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Worship Booklet

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PREPARATION

1 Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

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2 Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

3 Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.

4 Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence*

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

5 Gloria

1 Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

2 Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

3 Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

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6 Collect

Lord God Almighty,
who filled your holy apostle Barnabas
with faith and the Holy Spirit,
and set him apart to proclaim your word to the nations:
grant us, like him, the same gifts;
that we may encourage the faint-hearted,
remember the poor,
and bring others to know you,
the living God;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

7 First Reading: Isaiah 45.5-12 (*please sit*)

Thus says the Lord:
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.
8 Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up,
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also;
I the Lord have created it.
9 Woe to you who strive with your Maker,
earthen vessels with the potter!
Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, 'What are you making?'
or 'Your work has no handles'?
10 Woe to anyone who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?'
or to a woman, 'With what are you in labour?'
11 Thus says the Lord,
the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker:
Will you question me about my children,
or command me concerning the work of my hands?
12 I made the earth,
and created humankind upon it;
it was my hands that stretched out the heavens,
and I commanded all their host.

For the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

8 Gradual Hymn (*please stand*)

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3 Come, brothers, sisters of the faith,
whate'er your race may be:
whoever does my Father's will
is surely kin to me.

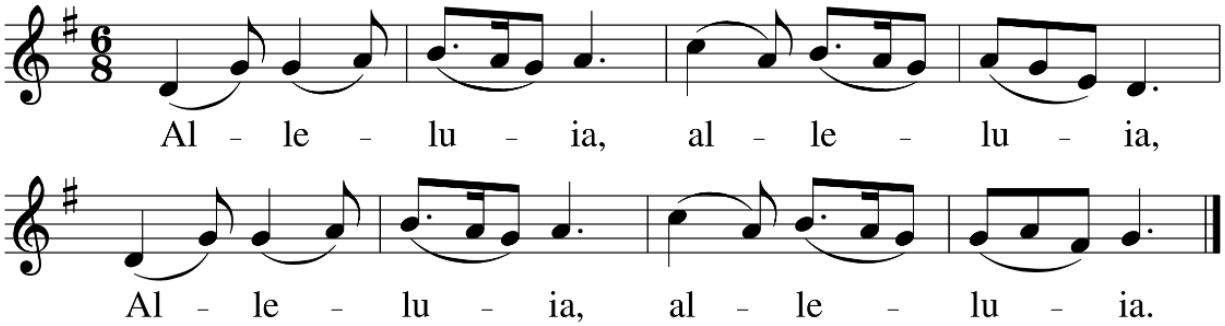
4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north,
all Christ-like souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham pseud. (William Arthur Dunkerley) alt.

9 Second Reading: Acts 11.19-30 (*please sit*)

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. [20] But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. [21] The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. [22] News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. [23] When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; [24] for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. [25] Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, [26] and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'. [27] At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. [28] One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. [29] The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; [30] this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

For the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

10 Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

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11 Gospel: John 15.12-17

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15] I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16] You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. [17] I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. Praise to Christ our Lord.

12 The Primus' Charge (*please sit*)

13 Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

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 substance with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

14 Intercessions (*please sit*)

15 Peace (*please stand*)

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

16 Offertory Hymn

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

17 Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own we give you.

18 The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.
All power is yours.
You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest. *(Tune: LAND OF REST)*

(*Please sit*)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the
fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

19 Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

20 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

21 Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us peace, give us peace. *(Tune: CASWELL)*

22 Communion

Please go to the communion station nearest to you.
All communion bread is gluten-free.

23 Post Communion Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

24 Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God: whose mercy endures forever.

