The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





Celebrant People God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Anthem (St. Cecilia Choir)

There is a Balm, Stephan Casurella

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

12:1-11

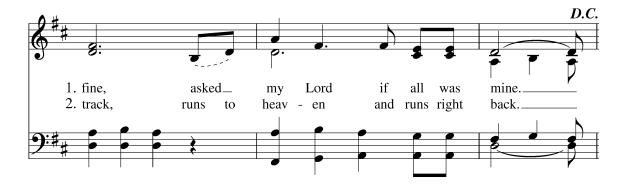
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Excerpts from "The Drum Major Instinct" The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Read by Dr. Stella Horton (8:00 a.m.); Mr. Charlie Senno (10:00 a.m.)

In this sermon, and in the prayers of the people today, we may hear language about race that may sound inappropriate or offensive in 2024. We have chosen not to alter that language, or gendered language in the original texts; we regard Dr. King's words as he spoke or wrote them to be an important historical record, a part of the civil rights struggle of the last century, and important for us to hear in their original form in the changing context of this century.

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is 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 the People

These prayers of the people are based on prayers written by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. published in the book <u>Thou</u>, <u>Dear God: Prayers That Open Hearts and Spirits</u>. The prayers have been adapted slightly for this format and provided with biddings that fit the Episcopal Church's prayers of the people.

We pray for the church, and for God's people throughout the world.

Gracious heavenly Father, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus, the Christ, who came to this world to show us the way. Help us to live in line with that high calling, that great destiny. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

We pray for our nation and all who hold authority.

God, grant that in America and all over the world, we will choose the high way; a way in which men will live together as brothers. A way in which men will be able to stand up and in the midst of oppression, in the midst of darkness and agony, to love their enemies, bless those persons that curse them, pray for those individuals that despitefully use them. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

We pray for the welfare of the whole world.

Eternal God, help us in the moment of difficult decision. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, a better distribution of wealth and a brotherhood that transcends race or color. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

We pray for our own community, for our neighbors, both friend and stranger.

God, grant that the day will come when we can live in this society as brothers and children of a common Father on a non-segregated basis. It is still true that in Christ there is neither Jew or Gentile, Negro nor white, and that out of one blood God made all men to dwell upon the face of the earth. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

We pray for those who suffer, those who are ill, in any trouble, or who have asked our prayers.

We thank you, O God, for the spiritual nature of man. Help us never to let anyone or any condition pull us so low as to cause us to hate. Give us the strength to love our enemies and to do good to those who despitefully use us and persecute us. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace and help us to walk together, pray together, sing together and live together until that day when all God's children, Black, White, Red and Yellow will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord and our God. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

We pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn.

Help us to realize that man was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

The Priest adds a concluding prayer:

O God, our gracious Heavenly Father, help us to see the insights that come from the struggle for freedom. Help us to follow you and all of your creative works in the world. And that somehow, we will discover that we are made to live together as brothers. And that it will come in this generation; the day when all men will recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says to the people Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Exchange of Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining their physical distance.

Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation.

At 8 a.m. there is a collection plate near the entrance to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering.

At 10 a.m., a collection of financial gifts for the work of the church is received during the singing of the anthem.

Or, at either service, scan the QR code to make a gift electronically.



When Israel was in Egypt's land, (let my people go); oppressed so hard they could not stand, (let my people go.) Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharoah: to let my people go. Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said, if not, I'll smite your first-born dead. Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharoah: to let my people go. Your foes shall not before you stand, and you'll possess fair Canaan's land. Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharoah: to let my people go.

