# Resurrection Lutheran Church

The Reverend Karen Perkins, Pastor

People of Resurrection, Ministers of God

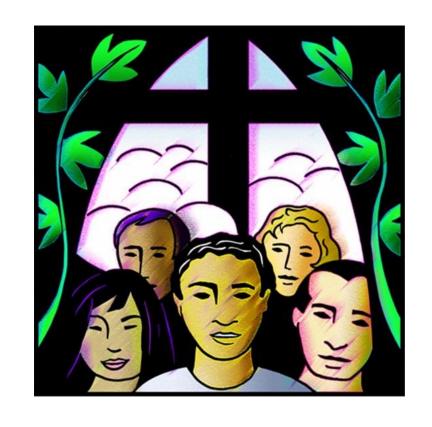


## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **PRELUDE**



### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. Amen.



# GATHERING SONG: Arise, Your Light Has Come!





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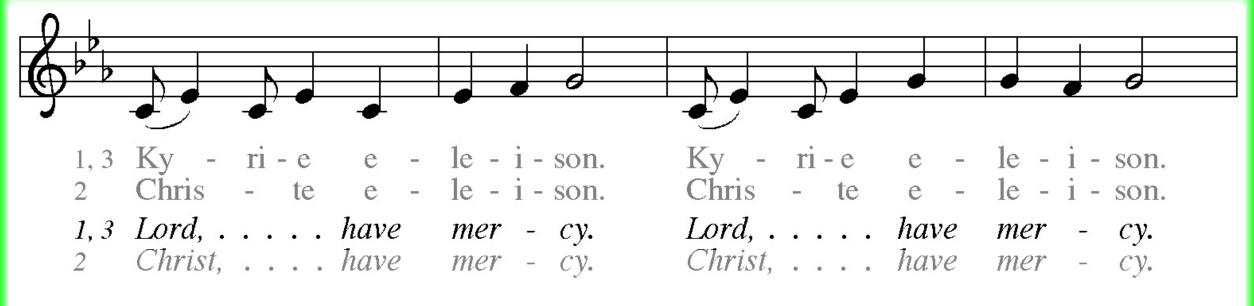
#### **GREETING**

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

And also with you.



KYRIE (Ghana)

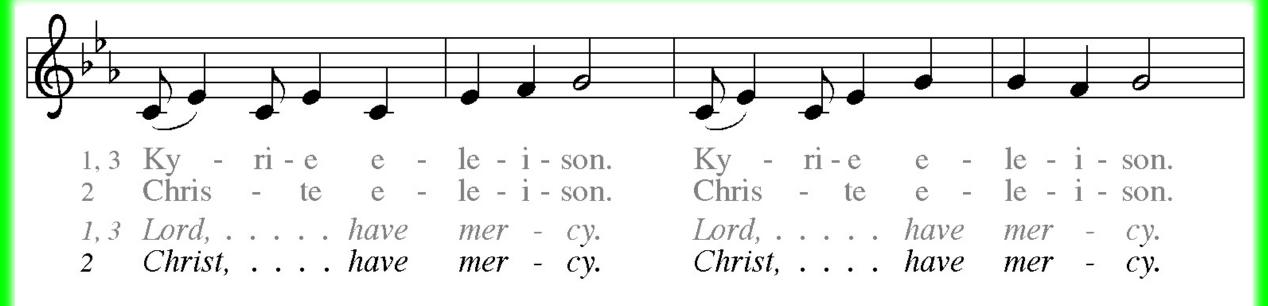




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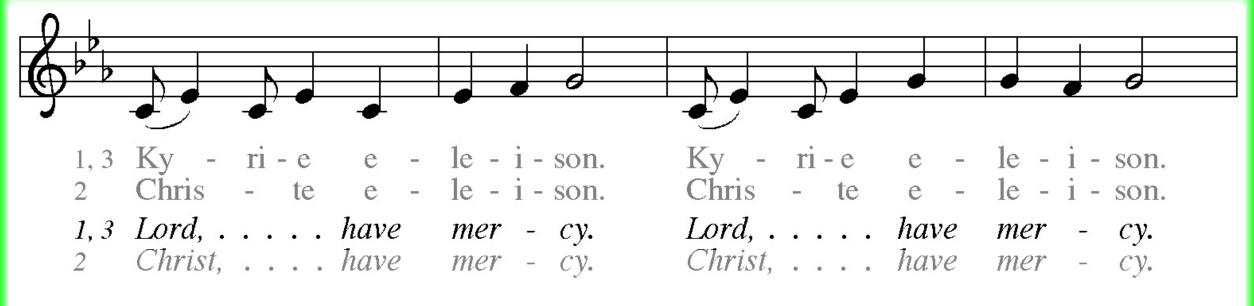