25 Prayer

Holy and life-giving God, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

26 Blessing

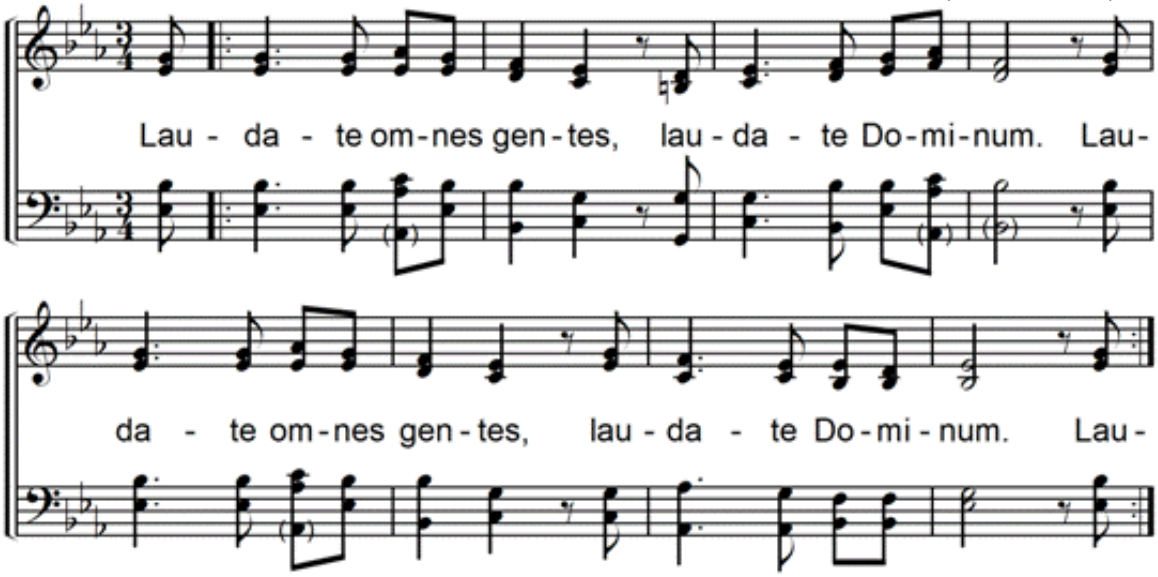
27 Constitution of Synod

Evening Prayer Thursday: Barnabas, Apostle

(*please stand if able*)
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

PSALMODY

Antiphon: Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing the praises of God in the congregation of the faithful.
(Psalm 149.1)

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Psalm 105.23-45 (*please sit*)

23 Israel came into Egypt,*
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made this people exceedingly fruitful;*
making them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart God turned, so that they hated this people,*
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

26 O Lord, you sent Moses your servant,*
and Aaron whom you had chosen.

27 They worked your signs among them,*
and portents in the land of Ham.

28 You sent darkness, and it grew dark;*
but the Egyptians rebelled against your words.

29 You turned their waters into blood*
and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs,*
in the very chambers of their kings.

31 You spoke, and there came swarms of insects*
and gnats within all their borders.

32 You gave them hailstones instead of rain,*
and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 You blasted their vines and their fig trees*
and shattered every tree in their country.

34 You spoke, and the locusts came,*
and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land*
and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 You struck down the firstborn of their land,*
the first fruits of all their strength.

37 You led out your people with silver and gold;*
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going,*
because they were afraid of them.

39 You spread out a cloud for a covering*
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared,*
and you satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 You opened the rock, and water flowed,*
so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For you, O God, remembered your holy word*
and Abraham your servant.

43 So you led forth your people with gladness,*
your chosen with shouts of joy.

44 You gave your people the lands of the nations,*
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 that they might keep your statutes*
and observe your laws.
Hallelujah!

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Conclusion (from Revelation 4 and 5)

1 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lord our God;

2 For you created all things*
and by your will they have their being.

3 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain;

4 For by your blood you ransomed us for God,*
from every race and language,from every people and nation.

5 To make us a kingdom of priests*
to stand and serve before our God.

6 To God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb*
be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon: Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing the praises of God praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Reading: Acts 9.26-31

