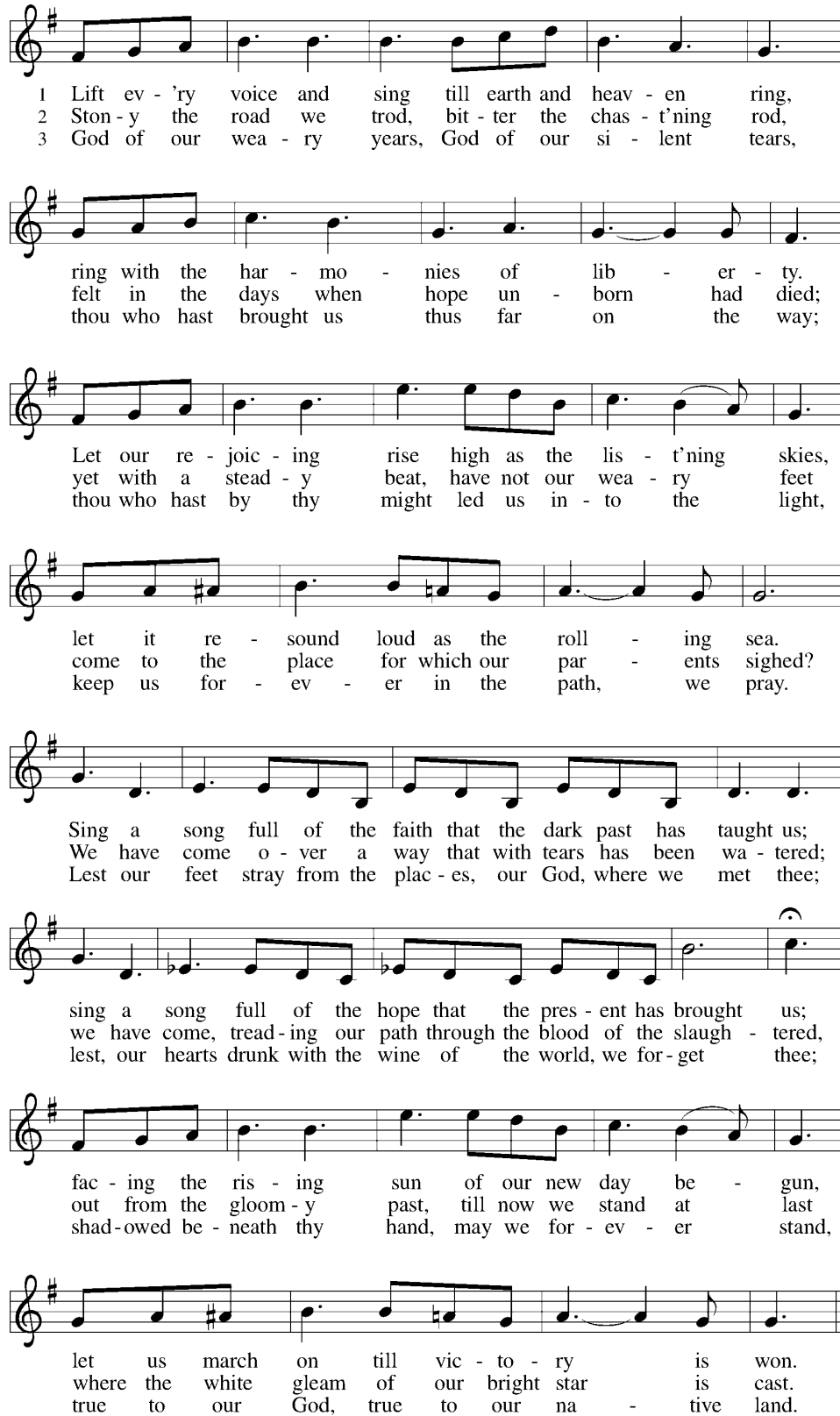
May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever

**All**

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**  
*All sing.*

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

### Then Knowing Begins

There is a whole lot written about knowing in this gospel's pithy account of Jesus' debut. There is, for that matter, a lot written about knowing throughout John's gospel; it's part of this book of the Bible's particularity. But take note: Before any claims of knowing are dashed into this memoir, John the Baptizer bothers to reveal that there was, for him, a time before knowing—a time when he did not know Jesus. This little and perhaps overlooked detail, "I myself did not know him" (John 1:31), is like sugar water in a hummingbird feeder: a sweet invitation or coaxing to come, taste and see what is good.

That admission from John lures readers and hearers to pay attention not simply to events: the arrival of Jesus on the scene, his walking toward John, the act of baptizing with water, or even the flamboyant descent of a dove. These are descriptive details, but they are not the essence of what soon will overtake John and others—an invitation to know Jesus.

The difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus is tucked in and all around this gospel text that leads initially to the Baptizer and then moves onto a pathway beyond him. Yes, Jesus is introduced as "Lamb of God." Yes, like a dove, the Spirit was seen descending. Vivid, symbolic details, for sure, about one coming to take away sin. But it is afterward, in Andrew and Simon's curiosity and willingness to follow, when Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" and urges them to "come and see," when they begin to stay together—they with Jesus and he with them—that knowing Jesus overtakes them and they fall into the grace of what he comes to take away and what he comes to give.

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### ***Sunday Services:***

***8:30 and 11 am for the traditional services and 9:45 am for the contemporary service***

Next Sunday's Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

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