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# HYMN OF PRAISE (Great Britain)























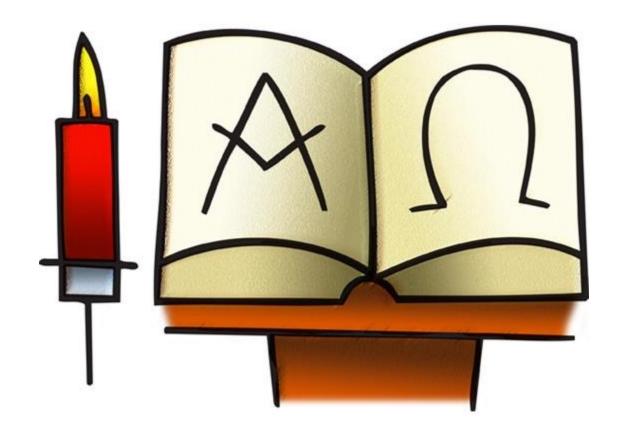


## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

# FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

<sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

<sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" 15And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# PSALM: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:12)

- <sup>1</sup>Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- <sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

- <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.
- <sup>6</sup>He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.
- <sup>8</sup>Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

- <sup>9</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- <sup>10</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- <sup>11</sup>In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- <sup>12</sup>But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

<sup>41</sup>But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. <sup>42</sup>The LORD will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised?" With what kind of body do they come?" 36Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 43It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

<sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



### CHILDREN'S TIME

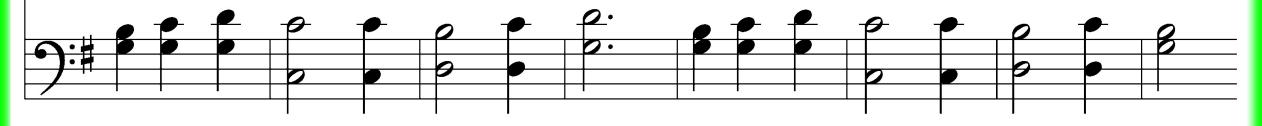
Amanda Beebe-Bay

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(South African)



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.





Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana

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## **GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup> But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

Rev. Karen Perkins



## HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us



- 1. Christ, your words of love con found us, e ven as we give you praise,
- 2. Make us mind ful: love is ac tion, not a fee ling that up lifts.
- 3. Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us con fi dent and free:
- 4. If we love just those who love us, where's the gi ving? Where's the grace?



for the les-sons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.

In each dai - ly si - tu - a - tion, love's the grea - test of all gifts.

you don't call us to be help-less but to stand with dig - ni - ty.

E - ven sin-ners try to do this; they have friends that they em - brace.



How can we love those who hate us? How can we love en - e - mies? It's the wi - ser, stron - ger per - son who will break the chain of hate. Lord, when oth - ers are de - man - ding, may we know they mat - ter more May we do, Lord, un - to oth - ers as we'd have them al - so do.



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### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who 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 into hell. 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.

# PRAYER REFRAIN: Jesus, the Light of the World



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845-1928, refrain

Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin



### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. Be present at the border of Russia and Ukraine, surrounding the people with your love. God of grace,

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled, especially those who live in fear. God of grace,

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

You come to us through those you call to positions of leadership. We pray for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Alaska Synod Bishop Shelly Wickstrom, Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth of our sister synod; the Alaska Southeast Cluster, Pastor Karen Perkins, and St. Mark Lutheran Church, Anchorage. Grant wisdom to inform all ministries. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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### SHARING THE PEACE

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The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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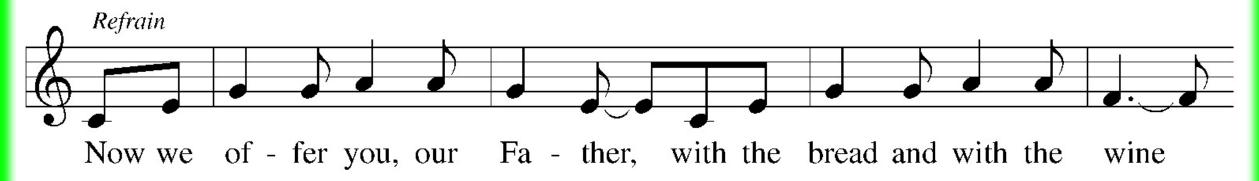
#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(Nicaraguan)





all our joys and all our sor - rows, all our strug-gles and our time.

