

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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In this season of Epiphany as Jesus is calling those who will follow him, we are coming to realize that our lives are not our own. We have a Name that has been placed on our foreheads as we commit to follow Christ.

Pick up your communion wafer/cup as you enter the sanctuary. There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site, facebook page or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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GATHERING

The bell is rung to announce the beginning of the service as we light the candles.

PRELUDE

Lead Me, Guide Me

Pastor James M. Capers

Music: Doris Akers

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THE WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
Who spoke light into creation,
Who calls us to listen and follow,
Who sends us to shine like stars.

All Amen.

P Let us come before God, confessing our sin.
Holy and merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned
Against our sisters and brothers
And against you
We cherish the values of this world
We cause others to stumble.
The earth is wounded by our excess
Have mercy, O God
Forgive us, renew us.
And raise us up on eagles' wings
That we may do your will
With courage and delight. Amen.**

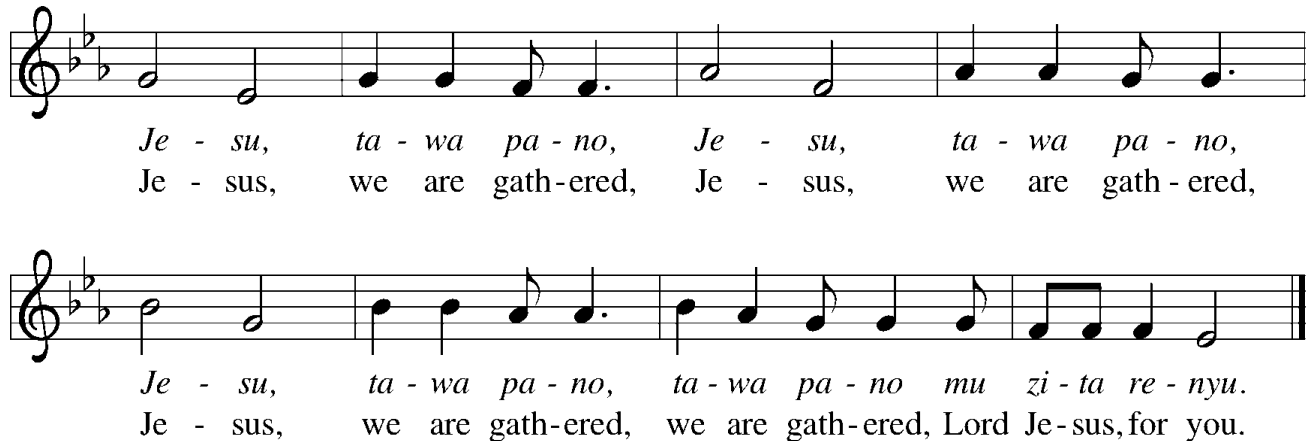
P Hear the voice from heaven:
"You are my own, my beloved."
God gives power to the weary
And strengthens the powerless.
Be cleansed, be healed,
For in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins
And the revealing of God's reign.

All Amen.

Jesu, tawa pano *Jesus, We Are Gathered*

ELW 529

***We sing in the Shona language twice;
then twice in English; and the fifth time in Shona.***



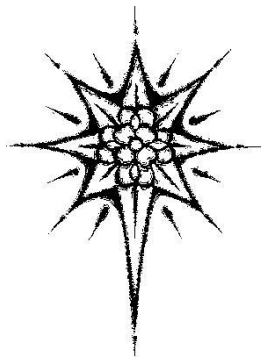
Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath - ered,

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je-sus, for you.

Text and Music: Patrick Matsikenyeri

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P Arise, shine for your light has come.

All The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

P Lift up your eyes and look around;

All all gather together to proclaim the praise of the
Lord.

P Your sun will never set again.

All The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P Your moon will wane no more.

All The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P Your days of sorrow will end.

All The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P Whom shall we fear.

All Whom shall we fear?

**The Lord is the strength of our life;
whom shall we fear?**

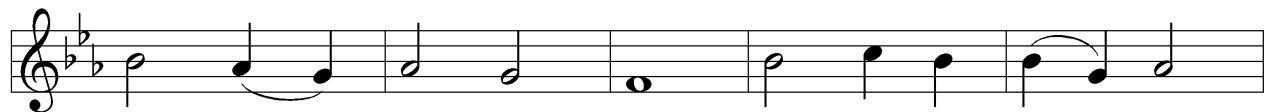
OPENING HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

HFV 838



1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the



God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.

