



How does a
weary world
rejoice?



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Compassionate. Challenging. Inclusive.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Welcome to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church! Our mission is to **proclaim and embody the compassionate, challenging, and inclusive love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.** Your age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, doubts and questions are all part of your story as a beloved child of God, and your whole self is welcome and affirmed here.

If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We hope you will fill out a Welcome Card from your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it comes around - we'd love to get to know you! You are also welcome to communion today.

Live streaming and recording occur at our 9:30 am service. Those who worship online enjoy seeing people in the sanctuary, so if you are comfortable being on camera, please sit in the chairs to the right of the altar or close to the piano.

The assisted listening system in our sanctuary is compatible with personal hearing aids with the setting "T". Portable receivers and headsets are available from an usher.

Children are always welcome in worship. Activities for kids are located on the bookshelf located at the back of the sanctuary. Childcare is also available at the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services in our nursery. The nursery is designed for children ages 4 and younger – follow the overhead sign in the narthex that directs you to the hallway towards the nursery (on the right).

Sunday School for kids aged 3 through 6th grade occurs during our 9:30 am service, and all are welcome. As Sunday School takes place throughout the building, ask an usher or staff person where to find your child's class.

This worship bulletin is intended to be used at all three services today. Please leave it on your seat after the 8:00 and 9:30 worship. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Feel free to take home the announcement inserts for your personal use.

As we begin worship, we invite you to silence your cell phone.



We gather in the Advent season around a persistent question: how does a weary world rejoice? Advent gives us space to wonder together as we look for God's presence among us – anticipating not just the celebration of Jesus' birth long ago, but the continuing work of God's holy spirit in the world. Where do you see joy? What weariness do you carry? How can good news arrive even in the midst of sorrow and loss?

Throughout today's worship, you are invited to participate by joining in speaking the words in bold type.

Prelude

8:00

Arief Abraham, piano

9:30, 11:00

Appalachian Carol (I Wonder As I Wander)

arranged by Molly Ijames

Lisa Hedley, flute

Arief Abraham, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Please stand as you are able.

In God's house, we can be joyful.

We can be grateful. We can be hopeful.

In God's house, we can be weary.

We can be anxious. We can be grieving.

In God's house, we can be honest—

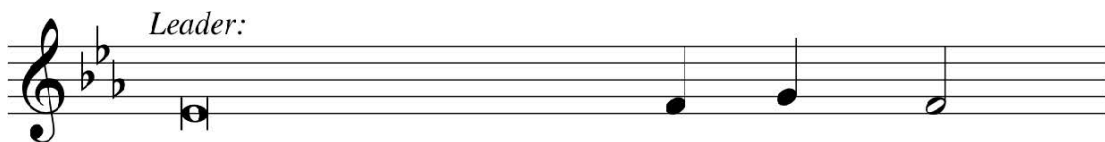
inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious, and everything in between.

This is God's house. You are welcome exactly as you are.

Let us worship our loving God.

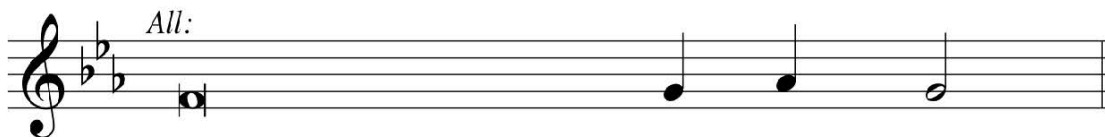
Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader:



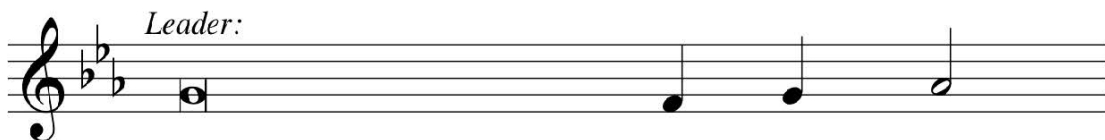
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



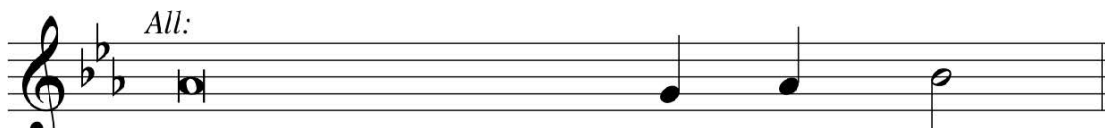
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



