Morning Prayer

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

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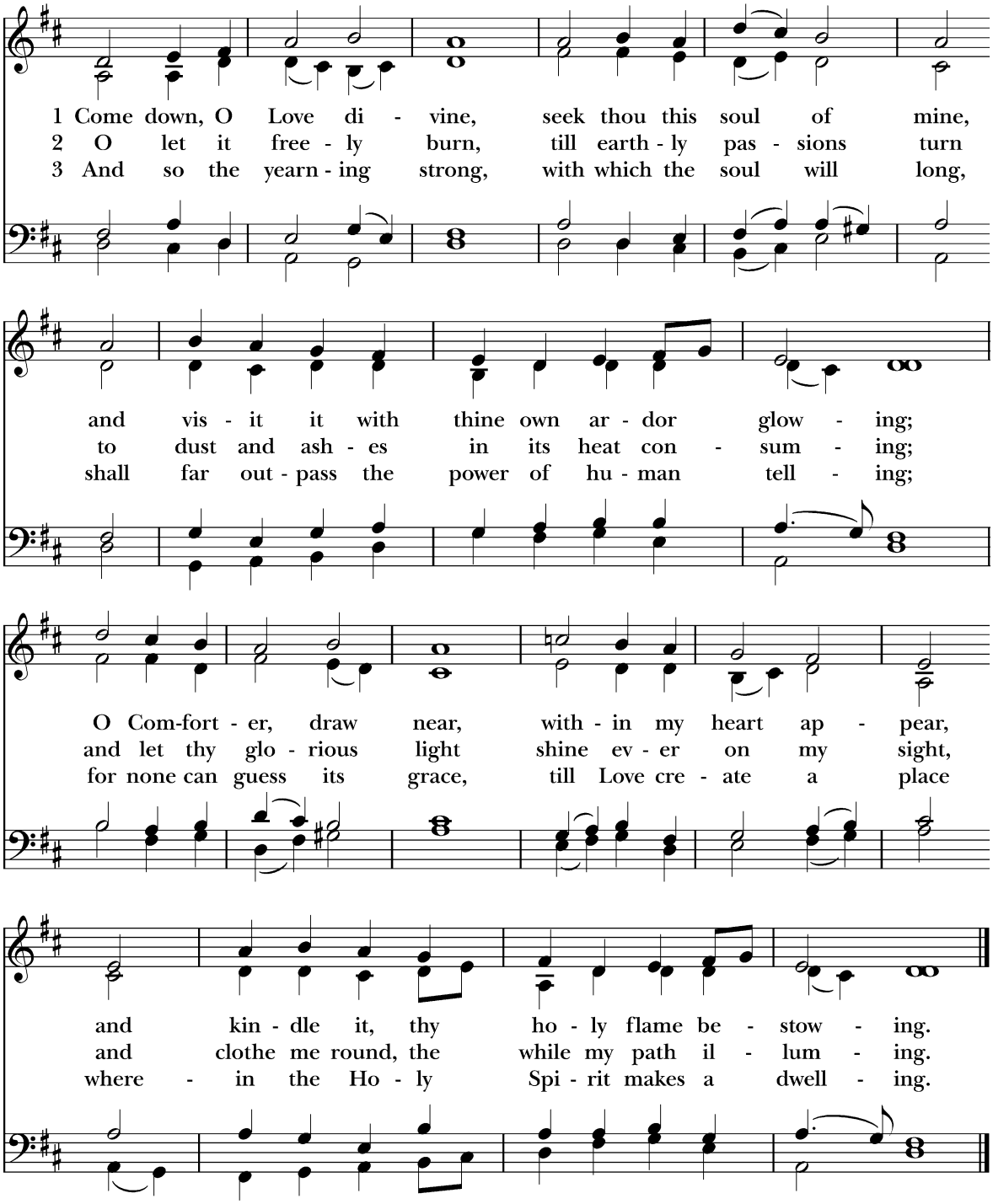
Prelude *Tierce en Taille*, Louis Marchand

The prelude offers the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please help keep the church a quiet and worshipful space during the prelude.