Hymn at the Presentation (sung at both services)

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B (expansive)

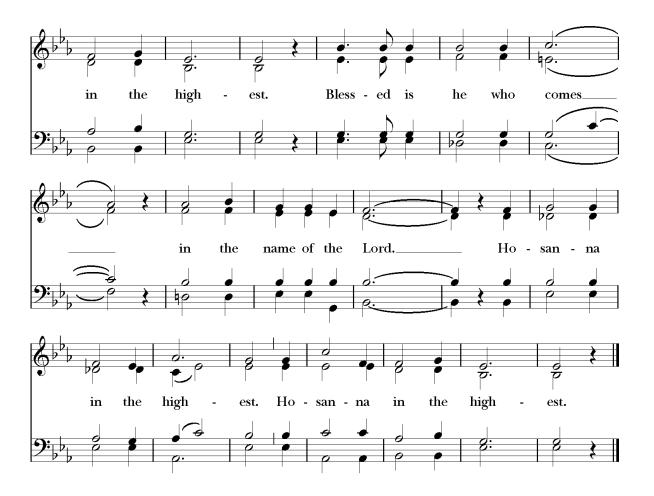
Book of Common Prayer p 367, adapted



The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, [here the priest adds a thanksgiving appropriate to the day or season]. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The people kneel or stand, according to personal preference, as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things under the authority of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

A - MEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant invites the people to communion, saying The gifts of God, for the people of God.

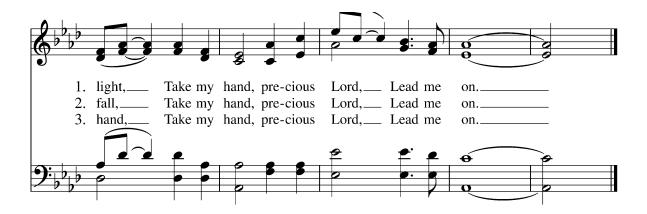
A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

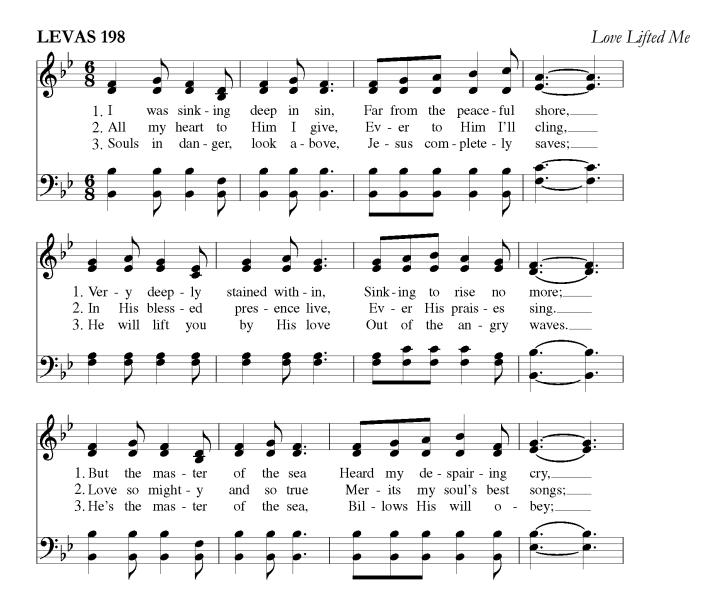
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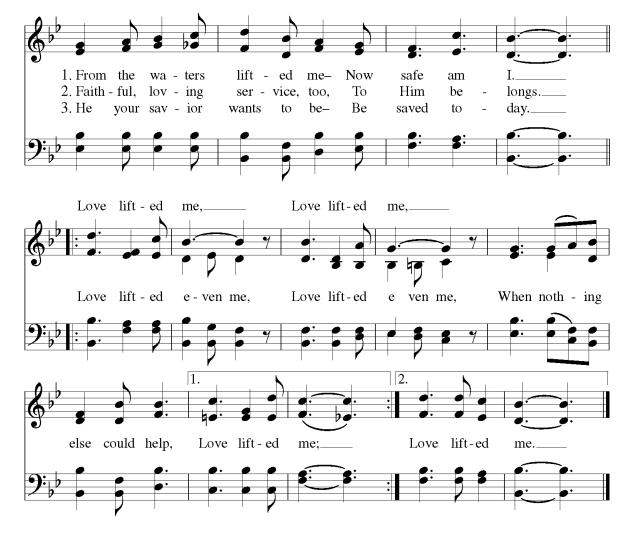
Music at Communion:





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Post communion prayer

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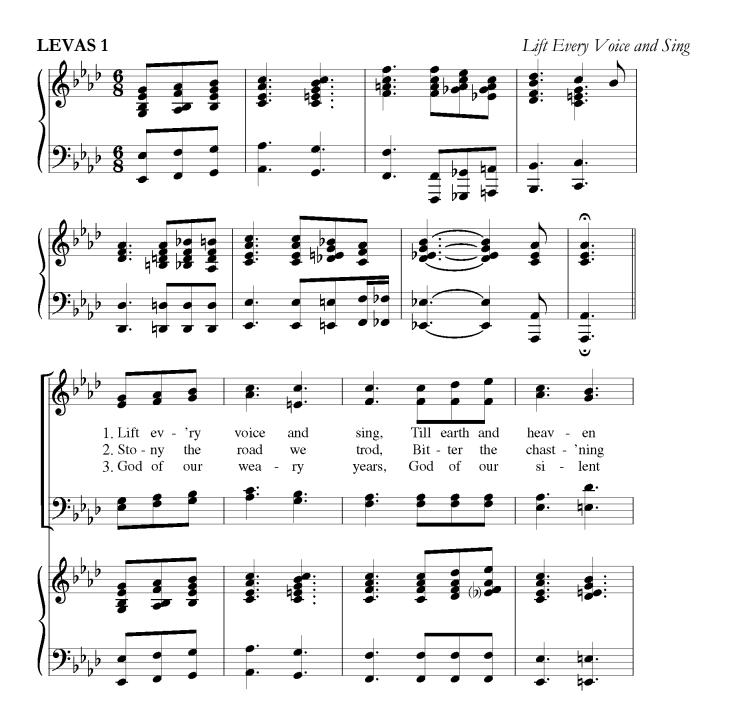
The people may kneel or stand.