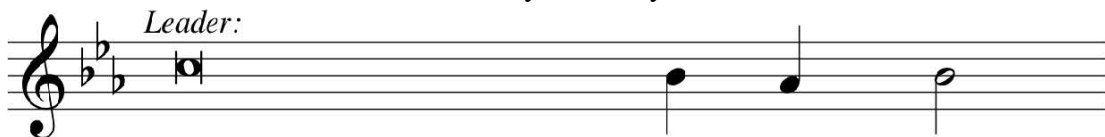
Strengthen us in this new day,

All:



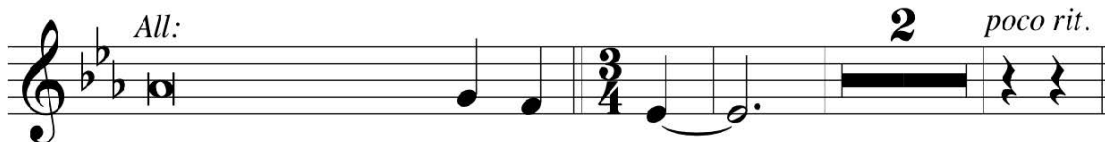
For each day is your cre - a-tion.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

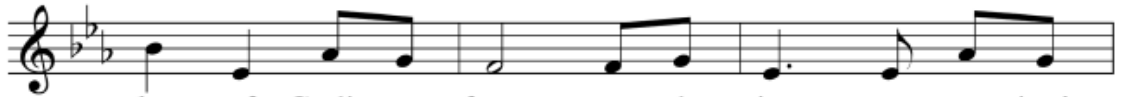


and shine within your peo - ple here.—

All



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



we to - get - her wor - ship, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new.
free and make us whole.
on to end - less day.

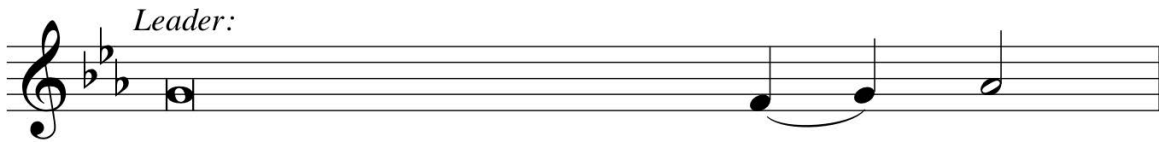
Prayer of the Day

Leader: *All:*



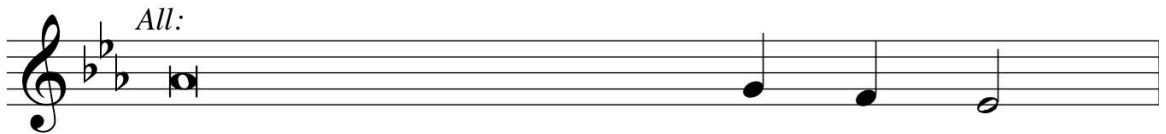
May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Leader:



Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,

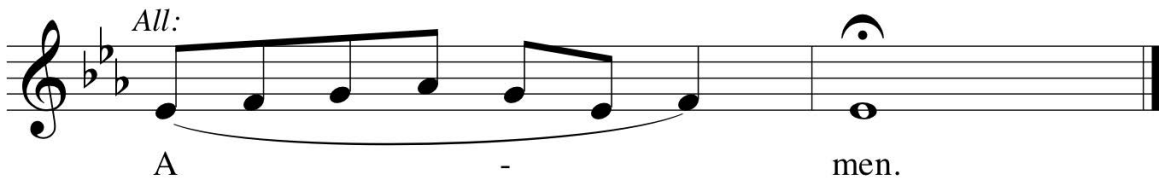
All:



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All:



Let's all be seated.

