

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 8th & 9th, 2022
St. Peter's-at-the Light Episcopal Church
Barnegat Light



The little church near the light, sharing the Light

Prelude

Please stand as you are able

Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn

Holy God We Praise Thy Name (v 1 - 4)

Hymnal # 366

1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
 5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

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

All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest: 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.

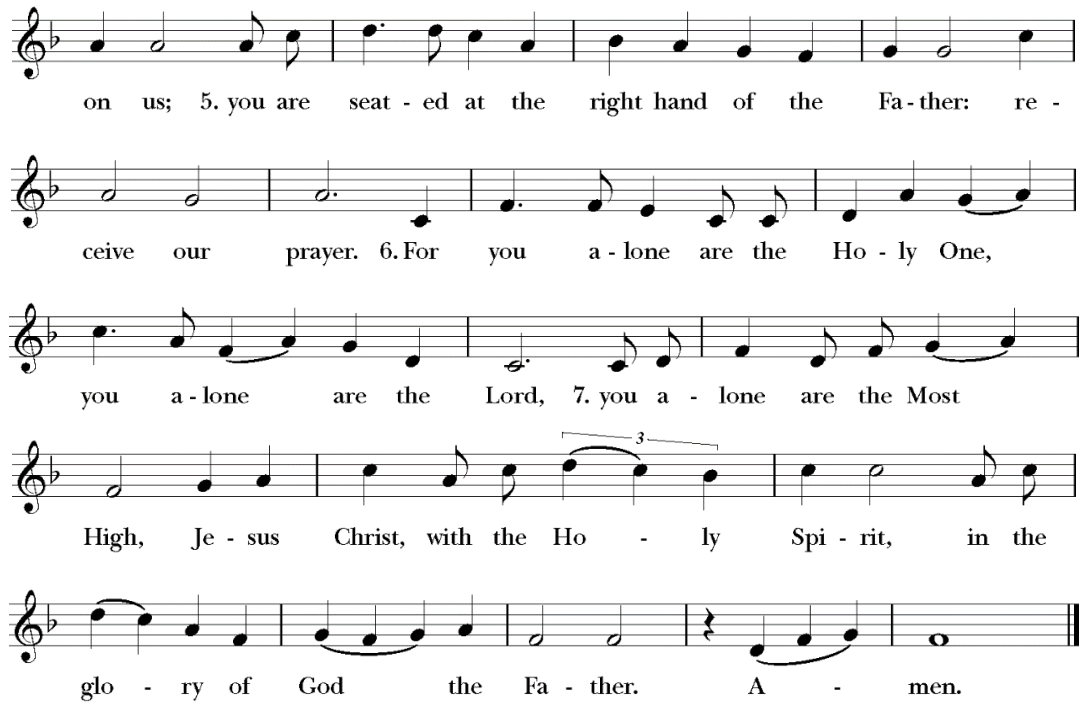
All: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise:

Glory to God

Hymnal S-280

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



Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray:

The Collect for the First Sunday After the Epiphany, page 214 in the Book of Common Prayer.

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.

All: **Amen.**

Please Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

OT Lector: The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 43:1-7

^{43.1} But now, says the LORD—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched and flame will not burn you. ³ I am the LORD your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior.

I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, I am with you. From the east I will bring your children; from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Do not detain them." Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory, whom I have formed and made.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

OT Lector: We will pray Psalm 29 as our response to this reading. We will pray these verses responsively by half verse.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

NT Lector: The second reading is from the book Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God's word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. ¹⁵ Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn

Sequence Hymn:

Come, Holy Ghost

LEVAS # 112

1. Come, Ho - ly ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
 2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
 3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone, Know we the
 4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly

1. hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
 2. gift of God most high; Thou fount of life
 3. Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
 4. Spir - it with them one; And may the Son

1. and heav'n-ly aid_____ To fill the hearts_ which_ thou hast
 2. and fire of love,_____ And sweet a - noint - ing_ from a -
 3. un - chang-ing creed,_____ That thou dost from_ them_ both pro -
 4. on us be - stow_____ All gifts that from_ the_ Spir - it

1. made,_____ To fill the hearts_ which_ thou_ hast made.
 2. bove,_____ And sweet a - noint - ing_ from_ a - bove.
 3. ceed,_____ That thou dost from_ them_ both_ pro - ceed.
 4. flow,_____ All gifts that from_ the_ Spir - it flow.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 3:15-22

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

¹⁵ The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. ¹⁶ John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that cannot be put out." ¹⁸ With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

¹⁹ But Herod the ruler had been criticized harshly by John because of Herodias, Herod's brother's wife, and because of all the evil he had done. ²⁰ He added this to the list of his evil deeds: he locked John up in prison.