Music: Silesian folk tune, 1842 PUBLIC DOMAIN

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

KYRIE

[L] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **[L]** For the

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

[L] For the peace of the whole

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

THIS FAR BY FAITH Setting Two

Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers

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world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord. L For this ho - ly

C Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men

Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God *All sing the refrain.*

Refrain

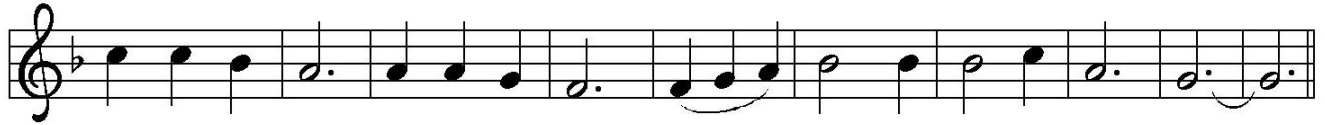
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

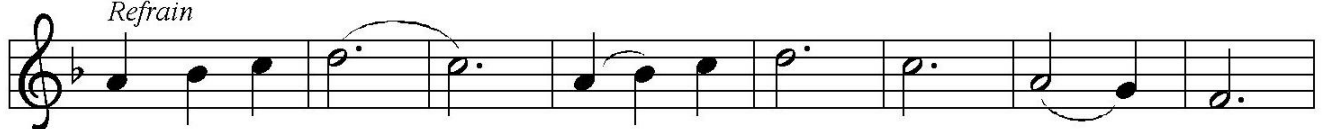
high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

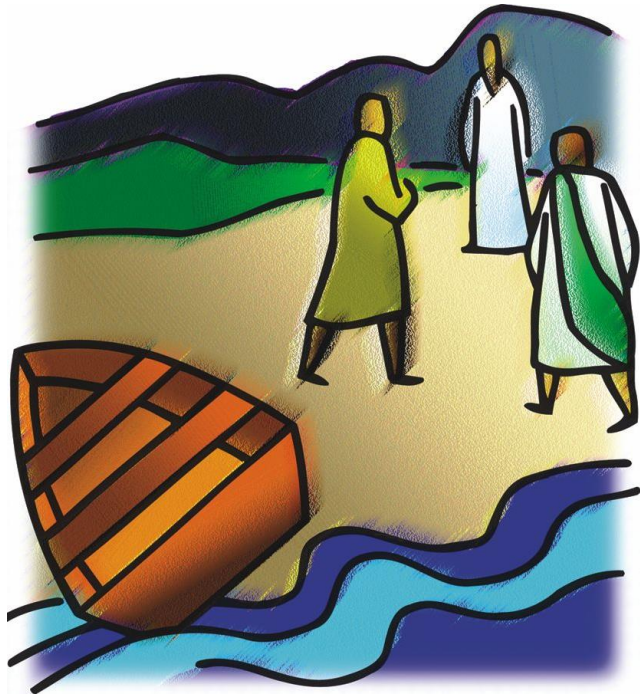
P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.



WORD

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12

A ⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

All ⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken**

A ⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

All ⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge**

A ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than
a breath.

All ¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it**

A ¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God

All ¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL

P The holy gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:14-20

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG

Goodness of God

Lee Ara Watson and Pastor James M. Capers

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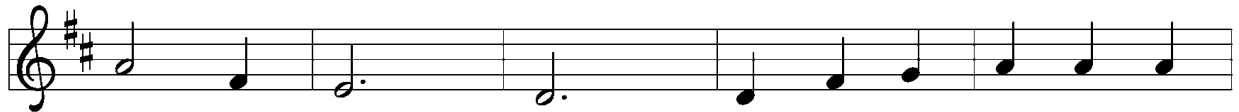
HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

THE NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly 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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Responses after each petition:

God of grace,

All receive our prayer.