Hymn 516 *Down Ampney*



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The Officiant begins with one or more of sentences of Scripture.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin *BCP p 79*

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

The people kneel, as able. 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.**

The people are seated.

Anthem (Cherub Choir) *Do You Know Who Made the Day?*, Hal Hopson

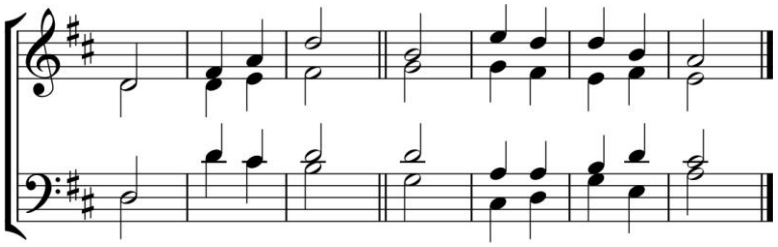
> *In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that it was good.* Do you know who made the day, made the sun and golden ray? God our Father made the day, made the sun and golden ray, God our Father made the day. *And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And God saw that it was good.* Do you know who made the night, made the stars and moon so bright? God our Father made the night, made the stars and moon so bright: God our Father made the night. *And God said, "Let the earth grow green plants and trees. Let all the plants and tress have their own special seeds." And God saw that it was good.* Do you know who made the trees, waving gently in the breeze? God our Father made the trees, waving gently in the breeze, God our Father made the trees.

All stand, as able

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *Book of Common Prayer, page 80*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **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 will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm:
Jubilate **S 42**, Peter Hurford



1 Be joyful in the | Lord, all you | lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his | presence | with a | song. [Ant.]

2 Know this: The Lord him | self is | God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his | people and the | sheep of his | pasture. [Ant.]

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his | courts with | praise; *
give thanks to | him and | call upon his | Name. [Ant.]

4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is | ever | lasting; *
and his faithfulness en | dures from | age to | age. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, *
and | to the | Holy | Spirit:
As it was in the be | ginning, is | now, *
and | will be for | ever. A | men. [Ant.]

Psalm 27:1, 5-15 *Book of Common Prayer, page 617*

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *9:1-4*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle O: A Song of the Heavenly City *Enriching Our Worship*
Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4

**I saw no temple in the city, *
for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *
for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
By its light the nations shall walk, *
and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *
into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.
I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, *
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.
All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,
and all servants give worship there; *
there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians *1:10-18*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choir Canticle: Surge, illuminare

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19 "Arise, Shine", Donald Pearson

> Arise, shine for your light has come and your glory has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. For over you the Lord will rise and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night whey will never be shut. They will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls salvation and all your portals praise. The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory.

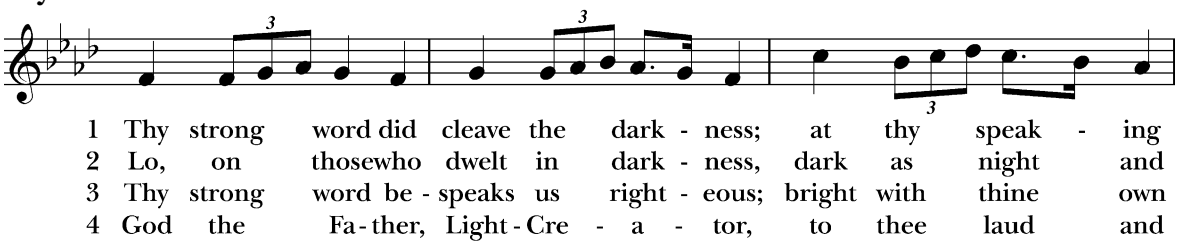
The people are seated for all readings at Morning Prayer.

