



CHURCH *of the* HOLY NATIVITY

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HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE RITE

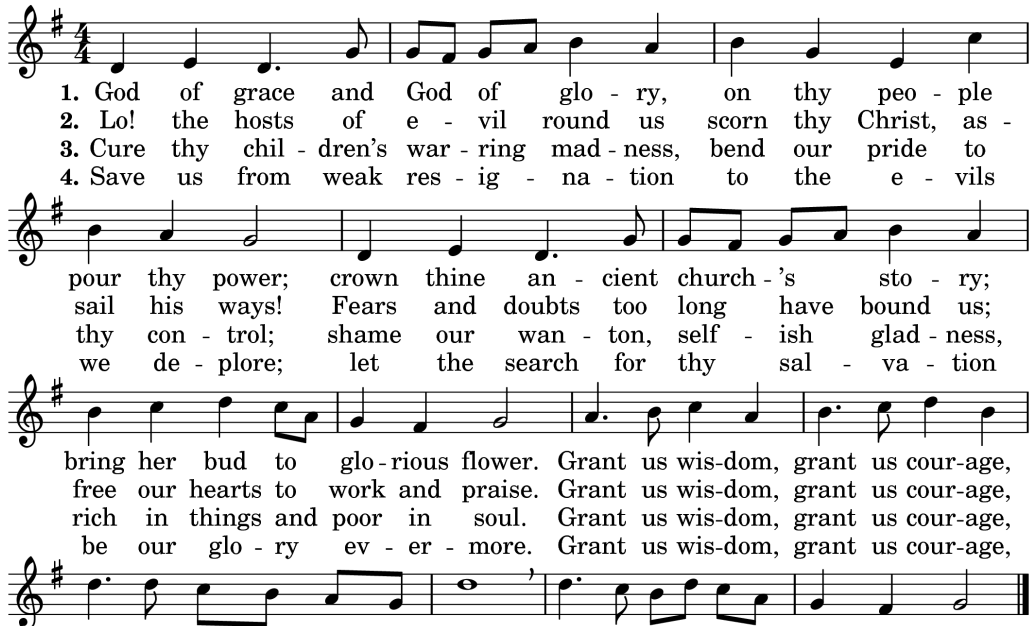
PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, **STAND** as able as the ministers enter during the hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“God of grace and God of glory”

The Hymnal 1982 #594



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

United Methodist Hymnal 577
WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
MUSIC (CWM RHONDDA 87.87.87): John Hughes, 1907

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed by his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE**“Gloria, Gloria”**

Take Up The Song #17

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, in the high - est heav - en!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Luke 2:14. Music: GLORIA, GLORIA, Jacques Berthier, 1979.
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be SEATED.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

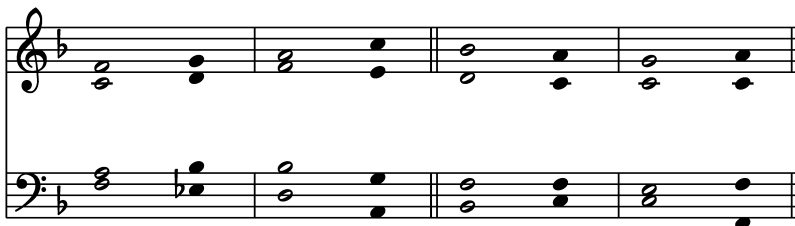
Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the | **Lord** *
and have great delight in his com | **mandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the | **land**; *
the generation of the upright will be | **blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their | **house**, *
and their righteousness will last for | **ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the | **upright**; *
the righteous are merciful and full of com | **passion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in | **lending** *
and to manage their affairs with | **justice.**
- 6 For they will never be | **shaken**; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re | **membrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil | **rumors**; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the | **Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not | **shrink**, *
until they see their desire upon their | **enemies.**

(second half of chant)

- 9 They have given freely to the | **poor**, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with | **honor.**

Lector A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All **STAND** as able.*



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.



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 ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025)
Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Fran Holliday

*All **STAND** as able.*

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM VI

BCP 392

<i>Deacon</i>	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For all people in their daily life and work;
<i>People</i>	For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<i>People</i>	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>People</i>	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<i>People</i>	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For peace and unity of the Church of God;
<i>People</i>	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For: Elizabeth & Matthew; R and J; Kris; Maria Luz & Eusebio; Shain; Betsy; Judy; Diane; Gloria; John & Pam; Zeke; Gloria; Jim; Marian; Rhyn; Evan; Payton; Hana; Kathy; Terry; Brenda; Sharon; David; Gordon; Elsie; Elizabeth; Luis; David; Gilbert; Temple; Fola & Yinka; Marsha; Eduardo, Milagros, Clemente, & “Tia” Maria; Frank; Charlotte; Rachel; Donna; Marianne & Peter; Charlotte; Nancy; Margie & Jeff; John & Joyce and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

The people may add their own thanksgiving.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, especially for Liz, and for Jim, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

People **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect. The people responding Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord, be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are SEATED.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people are then **SEATED**.*

THE OFFERTORY

“I am the Light of Nations”

arr. by Hal Hopson

During the Offertory, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and Deacon prepares the table.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“People of God”

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*The people **STAND** for the Hymn as the Offering is presented.*

3 Bear-ing your gifts, en-ter God's pre-sence; come, let us
share in the hea-ven-ly feast. Mend-ing all rifts,
heal-ing di-vi-sions, come and from sor-rows and hurts be re-leased.
Refrain
Come, let us join in the hea-ven-ly dance,
prais-ing in joy-ous ce-le-bra-tion.

