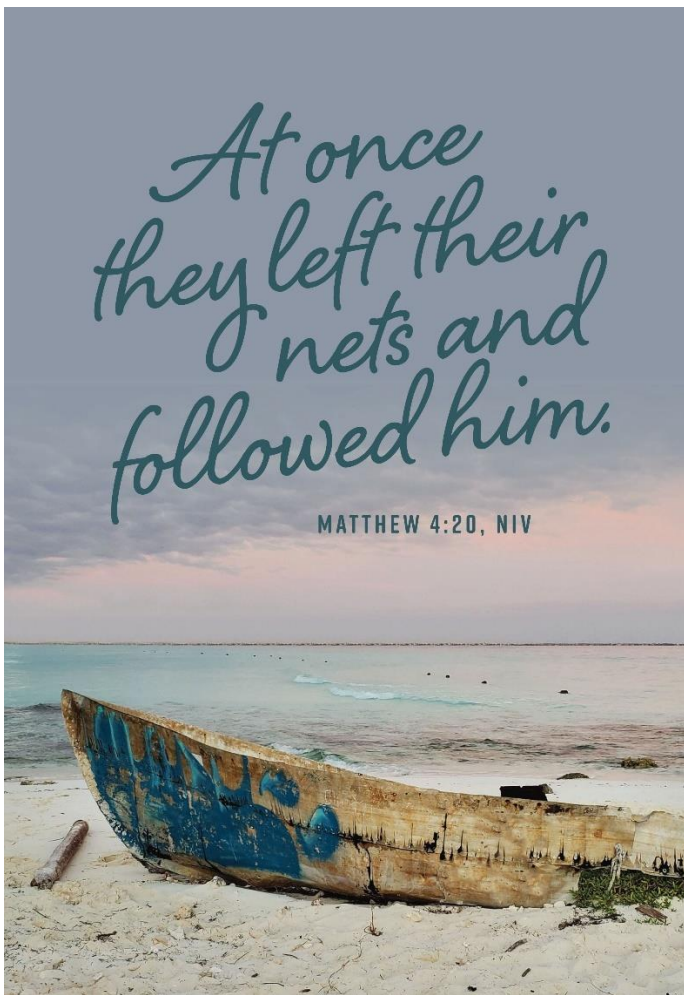


Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 2026
10:30 a.m.

*At once
they left their
nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20, NIV



"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"

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Today's gospel reading narrates a strange fishing expedition. Jesus utters simple words that change human lives: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." There is no glitz, no slick marketing, no extravagant claim; only these words: "Follow me."

Here is the mission that flows from the watery pool of our baptism into Christ. The Christian community goes forth and invites others to see what good things God offers in the waters of rebirth, in the scriptures, in the holy supper, in the community of faith. People can be "caught" in many things. What happens when they are caught in the net of God's mercy?

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes tomorrow.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Stand

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.. **C** Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P 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. **C** Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN “The Lord is My Light” TFBF 61

1 The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the
3 Wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, oh,

Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, . . . wait on the

light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?
Lord and be of good cour-age; he shall strength-en thy heart.

Refrain
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?

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2 In the time of trou-ble, he shall hide me; oh, in the time of trou-ble, he shall hide me; in the time of trou-ble, he shall hide me; in the time of trou-ble, he shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

D.C. (to stanza 3)

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GREETING

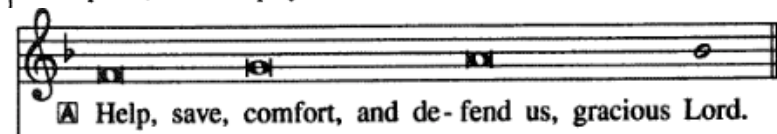
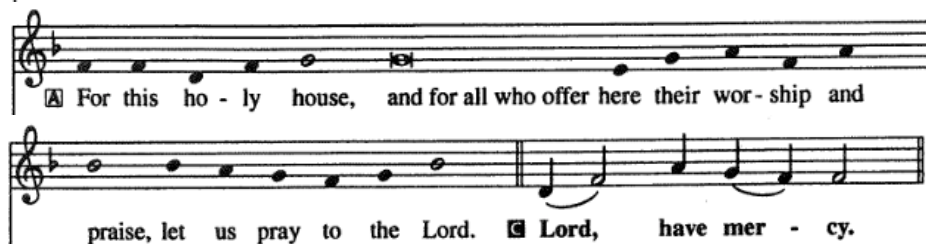
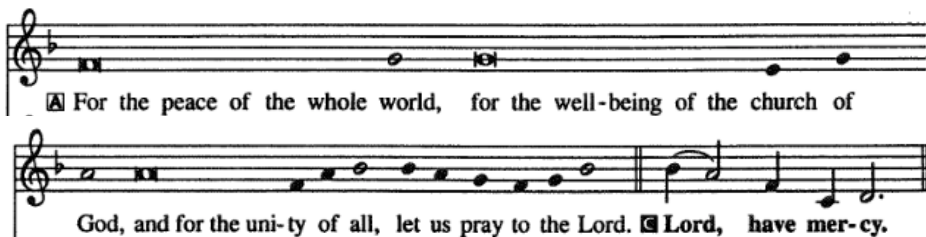
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all **C** **And also with you.**

