

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 11, 2026 + 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you. Help us so to know you that we may truly love you; and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Blest be the God of Israel” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace. ____
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day. ____
O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease. ____

—Words: Michael A. Perry (b. 1942), alt.; para. of *The Song of Zechariah*
Music: *Thornbury*, Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

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

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

All: 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace _____ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al -
might-y—God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of
God, 4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, — you a-lone — are the Lord, 7. you a -
lone are the Most — High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God _____ the Fa - ther. A - men.

—Setting: Robert J. Powell (1932–2025)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (42: 1–9).

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.” Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

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

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34–43).

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “I come, the great Redeemer cries” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

1 “I come,” the great Re - deem - er cries, “to do thy will, O Lord!”
2 “Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right - eous - ness,” he said.
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven’s ex - alt - ed height:
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
5 No more we’ll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan’s stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord’s com - mands, through Jor - dan’s flood was led.
3 “This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light.”
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God’s will in right - eous - ness.
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

—Words: *Christian Hymnbook*, 1865, alt.
Music: *This Endris Nyght*, English melody;
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:13–17).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Children may join Ann Backus for Children’s Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: We remember in our prayers today the joys and concerns of this congregation: those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners who have asked our prayers, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray for:

ED Archer	JOYCE Grubb	KRISSA Randolph
ANN Backus	BEVERLY Guiler	JANE Reed
CHIP Beets	BRONWYN Hogan	THE SCHOCH FAMILY
CHRISTINE Bell	MARGE Hudson	THE SLATTERY FAMILY
MEGAN Brown	PATRICK Hundley	THE STAPLETON FAMILY
BEVERLY Burns	FRANCIS Lloyd	DENISE Tivedo
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	NATALIE McNutt	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
MARY Davis	PAT Pagni	SUE Wager
RON Dearolf	KENT Parish	ALICE Wegmann
DANA Downey	ALLAN Philp	and
DOUG Emblar	MARILYN Randall	GRADY Williams

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer for any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

All: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

All: 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.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

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

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

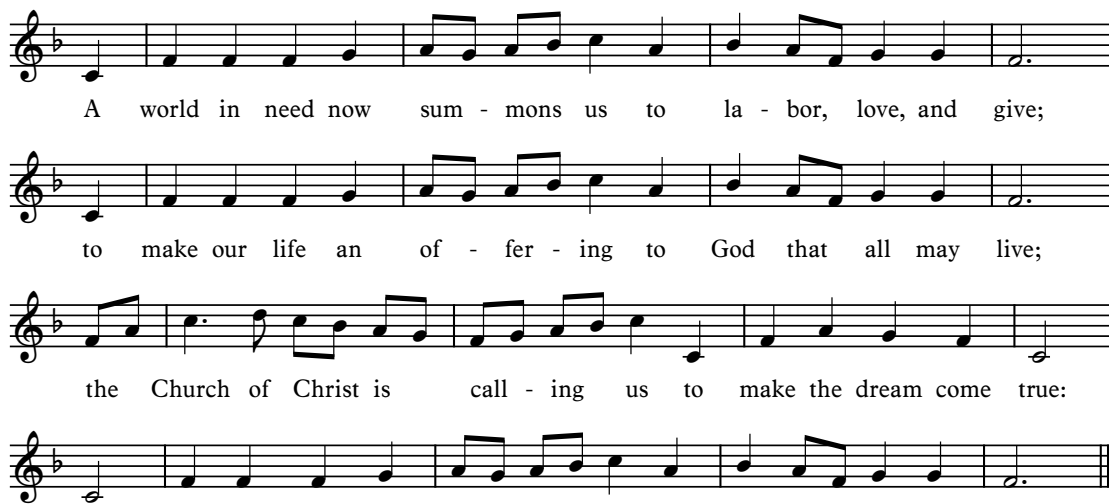
Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

HYMN “A world in need now summons us” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may live;
the Church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
a world re - deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

—Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 2)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *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.

Celebrant: It is indeed right, for you made us, most Holy God. And before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

We praise you, O God, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. We praise you for his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness and restoring us forever to you. For these gifts we praise and worship you.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you. All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Everyone sings:

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. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

—Setting: Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus gave thanks, took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me."