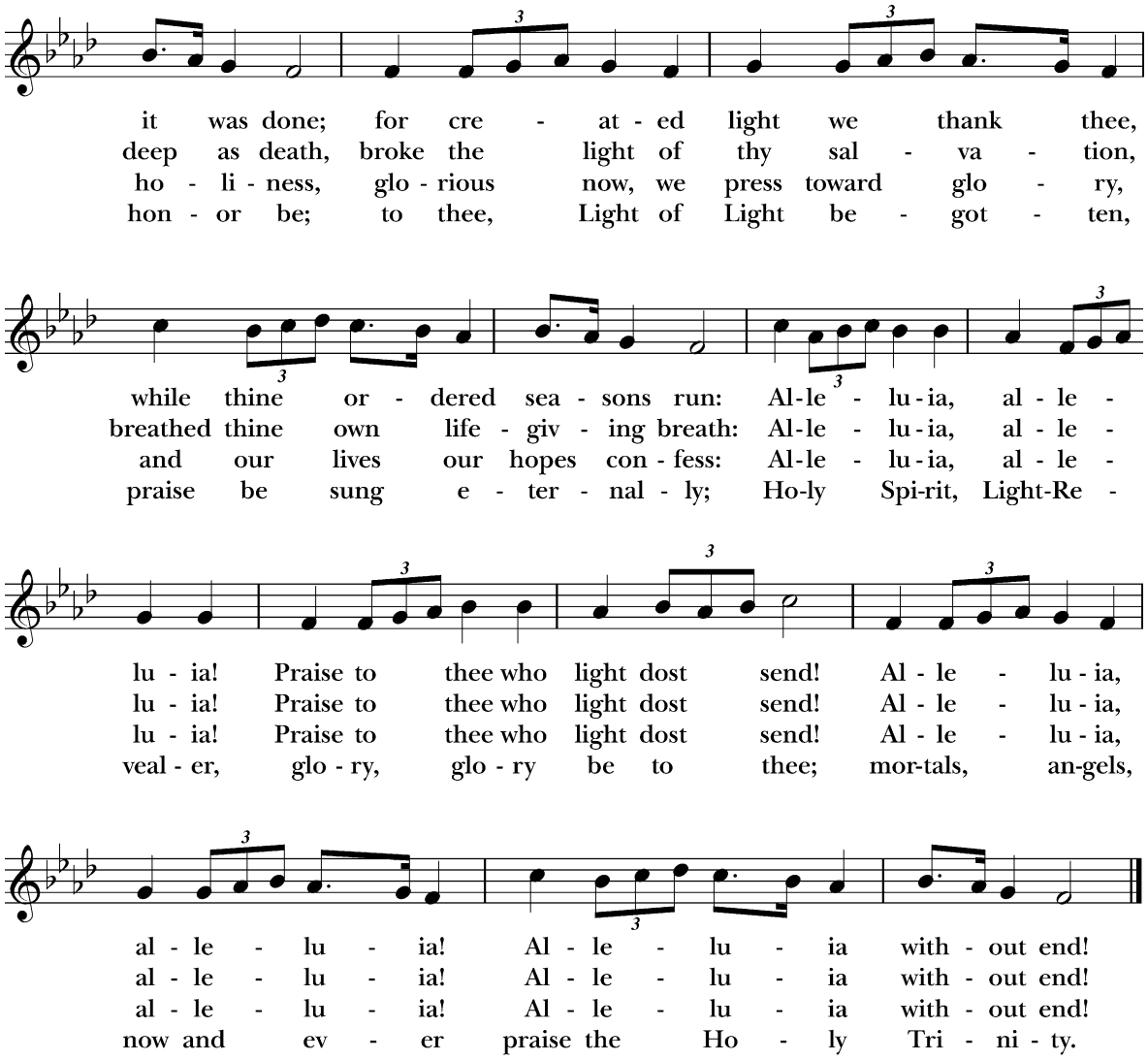
A reading from the Gospel of Matthew *4:12-23*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea— for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 381 *Ton-y-Botel*





The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

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The Sermon The Reverend Emily Mellott

The Apostles' Creed *Book of Common Prayer, page 96*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages *Enriching Our Worship*

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects

Book of Common Prayer, page 98-101

The Collect of the Day *(BCP page 215)*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

Exchange of Peace

Then the Officiant 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.

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.