²¹ When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

²³ Jesus was about 30 years old when he began his ministry.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Eighteen Years of Prayer and Listening ...

Please stand as you are able

We will renew our Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

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 the 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.

Priest: Let us pray for ourselves as we today renew our Christian commitment.

Litanist: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, fill us with your life and hear our prayers.

Litanist: Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, fill us with your life and hear our prayers.

Litanist: Send us once again with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, fill us with your life and hear our prayers.

Litanist: Give us and all those we love a faith that endures through the darkness. We lift to your loving care all those on our prayer list:

Amy Andrejco, Jean Archer, Nicky Berardis, Harvey Bishop, Carol Cammarata, Eileen Cammarata, Dominick, Lynn & Al Cappella, Joan Cooper, Sonja & Thomas, Danielle DiPisa, Nancy Drewes, Kay & Bill Giberson, Kathryn Gilbert, Jon Hasselbrink, Joan Kelly, Maegan Louise, Rob Malara, Carole McAllister, Kathy & Butch McCaffrey, Vince Menzel & Kay Roberts, Mary Meyers, Ilene Miller, Suzanne Orlando, Beth Pegan, JR Pugliese, Linda Pugliese, Barry Putt, Allacen & Craig Rathbun, Terri Renegar, Judy Rosenberg, Joan Sweet, Walter Whimpenny and Larry.

For all of these we now pray:

People Lord, fill them with your life and your Spirit, and hear our prayers.

Litanist: Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, fill us with your life and hear our prayers.

Litanist: Send your Spirit upon your church, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and William, our bishop. For this Parish Family with your grace, we may live Spirit-filled lives and may bear witness to God's love.

Bring us and all those who have died, especially Jan Anderson, to the fullness of your peace and light. Give peace of heart to those who grieve, especially the Anderson family.

People Lord, fill us with your life and hear our prayers.

Others who need our prayers may be lifted now.

Priest Grant, O Lord, that we and all others baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

All Amen.

Celebrant: Let us greet each other with words of peace.

Please Be Seated

The Liturgy of the Table

Hymn as the Table is Set

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal # 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Please stand as you are able

We will pray Eucharistic Prayer B during the Epiphany season. It is found on **page 367** in the BCP

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

Priest:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All: **Amen.**

We will use the contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer, found on page 364 in the BCP

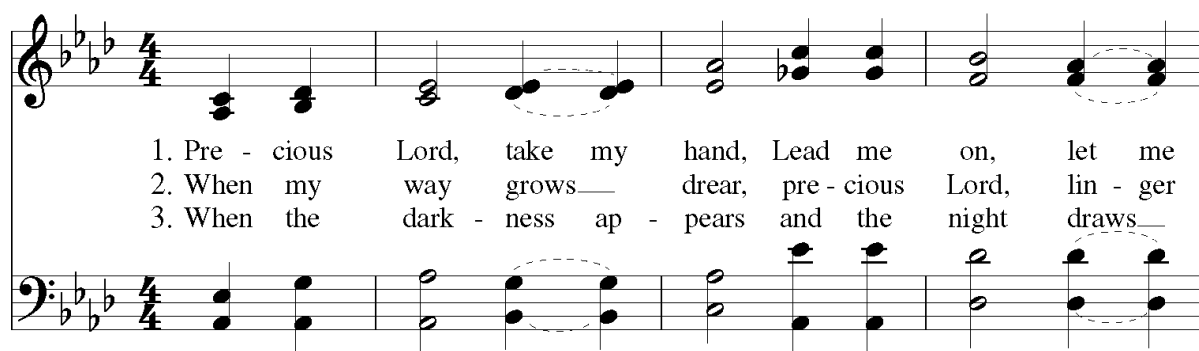
Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: **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 for ever. Amen.**