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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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Creator of heaven and earth.

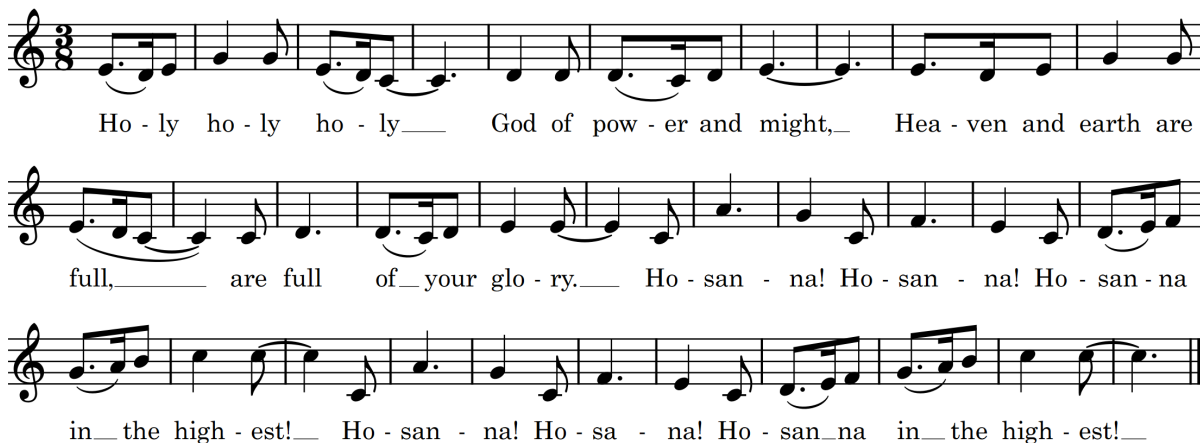
[Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.]

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:

THE SANCTUS

Sung by all.

MHSO #38



Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly — God of pow - er and might, — Hea - ven and earth are
full, — are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na
in — the high - est! — Ho - san - na! Ho - sa - na! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! —

The Celebrant continues

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by all.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

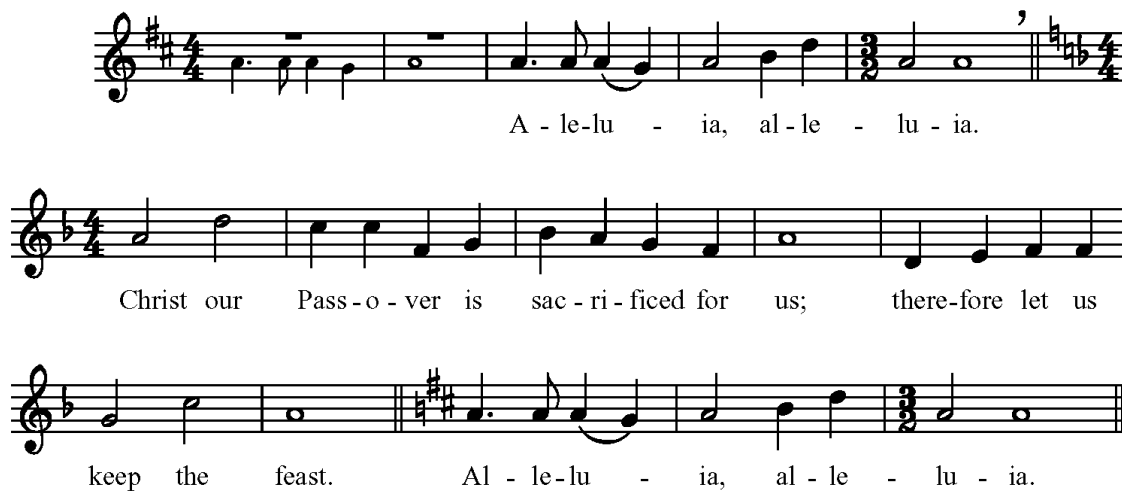
THE FRACTION

We observe a moment of holy silence as the Celebrant breaks the bread.

THE ANTHEM

Sung by all.

EOM 1 #37



A - 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.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

About Receiving Communion


All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Follow the instructions of the clergy and/or ushers.


If for any reason, you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward.

Please cross your arms over your chest for a prayer of blessing to be said over you.


Please inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

THE BLESSING

The Priest may bless the people, the people responding **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION [FACING PAGE]

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. It includes first and second endings, a repeat sign, and a final measure marked 'D.S.' (Da Capo). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words like 'march-ing' and 'march-ing' having asterisks above them. A '3' with a bracket indicates a triplet in several places. A '1.' above a measure indicates the first ending. A '2.' above a measure indicates the second ending. A '(Last time)' above a measure indicates the final time. A 'D.S.' (Da Capo) marking is at the end of the piece.

(English) We are march-ing* in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march-ing in the light of God we are march-ing

Ooo we are march-ing in the light of God. We are

- *v2. praying
- *v3. dancing
- *v4. singing

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