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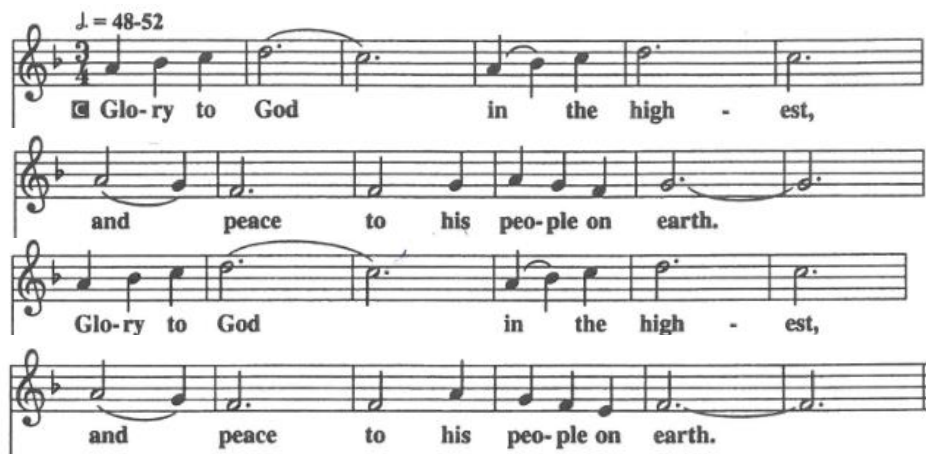
J = 44-48

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation let us pray to the Lord.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



I Lord God, heav - en - ly king,
 al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry.
 II Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 III Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 IV Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world:
 have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

☐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

☐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

A - men, a men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

Children are invited to meet by the Cross for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:1-4

The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation. The author of today's gospel reading associates this light with the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.

R 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.

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.

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.

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 1:10-18

Three of the most highly respected missionaries in the early church were Paul, Apollos, and Cephas (also known as Simon Peter). Still, as Paul himself attests, respect for any human leader is misplaced if it becomes divisive or obscures devotion to Christ.

R 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. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among

you, my brothers and sisters. 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." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 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.

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL **P** The Gospel is written in Matthew chapter 4 beginning at verse 12.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

John the Baptist called everyone to repent, including the ruler Herod, who had him thrown in prison. It was at this point that Jesus began his public ministry, proclaiming the nearness of the reign of God.

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

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--
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."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

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. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

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.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come again 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.**

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" WOV 784

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. Chord symbols (D, A7, G) are placed above the treble staff at the beginning of each system. The lyrics are as follows:

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing

ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain (Estribillo)

Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes;
Se - ñor: me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;

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kind-ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.
son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;

On the sand I have a - ban-doned my small boat;
en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;

now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.
jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
8 10 10 and refrain

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY MUSIC AND PRAYER

J = 76-84

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it.
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.

[P] Let us pray. Gracious and loving God,

[C] we bring to your table these gifts of your creation and fruits of our labor for your use in the world. Receive them for the sake of Christ, who enlightens our lives and leads us to the feast now and forever.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

J = 72-80

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD’S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

☐ 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

LAMB OF GOD

♩ = 48-52

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us
peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN "The People That In Darkness Sat" LSB 412

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

Stand

THE BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **☑ Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

J = 104-112

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;
tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

[P] Let us pray. O God of love, you have graciously fed us with the body and blood of your Son. Let this holy food empower us, that your dawn may break forth as we give ourselves to the hungry and to those who thirst for righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. [C] **Amen.**

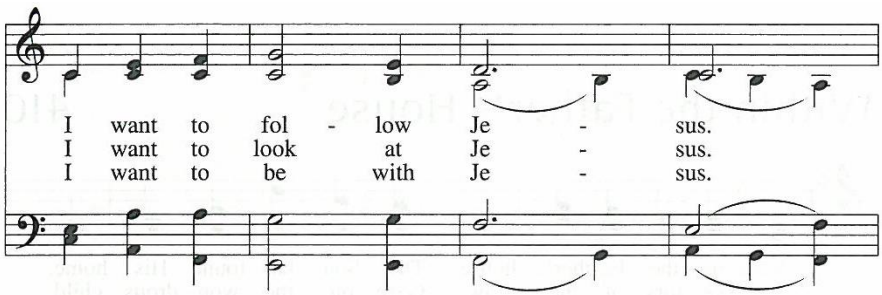
BENEDICTION

- [P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. [C] **Amen.**
- [P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

