



## Gathering Hymn

## As with Gladness Men of Old (302)



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

## Greeting

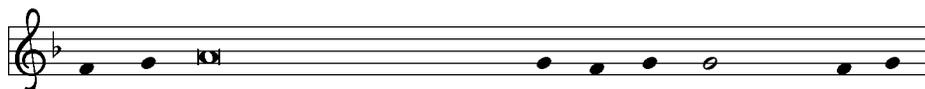
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



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



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

*Dear Lord,*

**we give you thanks for the gift of Baptism. Continue to work through your Holy Spirit and baptismal promises to call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify us. And help us live in confidence that we are children of God forever. Amen.**

### Special Music

**“We Three Kings of Orient Are” arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
 Women’s Handbell Ensemble**

### Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner’,

and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God’s people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## + Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-22

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

### Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

## + Hymn of the Day

### O God of Light (507)

1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,

shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

**Apostles Creed**

**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 into hell.  
 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**

*Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.  
 (a brief silence)*

**After each petition:**

*Lord in your mercy,  
 hear our prayer.*

*Those remembered in prayer this week ...*

*Teresa Allen, Beth Aven, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Dorothy Carlson, Penny Foster, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Darcy Johnson at the death of her father, Jack Kagaris, Daniela Mannerberg, Pam Landry, Rick & Joan Leiting, the family of Sara Petz at her death, Charles Lewis and family at the death of his son, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Connie Schneider, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Warren Slagle, Janice Snow Castle, Betty Snow Cathy Stanley, Ilene Steinkruger, Wanda Wade, Lucille Walker, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## The Preface to the Sanctus

*It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:*

## The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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 -', and 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

## The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:*

**We praise you and glorify your holy name.**

*Pouring out love, you made a covenant with Israel,  
forming a people loved and called to love.*

*Pouring out love, you transformed the covenant through Jesus,  
who fed the hungry and cured the sick,  
whose baptism and teaching revealed the kingdom of heaven,  
who broke into our world with unexpected joy,  
who died and rose that we might live.*

*Pouring out love, you renew the covenant with us again today,  
through this meal of mercy and grace.*

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
**We praise you and glorify your holy name. Amen.***

*In the night in which he was betrayed ...*

*Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.***

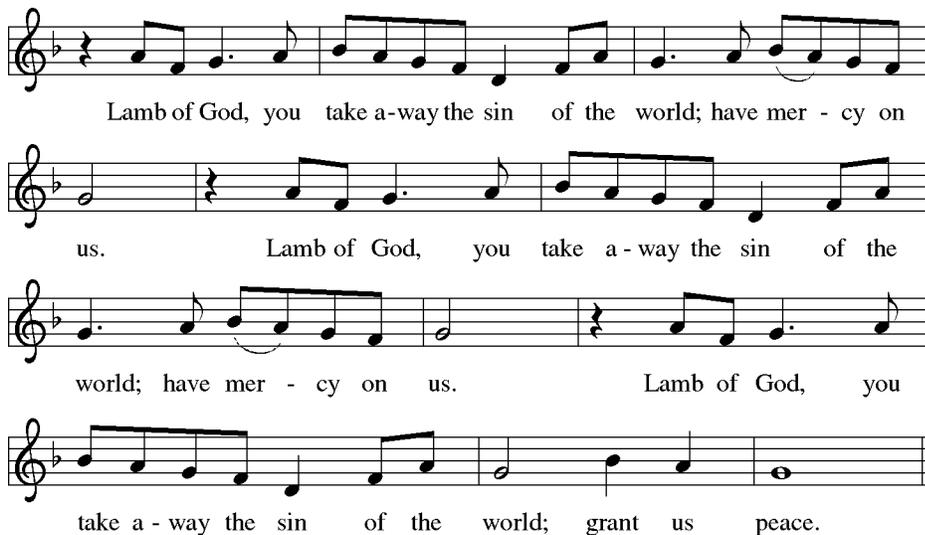
### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

*We encourage you to have your bread and wine/grape juice ready. When the pastor says "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you", eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you. If you are worshiping with others, one may give the bread and wine to the rest offering those same words. All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

### **Lamb of God**



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.

**The Blessing  
Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*We thank you, O God,*

**that you have fed us at your table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## Brightest and Best of the Stars (303)



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

## Blessing

**Amen.**

## Sending

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” arr. by Mark Sedio**

**Organ Solo**

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**Calendar- January 10-17**

<b><u>SUNDAY 1/10</u></b>	9:15 AM	Online Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship Hour via Zoom
	10:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal via Zoom
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	10:30 AM	Bible Study via Zoom
	7:00 PM	Committee Meeting via Zoom
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	6:30 PM	Confirmation via Zoom
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	6:00 PM	Women's Handbell Ensemble
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