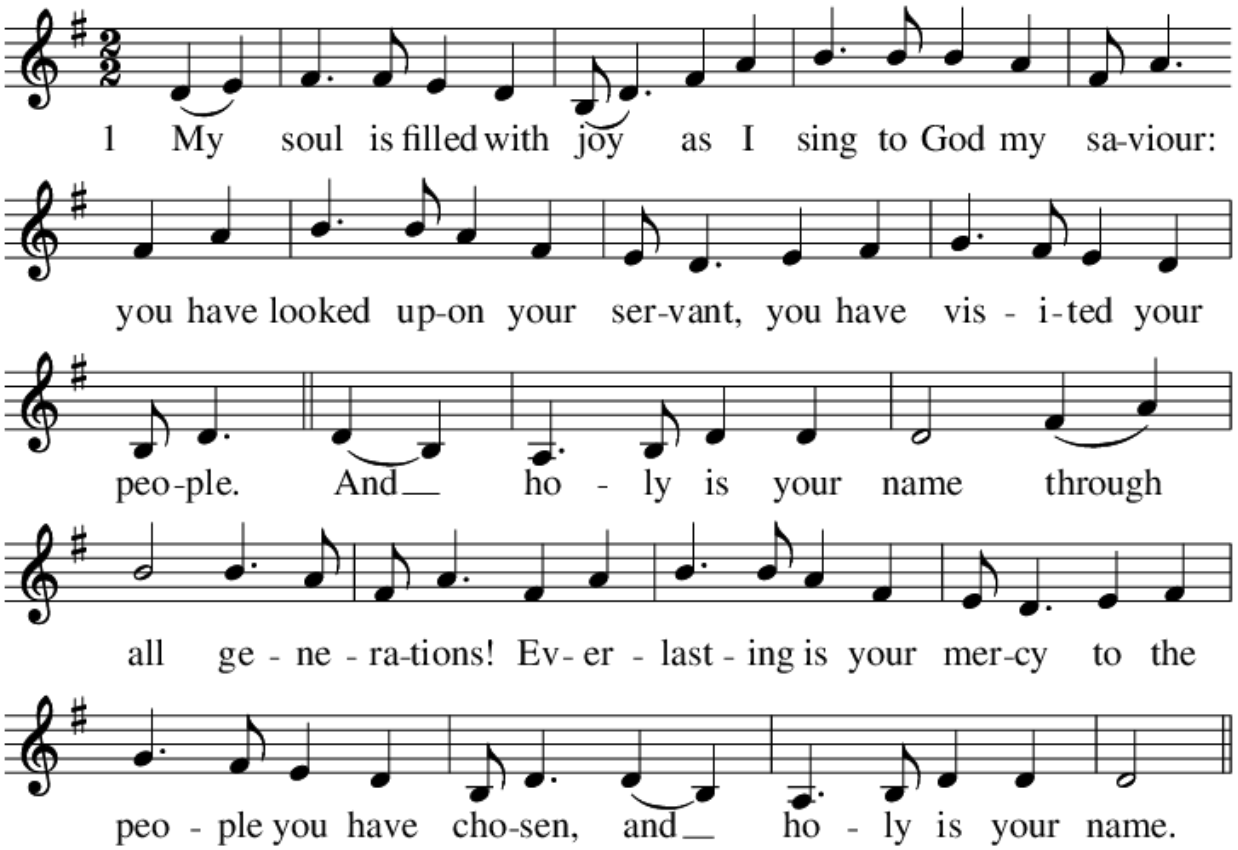
When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.
31 Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Silence

Response (from Psalm 147.12)

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.
You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.
Who wait in hope for your mercy.
Those who fear you.
Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

Magnificat (*please stand*)



2 I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered,
for all will call me blessed,

And holy is your name…

3 I proclaim the power of God,
you do marvels for your servants;
though you scatter the proud-hearted,
and destroy the might of princes,

And holy is your name…

4 To the hungry you give food,
send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen,

And holy is your name…

5 In your love you now fulfil
what you promised to your people.
I will praise you, Lord, my saviour,
everlasting is your mercy,

And holy is your name…

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Prayers (*please sit*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Intercessions are offered

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect
Lord God Almighty,
who filled your holy apostle Barnabas
with faith and the Holy Spirit,
and set him apart to proclaim your word to the nations:
grant us, like him, the same gifts;
that we may encourage the faint-hearted,
remember the poor,
and bring others to know you,
the living God;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts, that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God!

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing:
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Morning Prayer Friday

(*please stand if able*)
O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

PSALMODY (*please sit*)

Antiphon: Your sovereignty is an everlasting one;*
your dominion endures throughout all ages. (Psalm 145.13)

Opening from Psalm 145

1 I will exalt you, O God my sovereign,*
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 All your works praise you, O Lord,*
and your faithful servants bless you.