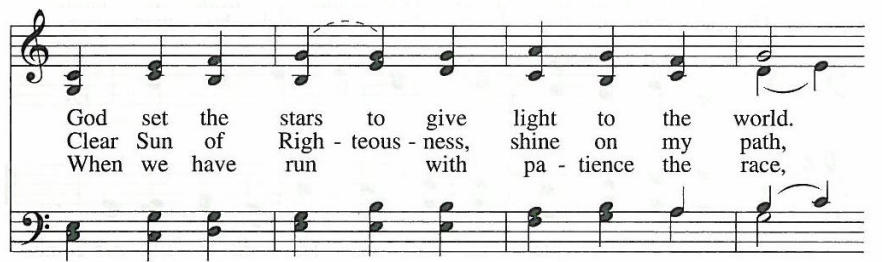
CLOSING HYMN “I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light” LSB 411



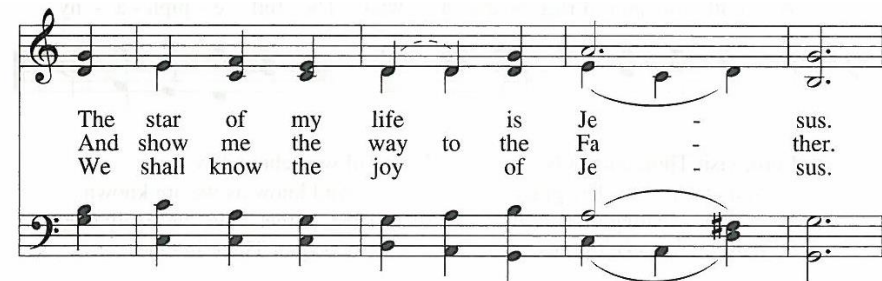
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

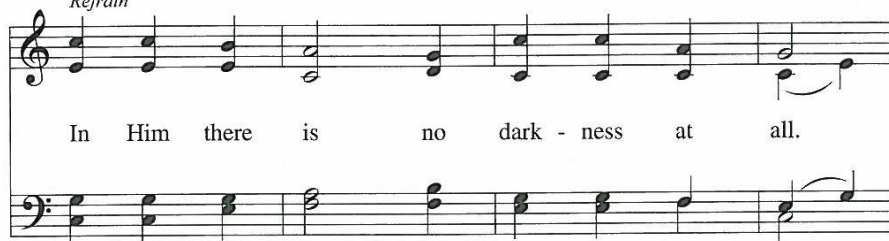


God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

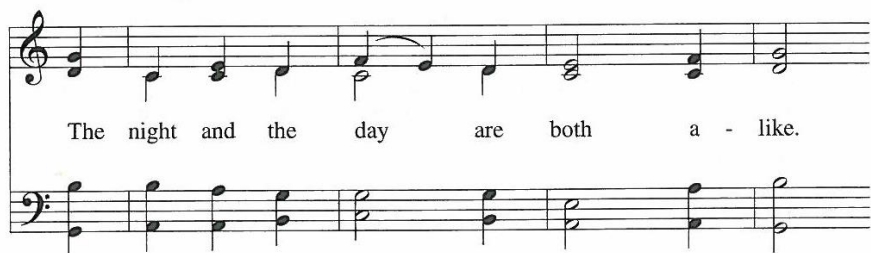


The star of my life way is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



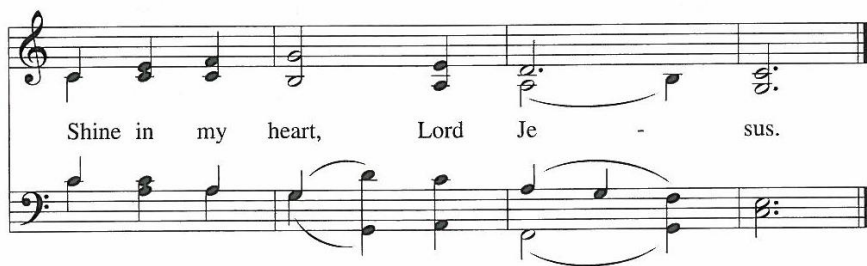
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

HOUSTON
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2 Cor. 4:4-6; Heb. 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Rev. 21:23

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