Offertory Anthem *O, For a Closer Walk with God*, Charles Villiers Stanford

O! For a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame: so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Hymn at the Presentation *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.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS AND SENDING FORTH

The General Thanksgiving *Book of Common Prayer, page 101*

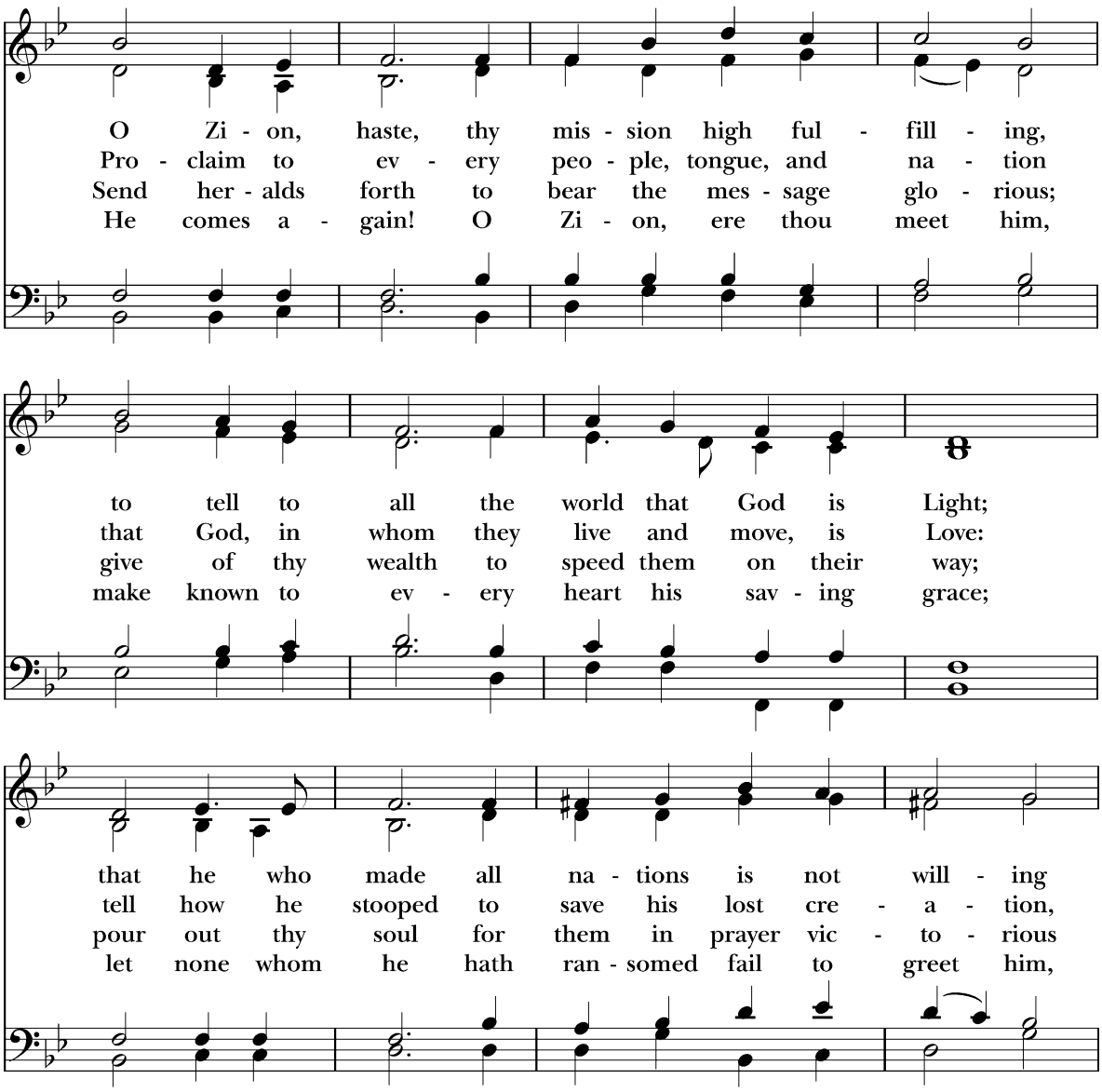
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Benediction

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Hymn 539 *Tidings*



one soul should fail to know his love and might.
and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Caprice from "Suite du Deuxième Ton"*, Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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Simone Cochrane, Mary Barker, *Flower Guild*
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