

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



The Baptism of our Lord and of Nicholas James Costantini January 12, 2025

10 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card with the usher/greeter.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priority. If you are not feeling well, we ask that you keep some distance from others and refrain from taking the common Cup.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

Children are always very welcome at worship services. Please pick up a "Sunday Paper" from the ushers and some crayons. Puzzles and quiet toys are available in a basket in the rear of the church. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery.

Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service from September to early June.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Accompanist: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher: Deb Grant

Chalice: Kay Kinney

Lay Reader: Keith Goggin

Intercessor & Psalmist: Deb Grant

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

Acolyte: Sue Capanear

Open/Close: Janet Zimmerman/Natalie Welker-Marx

A/V: Jill Unger

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Gathering Hymn On Jordans Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, with the first line starting with a numbered list (1-5). The music concludes with a double bar line.

Salutation: *One:* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Many: **And we beheld his glory.**

One: There is one Body and one Spirit;

Many: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

Many: **One God and Father of all.**

Collect

One: The Lord be with you

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

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.**

Blessing and Sending of the Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine,

I'm gon - na let it shine; let it shine, let it

shine, let it shine.

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home and tells them they need no longer be afraid, because they are precious in God's sight and God will redeem them from all their enemies.

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

1. Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.

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

The Apostles Peter and John are sent to teach and support a newly baptized group of Christians in Samaria who came to faith through the preaching of Philip. The Samaritan Christians receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.

Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Anthem and the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Anthem

PART 1:

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

PART 2:

A - rise, shine for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

At the beginning of the year we commemorate both Jesus' baptism and our own. The images of the Holy Spirit as fire at Pentecost and as dove at the baptism of Jesus each illumine the meaning of baptism. God's beloved our empowered to do God's work in the world through the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

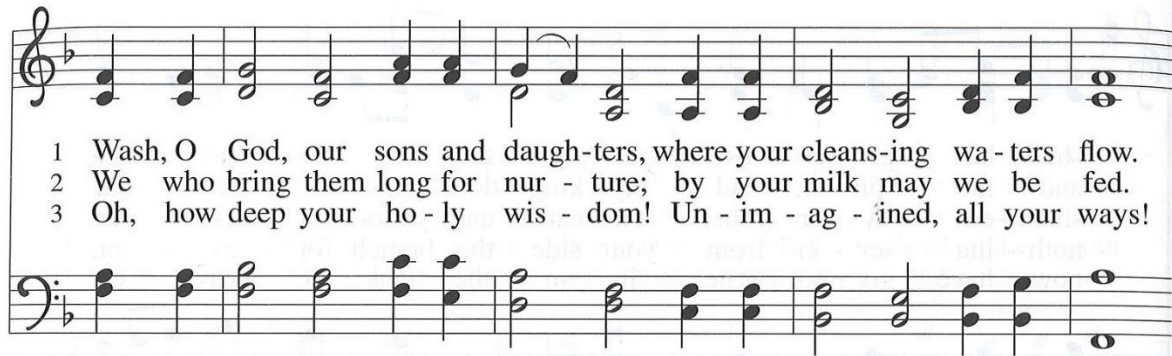
Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

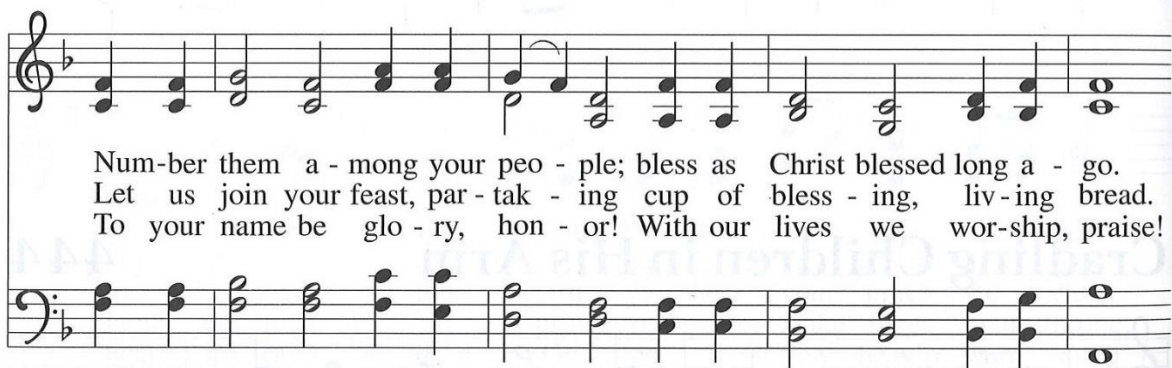
Homily:

the Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

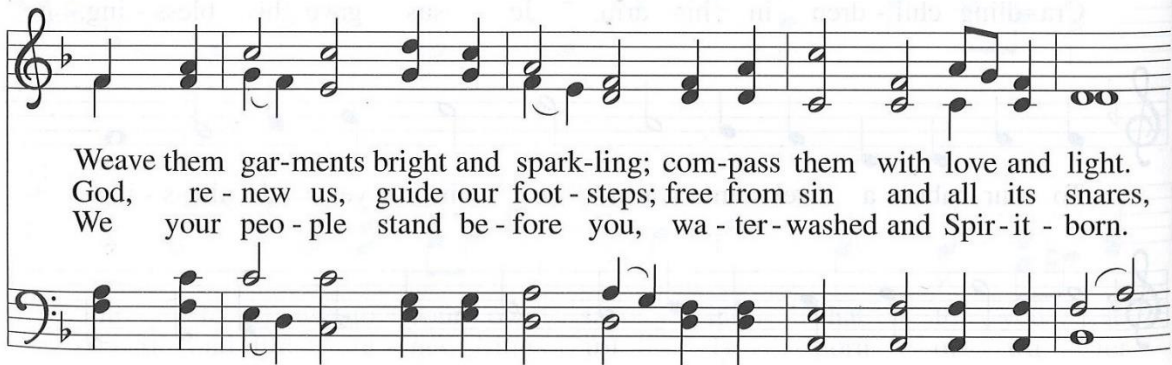
Hymn: Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters ~ *Ruth Duck*



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

THE HOLY BAPTISM

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Nicholas James Costantini to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

The congregation stands and the celebrant addresses them, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this family in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with the Costantini family in committing ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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 for the Candidate

Let us now pray for Nicholas who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are 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. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who

come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism & Anointing

Nicholas James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Nicholas James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Nicholas, receive a lamp burning and without fault;
Guard your baptism; Keep the commandments,
And when the Lord comes to that heavenly wedding feast,
May you meet Jesus with the saints and live forever in the love of God. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant Nicholas James the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, spirits to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offering of our Common Life

Offertory Anthem: Wade in the Water

the Trinity Choir

A Prayer for Unity

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. May this Holy Communion nourish our faith, open our eyes to your goodness, open our hearts to those in need, and strengthen us to do your will in the week ahead. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer 3

(from *Enriching our Worship*)

One: God be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

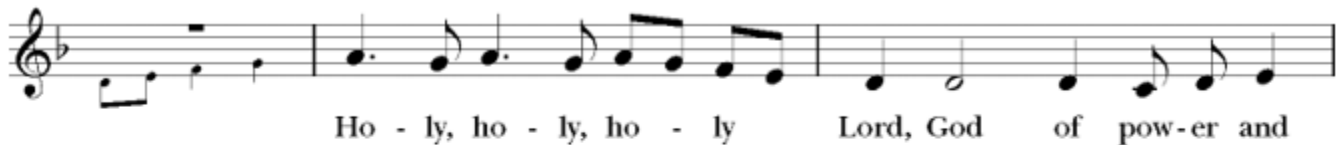
Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:





Glory and honor are yours, Creator of All, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth as formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you. O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

With confidence as God's children we now pray as Jesus taught us:

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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

One: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

Many: **We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

The Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word and the gift of this meal that we too might open our gifts for others and receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored, this season of your Epiphany, now and forever. Amen.

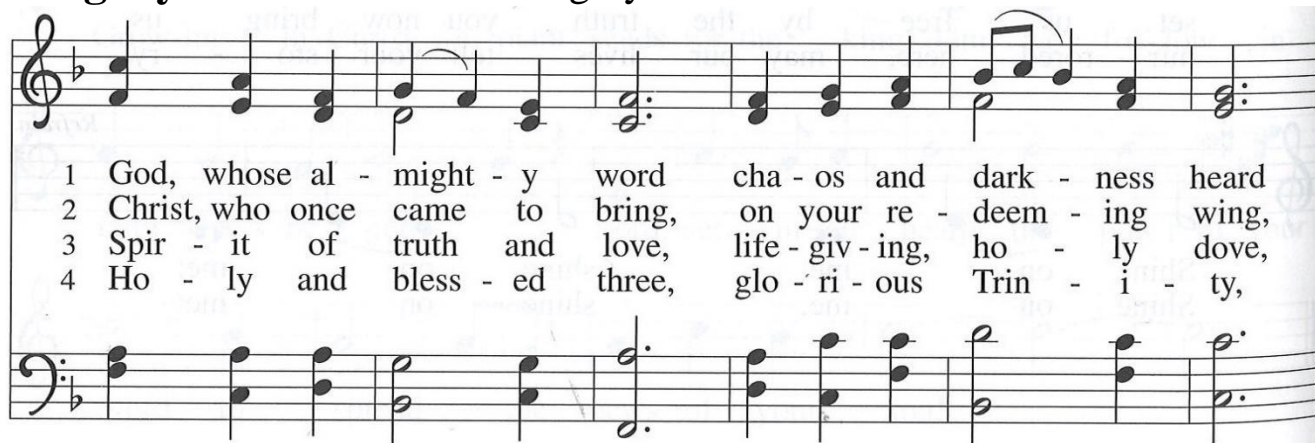
Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