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Music: TE OFRECEMOS, Nicaraguan folk tune

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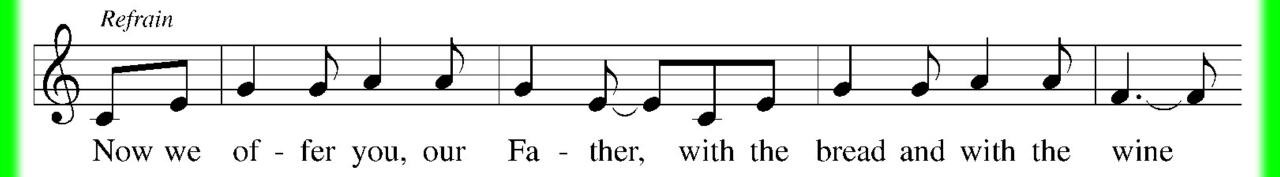


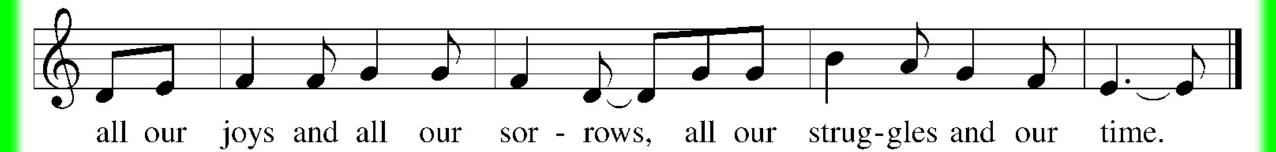
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so shall we re-veal you, Je - sus, all the poor on earth who suf - fer and we find a life of so - lace of - fer fruits of your cre - a - tion and we praise the Ho - ly Spir - it

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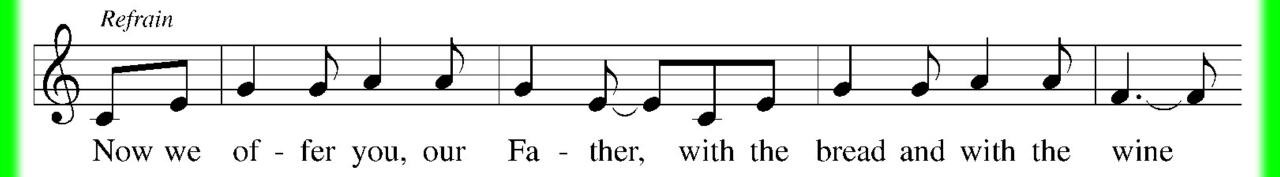
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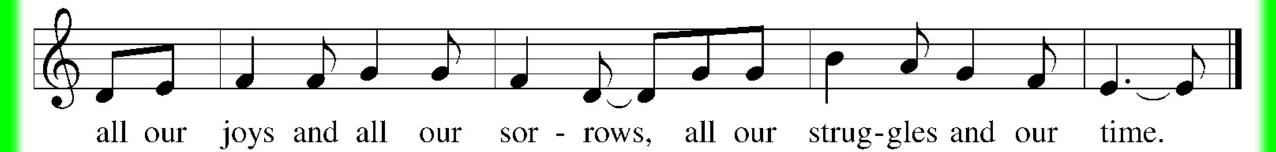
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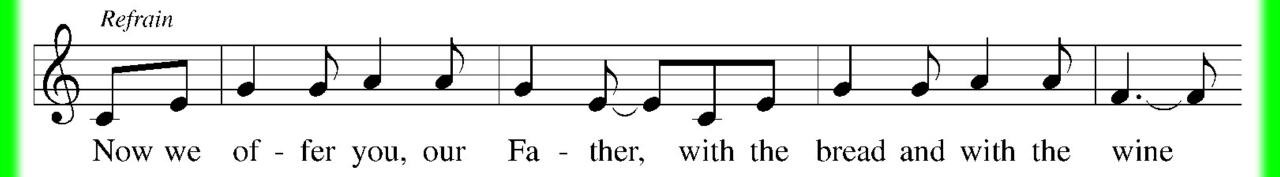