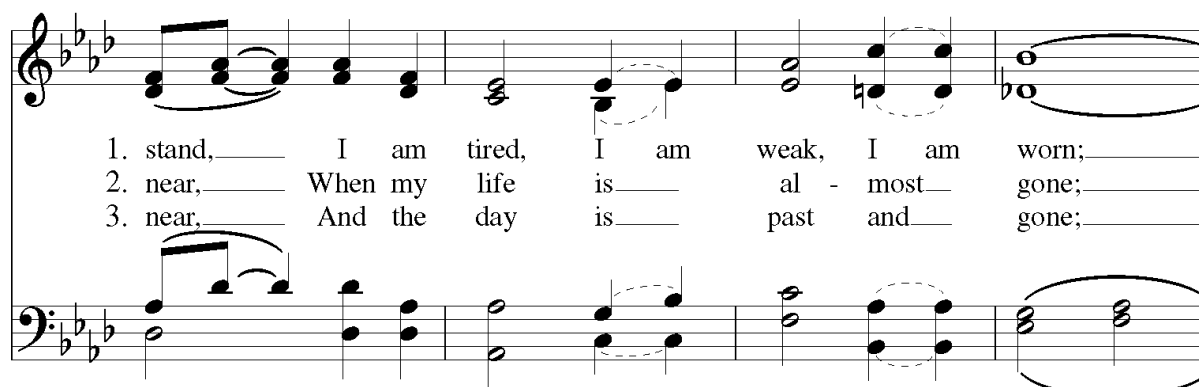
Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Priest: These are 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.



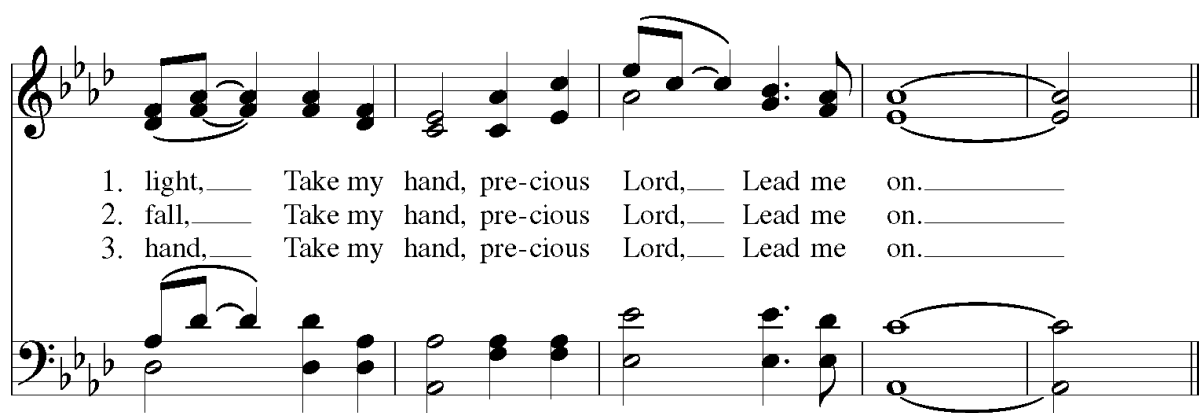
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—



1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;



1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

*During the distribution of Communion,
those worshiping from home may invite Jesus to fill their hearts using these prayers*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping in-person today, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I give you praise and thanks for your many blessings, especially (*name here the blessings given you*). I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Post-communion Prayer – BCP 366

**All: 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
 As 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**

Announcements

Please stand for the final blessings of this service

Priest: God's Blessing be with you,
 Christ's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring fill you with hope and peace today and always.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal # 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

Our thanks to today's Worship Assistants

Maria Schmidt & Peggy Caffrey, Greeters/Ushers

Greg Albright, Acolyte

Bob Schmidt, Eucharistic Minister

Susan Blauvelt, Lector 1

Sue Hofer, Lector 2

Maria Schmidt, Litanist

Barbara Wheeler, Organist

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