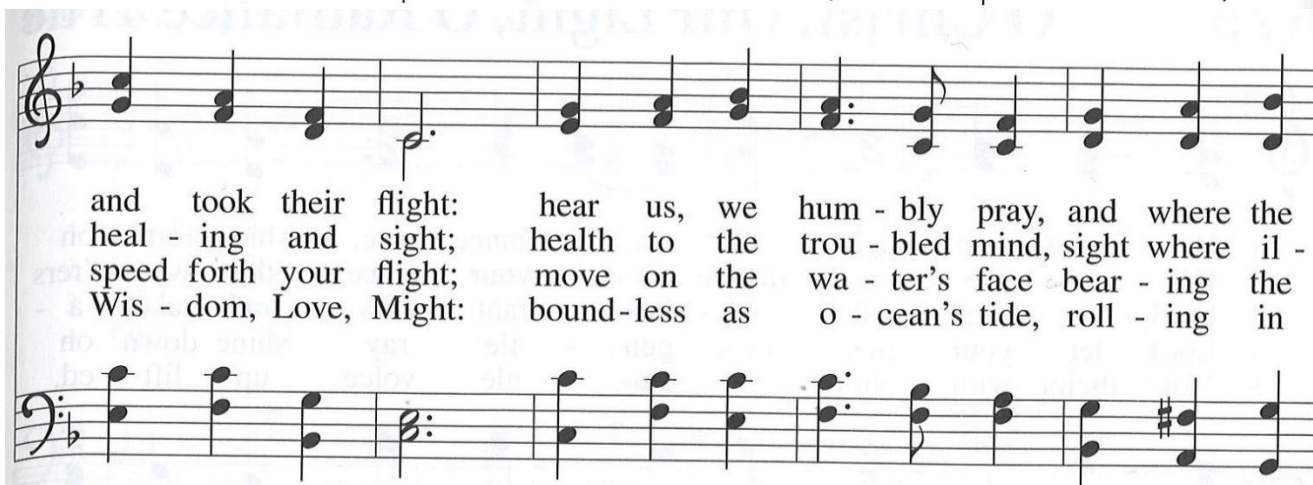


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By Meg Perry

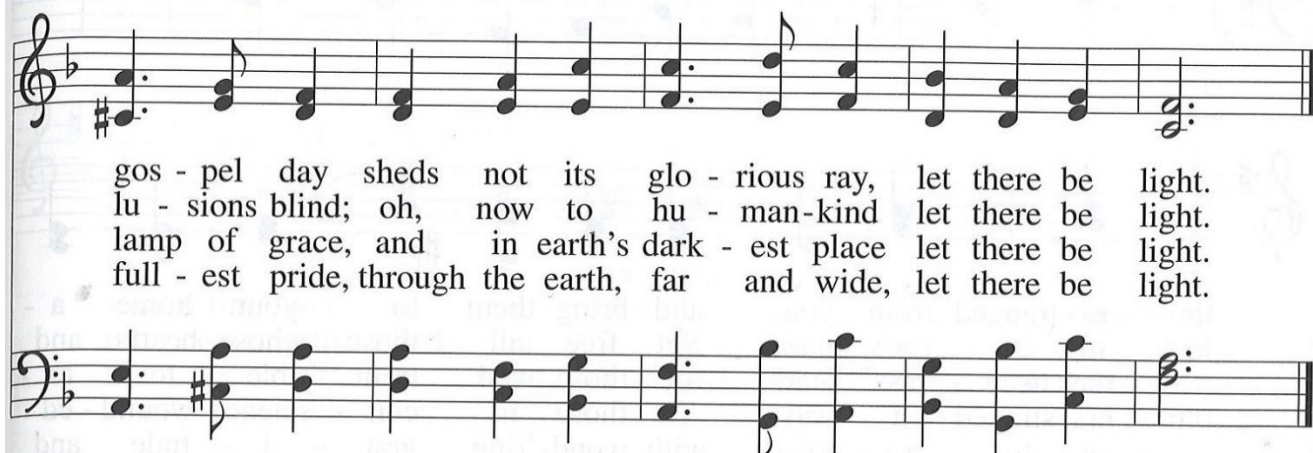
Sending Hymn God Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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