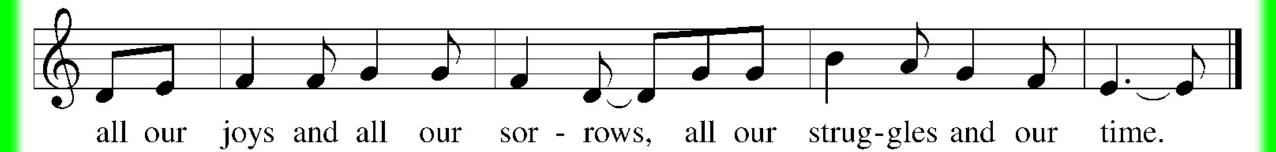
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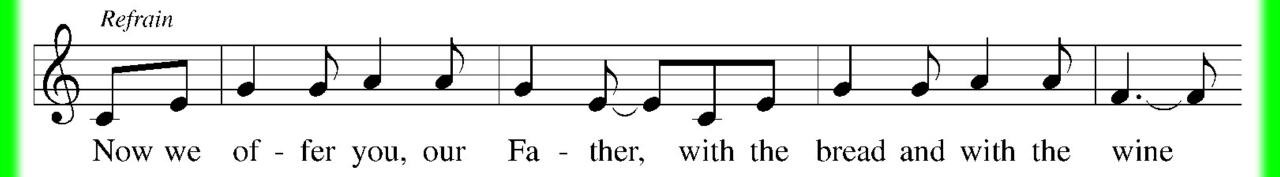
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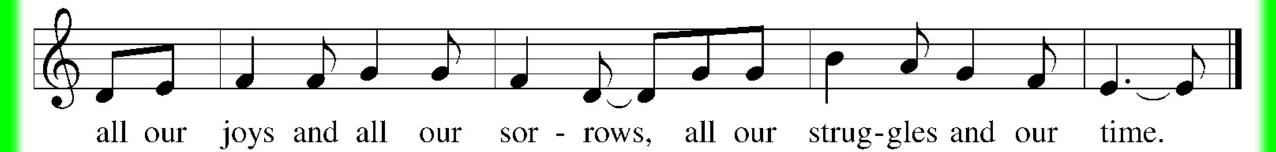
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that in us you now may shine. shed their sor-rows in this sign. where the scars of strife are healed. in these gifts of wine and bread. for the gift to us of love.





Text: Misa popular nicaragüense, tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001

Music: TE OFRECEMOS, Nicaraguan folk tune

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1 As the fields of wheat now grow-ing will be-come a ho-ly sign,

2 Like the grape put in the cel - lar, there to change in - to the win

3 In these gifts we see our one - ness through-out cit - y and the field,

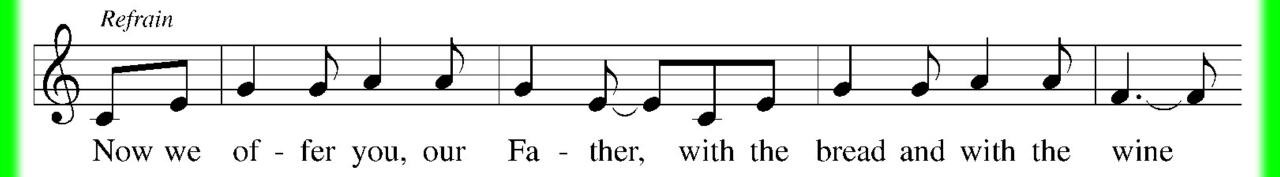
4 All your peo - ple who are yearn-ing for the free - dom still a - head

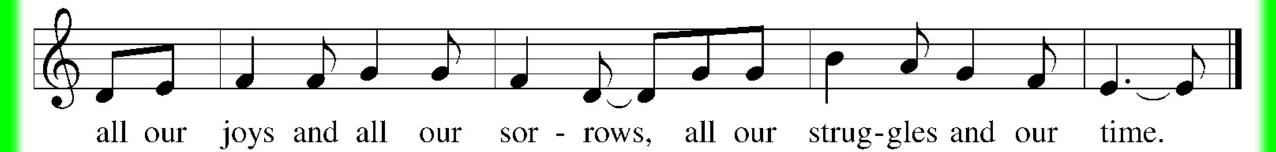
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# OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