3 They make known the glory of your dominion*
and speak of your power;

4 that the peoples may know of your power*
and the glorious splendour of your dominion.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Psalm 106.1-18

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord who is good, *
whose mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare your mighty acts, O Lord, *
or show forth all your praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favour you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 that I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *

that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our ancestors did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your marvellous works,
nor remember the abundance of your love; *
they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

8 But you saved them for your name's sake, *
to make your power known.

9 You rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, *
and you led them through the deep as through a desert.

10 You saved them from the hand of those who hated them *
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; *
not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed your words *
and sang you songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot your deeds *
and did not wait for your counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, *
and they put you to the test in the desert.

15 You gave them what they asked, *
but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, *
and Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan *
and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, *
and flames devoured the wicked.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Conclusion (Isaiah 40)

1 The Lord is the everlasting God,*
the Creator of the ends of the earth,

2 who does not faint nor grow weary,*
whose understanding is unsearchable,

3 who gives power to the faint,*
increase of strength to those who have no might.

4 Even youth shall faint and be weary;*
the young shall fall exhausted.

5 But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;*
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

6 They shall run and not be weary,*
they shall walk and not faint.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Reading: Ecclesiastes 11.9-12.14

Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.
10 Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity. Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; 2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; 3 on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; 4 when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; 5 when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; 6 before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is

vanity. [9] Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge,
weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. [10] The Teacher sought to
find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly. [11] The sayings of the
wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are
given by one shepherd. [12] Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of
making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
[13] The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his
commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. [14] For God will bring
every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Silence

Response (Psalm 86.12)

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart.
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I will glorify your name for evermore.
With all my heart.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart.

Benedictus (*please stand*)

1 Now bless the God of Israel,
who comes in love and power,
who raises from the royal house
deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.

2 Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness
and peace from year to year.
And you, my child, shall go before,
to preach, to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love,
the grace of God most high.

3 In tender mercy God will send
the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life
for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace,
that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One,
O worship and adore.

Sung to the second half of the tune:
4 To God the Father; fount of grace,
through God's beloved Son,
with God their Spirit, bond of love,
be glory ever One.

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Prayers (*please sit*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Intercessions are offered

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect
O God,
our hope and strength,
the source and end of all our prayers:
because our mortal nature is weak
we can do nothing good without your help;
support us with your grace,
that in keeping your commandments,
we may ever remain in your love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God!

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil;
and bring us to life eternal. Amen.

Evening Prayer Friday

(*please stand if able*)

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon: Where can I go from your Spirit? *
Where can I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139.7)

1 Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky;
Word that brings salvation, Word that will not die;
speak now in us that we might hear your call;
Living Word of Jesus, sound within us all.

2 Love that formed and named us, filled this clay with breath;
Love that seeks and claims us, Love beyond all death;
come now and fire the life that flows from you;
Love that raised up Jesus, raise us up anew.

3 Song of joy and wonder, sound so wild and free;
voice of wind and thunder, boundless as the sea;
Music of God, the love that casts out fear;
Song that sang in Jesus, sing within us here.

4 God of all creation, form our hearts anew;
God of our salvation, lead us home to you;
Spirit, inspire our hearts to hear your call;
living God of Jesus, come renew us all!

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Psalm 106.18-48 (*please sit*)

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshipped a molten image;

20 and so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot you, their saviour, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So you would have destroyed them,
had not Moses your chosen stood before you in the breach, *
to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land *
and would not believe your promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents *
and would not listen to the voice of the Lord.

26 So you lifted your hand against them, *
to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 to cast out their seed among the nations, *
and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor *
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked you to anger with their actions, *
and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, *
and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness *
throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked your anger at the waters of Meribah, *
so that you punished Moses because of them;

33 for they so embittered his spirit *
that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples *
as the Lord had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen *
and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshipped their idols, *
which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons *
and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, *
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,
and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions *
and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore your wrath was kindled against your people *
and you abhorred your inheritance.

41 You gave them over to the hand of the heathen, *
and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, *
and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did you deliver them,
but they rebelled through their own devices, *
and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, you saw their distress, *
when you heard their lamentation.