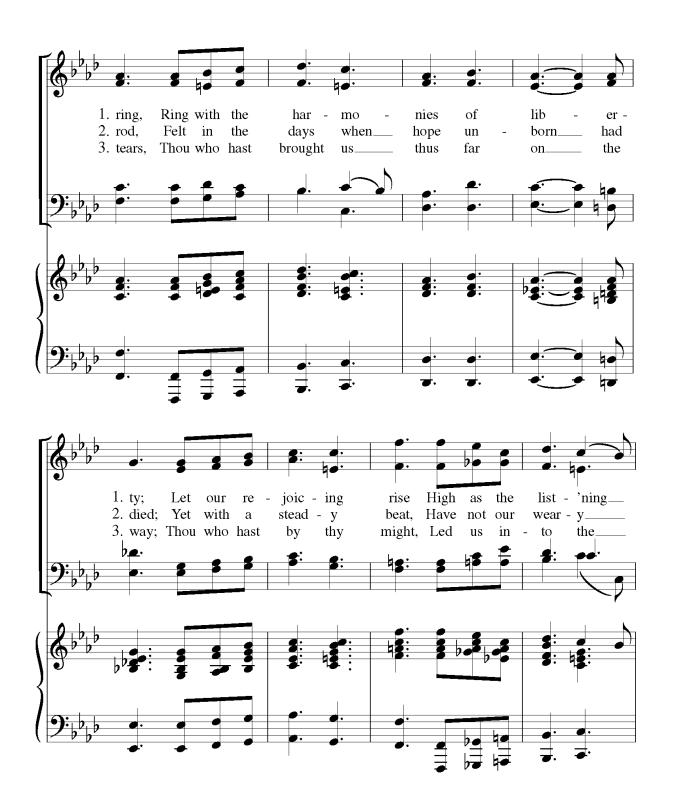
God of abundance,

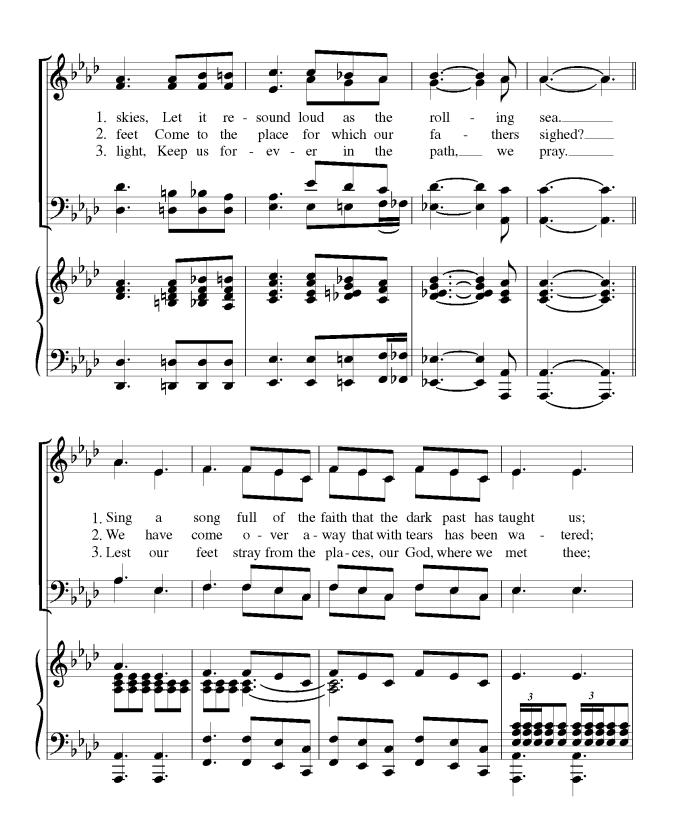
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

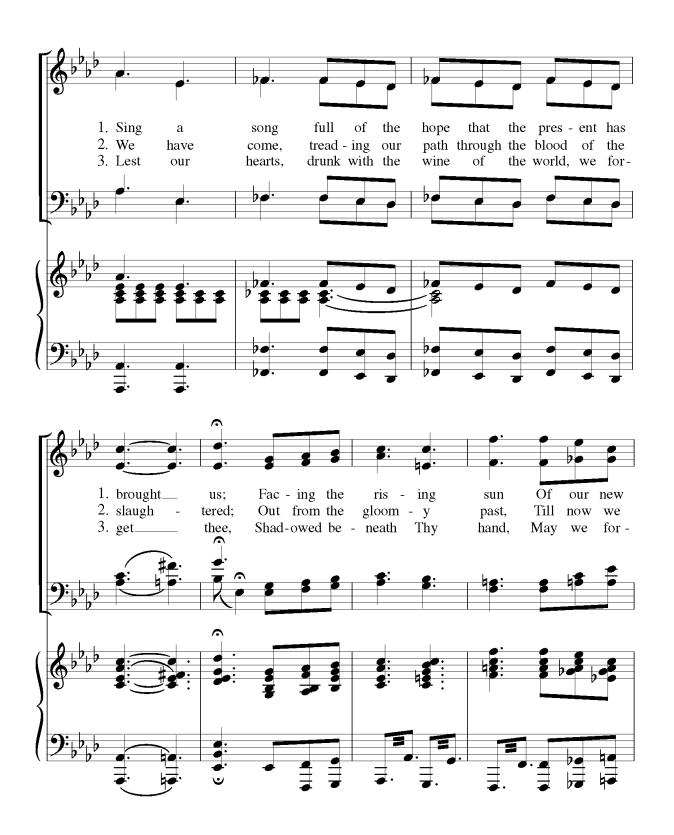
Blessing

The priest offers a blessing, and the people respond. Amen.











The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.

People Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

Postlude

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome", Carl Haywood



Priscilla Knapp, Gayle Celentano, Helen Anderson, Altar Guild
Jan Marcinkevich, Wendy Carber, Flower Guild
God's Diversity Committee, Hospitality
Bill McBride; Kiersten Naugle, Maris Williams, Lectors
Steve Yocum; Don Smith, Ushers
Lorraine Ryan, Jeff Gola; Bob Litsinger, Linda Ralls, Chalice Bearers
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