Musical Offering

8:00

Gesù Bambino
music by Pietro A. Yon

Sherri Riggert, cello
Arief Abraham, piano

9:30

When Will the Little King Come?
by Ruth Elaine Schram

Chancel Choir



First Reading

1 Kings 19:9b-13

After great cataclysmic events, Elijah hears God in the silence.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

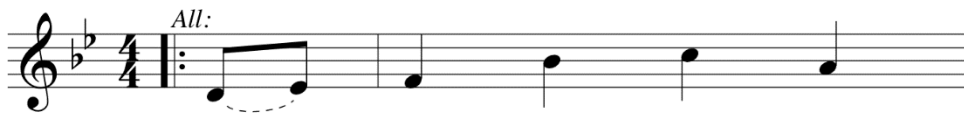
⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Annunciation and Magnificat

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

Leaders: An angel went from God, to a town called Nazareth, to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you! You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the chosen one of God most high." Then Mary said, "I am the servant of my God! I live to do your will."

All:



1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y



great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of



you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

The birth and naming of John ends his father Zechariah's silence. He announces the child's name given by the angel.

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let's all be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Katy McCallum Sachse

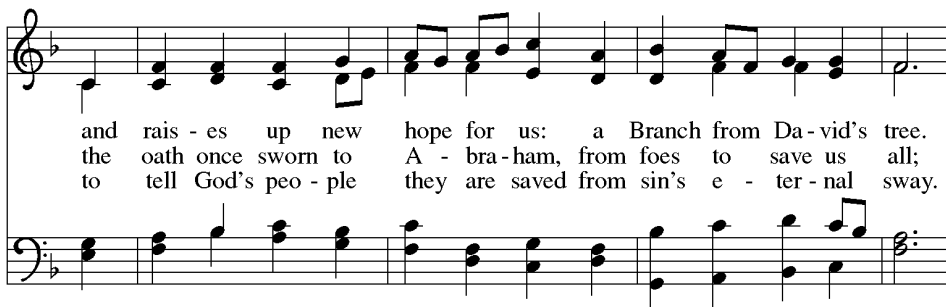
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Hymn of the Day

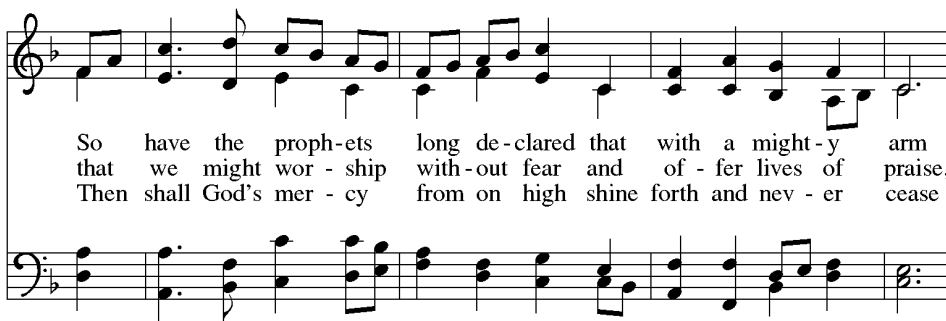
Blessed Be the God of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Creed

Together, let's affirm our trust in God:

**We believe in a God who hears our prayers,
who knows the shape and form of our weariness.**

**We believe in a God who wants joy and delight for us,
not just survival and existence.**

**We believe in a God who looks ahead,
who is not done dreaming for the world—
a God who sends hope in the form of people and change,
movements and Spirit.**

And so we return to this space.

**We bring our joy and our weariness
like two sides of the same coin,
and we trust that God is already at work.**

Yes, we believe in a God who hears our prayers.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

Prayers of the People

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration, saying:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Our communal prayers begin with a short time of silence and then petitions for the world, the church, and people and places in particular need. You will also be invited to name, in speech or silence, the prayers you carry with you.



Sharing the Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

Bearing in mind the personal comfort of those around you, please share a friendly sign of God's peace and reconciliation with others and then be seated.

Offering

We invite you to contribute to our shared mission and ministry. Scan the following QR code to reach the Giving page on our website.



Offertory

9:30

Will We Know Him?
by Nancy Price and Don Besig

Chancel Choir

Offertory Song

Please stand as you are able.

All: Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Group 1: I. O God, I call to you, come to me

Group 2: I. O God, I

Group 1: now; O hear my voice when I cry to

Group 2: call to you, come to me now; O hear my

Refrain

Group 1: you. Let my prayer rise up like

Group 2: voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

Group 1: in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

Group 2: up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

Verse 2

Group 1: of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -

Group 2: hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Group 1: in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

Group 2: 2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

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Group 1: love be burn - ing bright.