45 You remembered your covenant with them *
and relented in accordance with your great mercy.

46 You caused them to be pitied *
by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, *
That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting and to everlasting; *
and let all the people say, ”Amen!” Hallelujah!

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Conclusion (from 1 Timothy 3)

1 Great indeed, we confess,*
is the mystery of our religion.

2 Christ was manifested in the flesh,*
vindicated in the Spirit,

3 Seen by angels,*
preached among the nations,

4 Believed on in the world;*
taken up in glory.

**Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Antiphon: Where can I go from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

Reading: Galatians 5.25-6.10

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. [26] Let us not become
conceited, competing against one another, envying one another. My friends, if
anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should
restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not
tempted. [2] Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of
Christ. [3] For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive
themselves. [4] All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their
neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. [5] For all must carry their own
loads. [6] Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their
teacher. [7] Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you
sow. [8] If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but
if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. [9] So let us not
grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not
give up. [10] So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good
of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

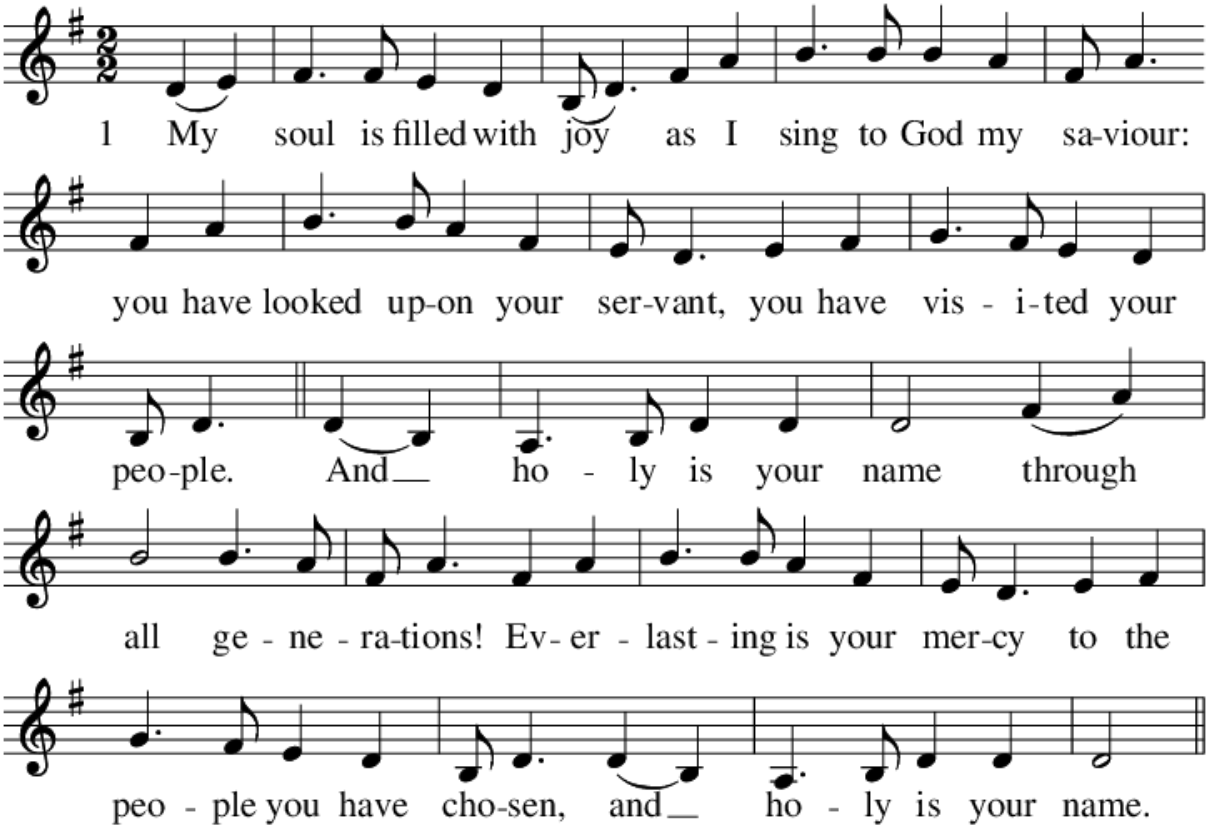
Silence

Response (Psalm 105.5)