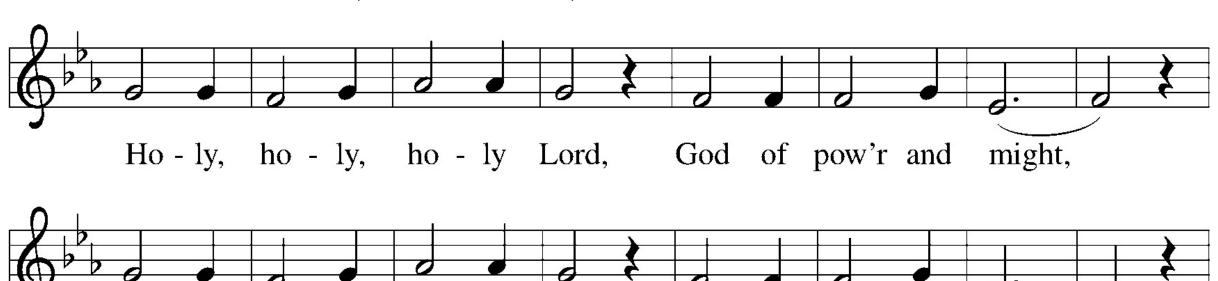
### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.

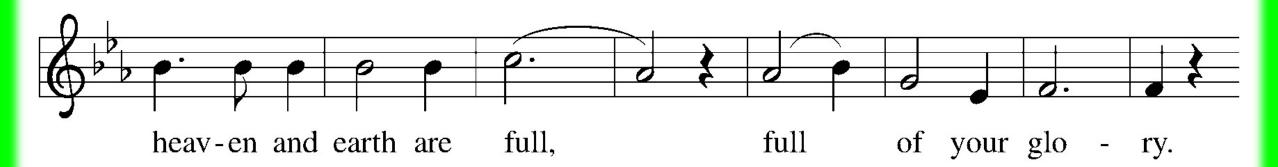
Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS (German)

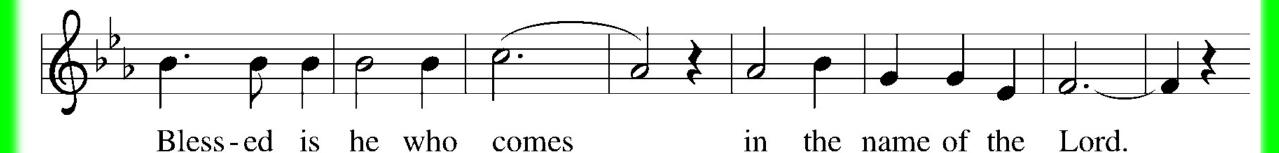


ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,





Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.





Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937 Adapt. © 1985, 1989 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638 www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
- By your powerful word you created all things.
- Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
- Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
- He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

#### **Amen**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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.

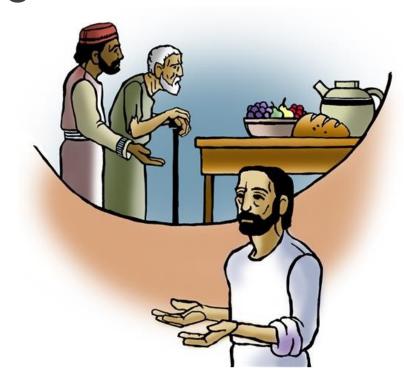
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

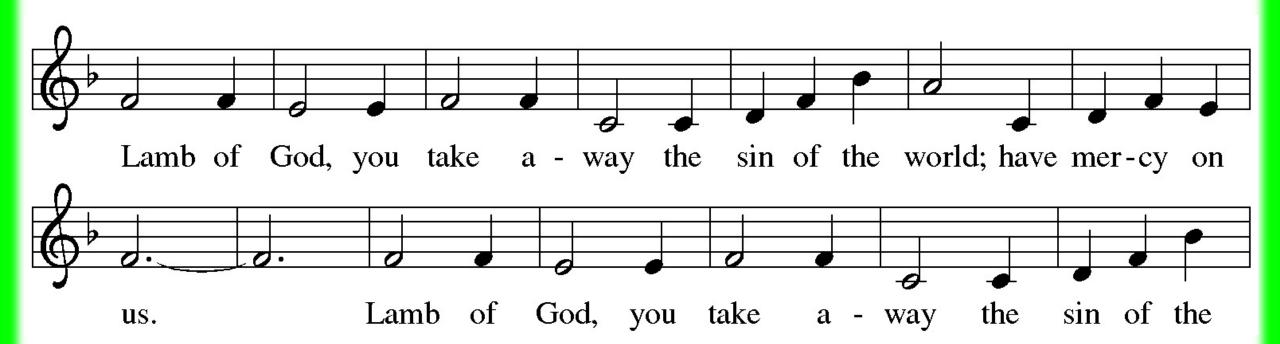
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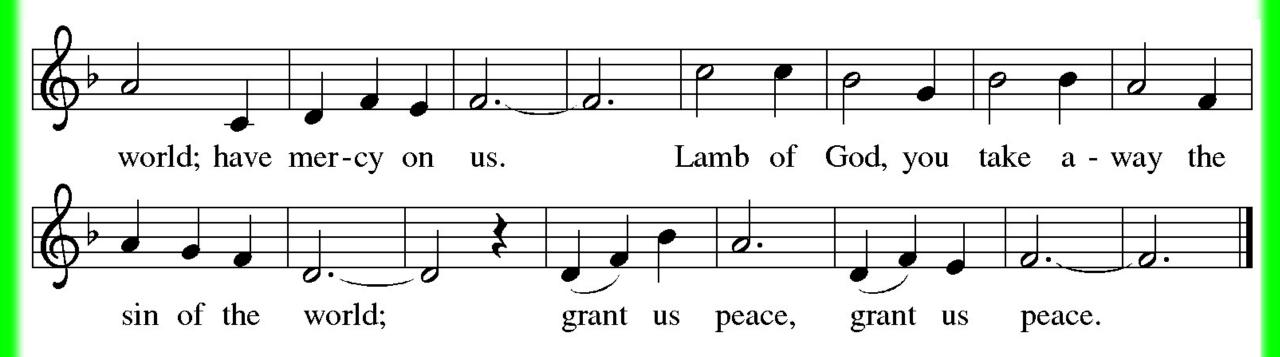
Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.