Group 2: heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

Refrain

Group 1: Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

Group 2: bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

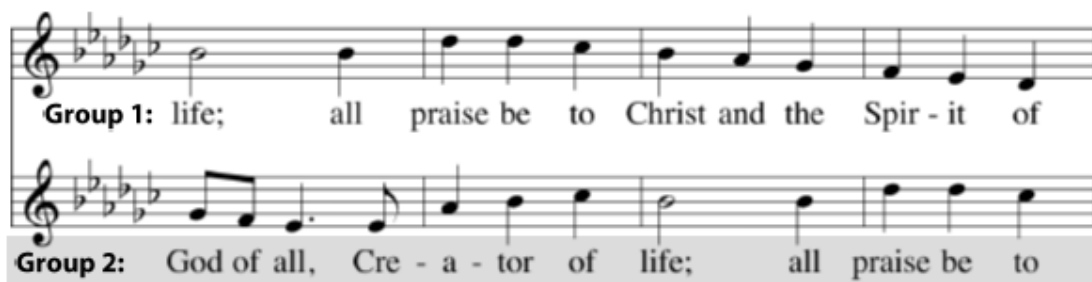
Group 1: lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Group 2: fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

Verse 3

Group 1: 3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of

Group 2: you. 3. All praise to the

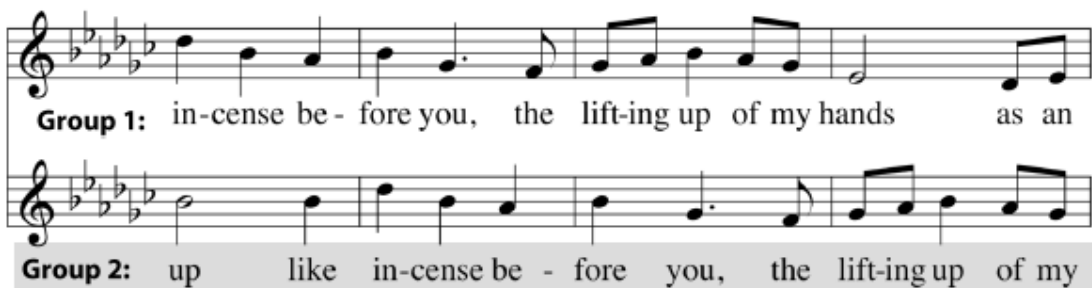


Group 1: life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of
Group 2: God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to

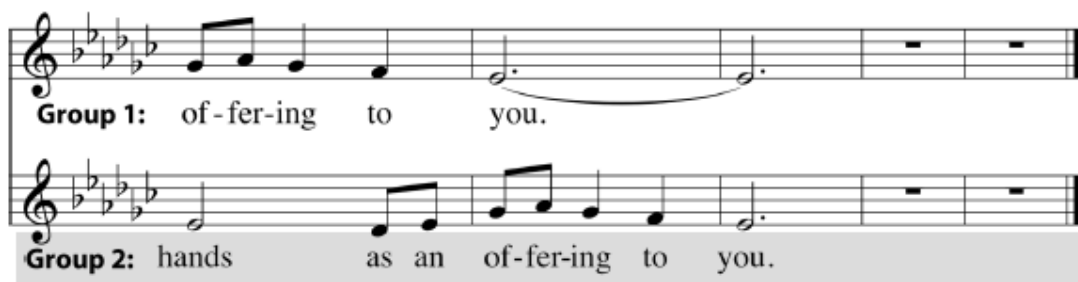
Refrain



Group 1: love. Let my prayer rise up like
Group 2: Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise



Group 1: in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
Group 2: up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my



Group 1: of - fer - ing to you.
Group 2: hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,

And let these gifts to us be blessed.

Blessed be God, who is our bread;

May all the world be clothed and fed.

This table does not belong to any denomination,
church or community.

It belongs to Jesus.

It was at tables that he met people,
heard their stories and shared his.

It was at tables that he deepened his friendship
with those who were poor and oppressed,
those who were rich and unsatisfied.

It was at tables that he shared
who God is and what God wants.