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.
Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

The wonders and the judgments of the mouth of the Lord.
What wonders God has done!
Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Magnificat (*please stand*)



2 I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered,
for all will call me blessed,

And holy is your name…

3 I proclaim the power of God,
you do marvels for your servants;
though you scatter the proud-hearted,
and destroy the might of princes,

And holy is your name…

4 To the hungry you give food,
send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen,

And holy is your name…

5 In your love you now fulfil
what you promised to your people.
I will praise you, Lord, my saviour,
everlasting is your mercy,

And holy is your name…

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Prayers (*please sit*)

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Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Intercessions are offered

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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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
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Collect
O God, our hope and strength,
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because our mortal nature is weak
we can do nothing good without your help;
support us with your grace,
that in keeping your commandments,
we may ever remain in your love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts, that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God!

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing:
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Morning Prayer Saturday

(*please stand if able*)
O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

PSALMODY (*please sit*)

Antiphon: Your sovereignty is an everlasting one;*
your dominion endures throughout all ages. (Psalm 145.13)

Opening from Psalm 145

1 I will exalt you, O God my sovereign,*
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 All your works praise you, O Lord,*
and your faithful servants bless you.

3 They make known the glory of your dominion*
and speak of your power;

4 that the peoples may know of your power*
and the glorious splendour of your dominion.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Psalm 107.1-22

1 Give thanks to the Lord who is good, *
and whose mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 The Lord gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
who delivered them from their distress.

7 The Lord put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to you, O Lord, for your mercy *
and the wonders you do for your children.

9 For you satisfy the thirsty *
and fill the hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, *
bound fast in misery and iron;

11 because they rebelled against the words of God *
and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So you humbled their spirits with hard labour; *
they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to you in their trouble, *
and you delivered them from their distress.

14 You led them out of darkness and deep gloom *
and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to you, O Lord, for your mercy *
and the wonders you do for your children.

16 For you shatter the doors of bronze *
and break in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to you, O Lord, in their trouble, *
and you delivered them from their distress.

20 You sent forth your word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to you, O Lord, for your mercy *
and the wonders you do for your children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of your acts with shouts of joy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Conclusion (Isaiah 40)

1 The Lord is the everlasting God,*
the Creator of the ends of the earth,

2 who does not faint nor grow weary,*
whose understanding is unsearchable,

3 who gives power to the faint,*
increase of strength to those who have no might.

4 Even youth shall faint and be weary;*
the young shall fall exhausted.

5 But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;*
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

6 They shall run and not be weary,*
they shall walk and not faint.

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Reading: Numbers 3.1-13
This is the lineage of Aaron and Moses at the time when the Lord spoke with
Moses on Mount Sinai. [2] These are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the
firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar; [3] these are the names of the sons of
Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he ordained to minister as priests. [4] Nadab
and Abihu died before the Lord when they offered unholy fire before the Lord in
the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children. Eleazar and Ithamar served as
priests in the lifetime of their father Aaron. [5] Then the Lord spoke to Moses,
saying: [6] Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, so
that they may assist him. [7] They shall perform duties for him and for the whole
congregation in front of the tent of meeting, doing service at the

tabernacle; [8] they shall be in charge of all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and attend to the duties for the Israelites as they do service at the tabernacle. [9] You shall give the Levites to Aaron and his descendants; they are unreservedly given to him from among the Israelites. [10] But you shall make a register of Aaron and his descendants; it is they who shall attend to the priesthood, and any outsider who comes near shall be put to death. [11] Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: [12] I hereby accept the Levites from among the Israelites as substitutes for all the firstborn that open the womb among the Israelites. The Levites shall be mine, [13] for all the firstborn are mine; when I killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for my own all the firstborn in Israel, both human and animal; they shall be mine. I am the Lord.

Silence

Response (Psalm 86.12)

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Amen.

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Thanks be to God!

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil;
and bring us to life eternal. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Collect

Draw together you Church, O Lord, into one great company of disciples;
together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life;
together serving in God's mission to the world;
and together witnessing to God's love on every continent and island;
through Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Confirmation of Acts of Synod

Hymn

1 Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessèd Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

John Marriott alt.

Blessing & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.