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

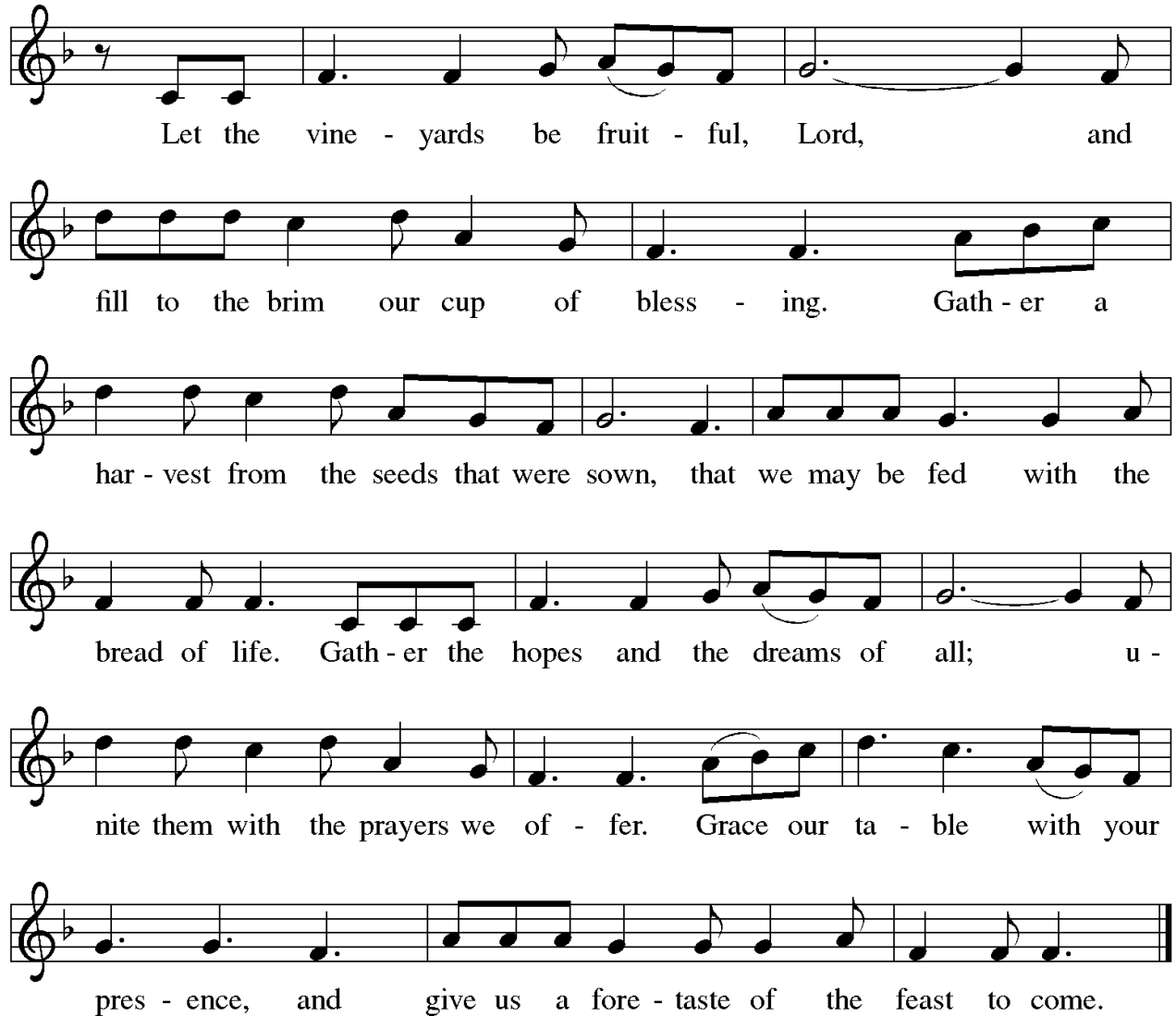
MEAL



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and

fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a

har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

(Communion preparation)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P You are indeed holy Almighty and merciful God you are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so love the world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples saying take and eat this is my body given for you do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper he took the cup gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering therefore his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you O Lord God almighty; not as we ought but as we are able.

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving; and with your word and Holy Spirit to bless us your servants and these your own gifts of bread and wine so that we and all who share in the body of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

And receiving the forgiveness of sin may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you O God Father Son and Holy Spirit be all honor and glory in your holy church now and forever.

All Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Ecumenical version)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

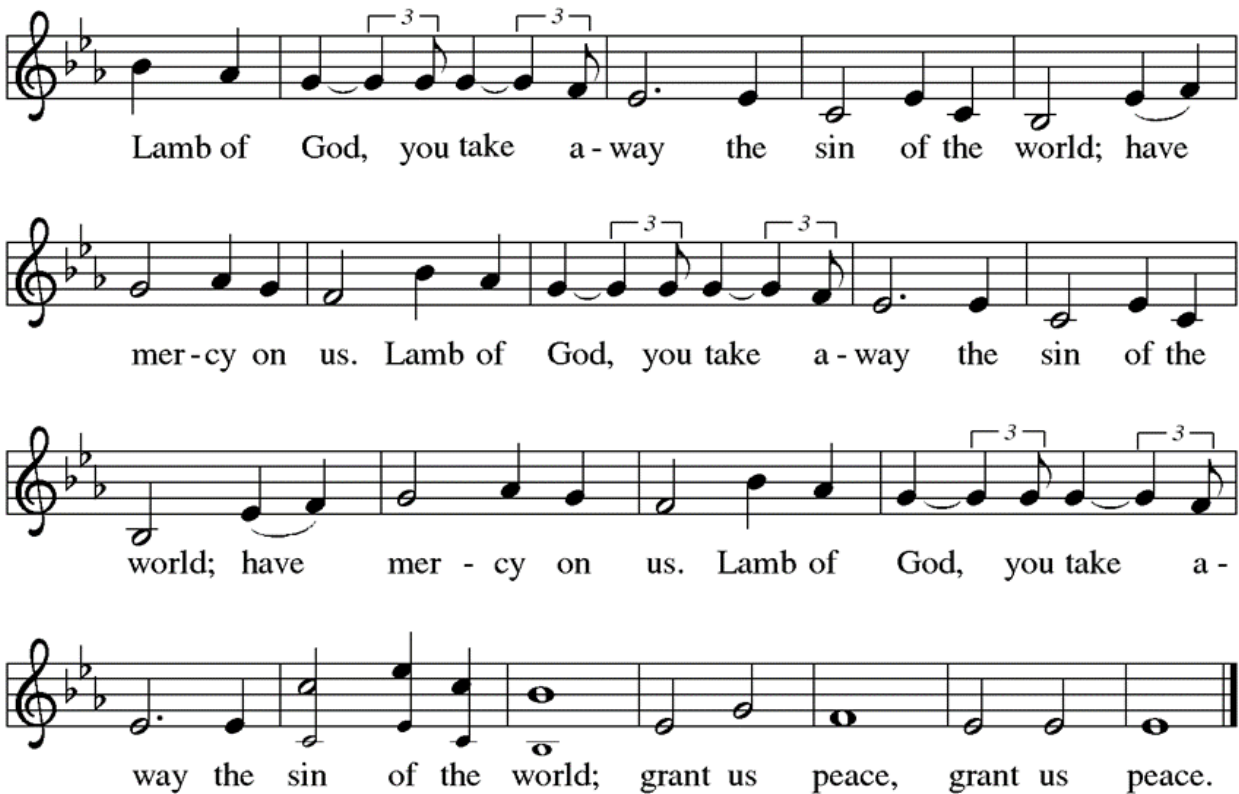
Give us today our daily bread.

**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 forever. Amen**

COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

CANTICLE

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Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

REPEAT

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG

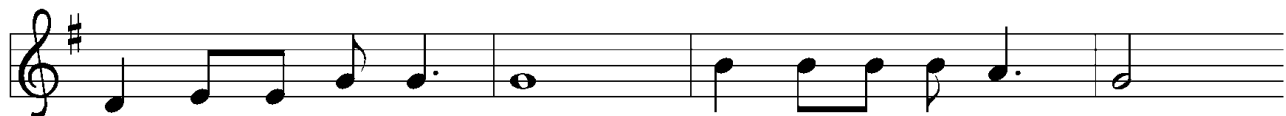
This Little Light of Mine **ELW 677**



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text and music: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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