And it was at a table, with bread and wine,
that he began the meal we now celebrate.

So come to this table.

Leave behind any baggage of arrogance or unworthiness.

Do not think, 'This is not for me.'

Think rather of Jesus saying, 'I am for you,'
and how, long before this building came to be,
in open spaces and hard places,
people heard of how, on the night of his arrest,
Jesus sat at supper with his friends.

During the meal, he took a piece of bread,
Blessed and broke it, and said to his disciples,
'This is my body, given for you.'
Later in the meal he took a cup of wine, saying,
'In this cup is a new relationship with God
made possible because of my life and death.
Drink it, all of you, and remember me.'

So we take this bread and wine,
offering them to God for blessing,
that through them the goodness of God
may bless, enrich, and enlighten us.

And as Jesus taught his friends, so may we pray together, saying:

**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,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

Let's all be seated.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to God's meal, where ordinary bread and wine become extraordinary, filled with Christ's presence. Ushers will direct you to one of the stations in front. Communion will be by intinction. You will receive a wafer, which you may dip into the chalice with wine, or with juice, then eat. Wafers in the small bowl on the side of the plate are gluten free. If you avoid gluten, please take one for yourself. If you would prefer not to receive communion, please feel free to remain seated or come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Refrain

God of our jour - neys, day - break to night;
Lead us to jus - tice and light.
Grant us com - pas - sion, strength for the day,
Wis - dom to walk in your way.

Verse 3

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the
lame to walk, bring us danc - ing in - to day,
lead your peo - ple in your way. D.C.

Verse 6

6. Come, O Spir - it! re - new our hearts!
We shall a - rise to be chil - dren of light. D.C.

Music during Distribution

9:30

Do You Hear What I Hear?
arranged by Arief Abraham

Arief Abraham, piano



Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you strengthen our hearts at this table of life. In your mercy, give us courage to live in faith toward you and in fervent love toward all the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

People of God,

as you leave this place,

you go into a weary world—

so speak tenderly.

Do the good that is yours to do.

Choose connection.

Hold onto hope.

And remember that Christ took on flesh for you.

You are God's beloved.

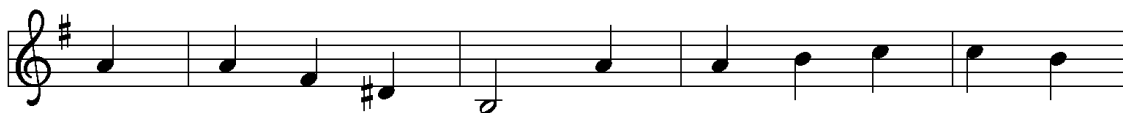
So go rejoicing.

The world needs it.

Amen.



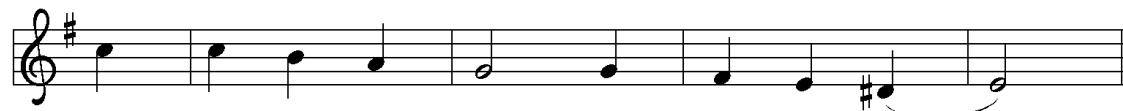
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.



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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the lowly.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Arief Abraham, piano

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Thank you to our worship assistants!

SERVING TODAY – December 10			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
ACOLYTES	n/a	Molly Fiegenschuh	Collins Christmas
ASSISTING MINISTER	Christina Brugman	Veronica Knudson	Noel Christmas
GREETERS	Nancy Swanson	Susan Paulson	Stuart and Diane Campbell
USHERS	Rich Riggert	Michael and Suzanne Fiegenschuh	Rosemary Dunkle Cathy Dunlop
A/V TECHNICIAN	Becky Cole	Kiyo Tachibana	
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Nancy Swanson	n/a	Barb Smith

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – December 17			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
ACOLYTES	n/a	Noah Pumper	Sophie Tiesel Micah Herman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jacque Brissey	Brad Paulson	Cathy Dunlop
GREETERS	Sandra Deegan		Christopher Cole Sharon Clum
USHERS	Dennis Pierce	Kurt and Julie Billett	Jeff and Kristin Reeder
A/V TECHNICIAN		Danielle Dadashi	Heath Stewart
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Nancy Swanson	n/a	Cathy Dunlop