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor.

All: In these, Jesus has promised to be present;
through these, Christ can make us whole.

Celebrant: We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The second staff contains the phrase 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff contains the phrase 'there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth staff contains three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Come to the water” *Everyone sings.*



1 O let all who thirst, _____ let them come _____ to the wa ter. _____
 2 And let all who seek, _____ let them come _____ to the wa ter. _____
 3 And let all who toil, _____ let them come _____ to the wa ter. _____
 4 And let all the poor, _____ let them come _____ to the wa ter. _____



And let all who have noth ing, _____ let them come to _____ the Lord: _____
 And let all who have noth ing, _____ let them come to _____ the Lord: _____
 And let all who are wea-ry, _____ let them come to _____ the Lord: _____
 Bring the ones who are la- den, _____ bring them all to _____ the Lord: _____



— with - out mon ey, _____ with - out price. _____ Why should you pay the
 — with - out mon - ey, _____ with - out strife. _____ Why should you spend your
 — all who la - bor, _____ with - out rest. _____ How can your soul find
 — bring the chil dren _____ with - out might. _____ Eas - y the load, and



price, _____ ex - cept for the Lord? _____
 life, _____ ex - cept for the Lord? _____
 rest, _____ ex - cept for the Lord? _____
 light: _____ ? come to the Lord. _____

—Words and Music: John B. Foley, S.J., based on Isaiah 55:1-2 and Matt. 11:28-30
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HYMN “Day by day” *Everyone sings.*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

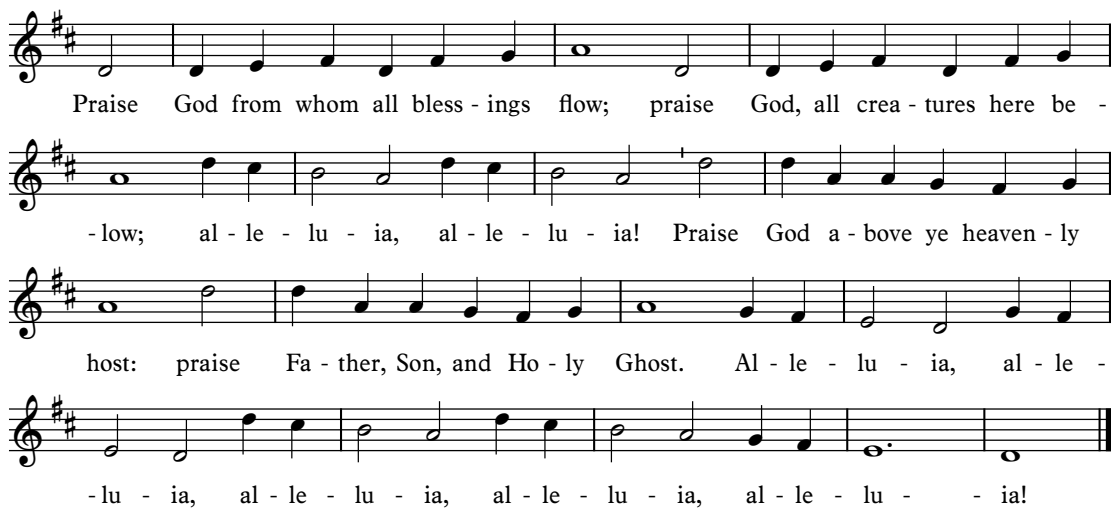
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fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

—Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197–1253)
Music: *Summer*, Arthur Henry Biggs (1906–1954)

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -
- low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” *Everyone sings.*



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de - vo - tion voic - ing;
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly, one voice hear - ing,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a - lert and liv - ing



glo - ry be to God on high! Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing,
ears at - ten - tive to your word; by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing,
in your Spi - rit strong and free. Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion,



by this Eu - cha - rist de - clar - ing yours the fin - al - vic - to - ry.
in your Bo - dy, firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
seek - ing peace in ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

—Words: Charles William Everest (1814–1877), alt.

Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780–1859)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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