# COMMUNION SONG (American)





Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948 Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

# POST COMMUNION BLESSING

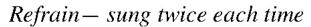
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.



### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(South African)





- le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es,



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

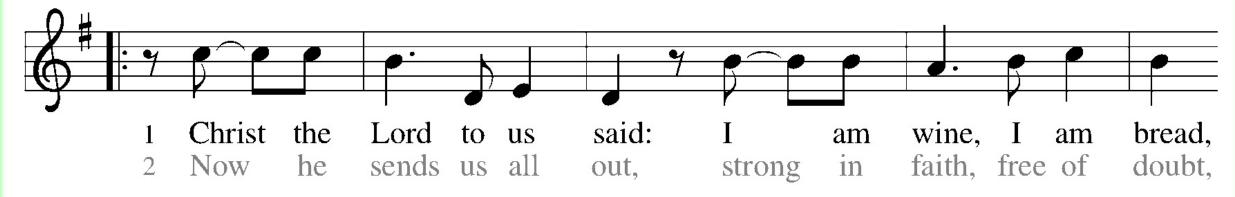
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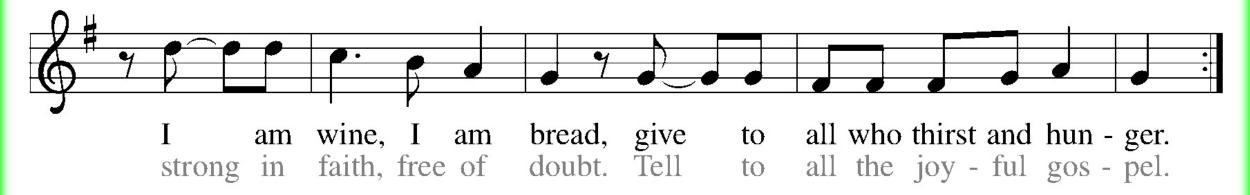
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tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. hearts are filled with glad - ness. our



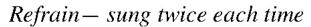
Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



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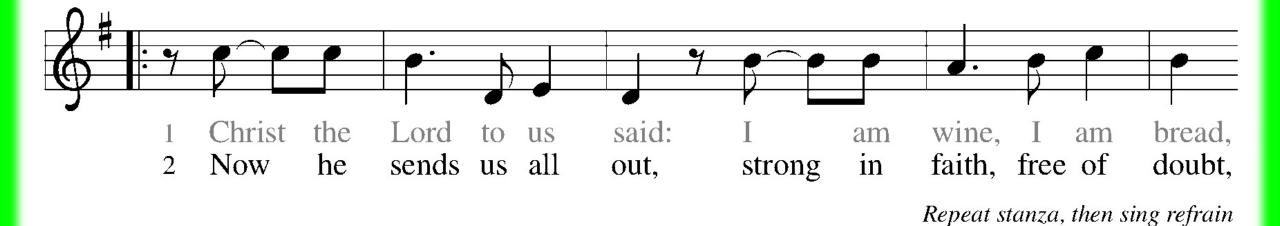
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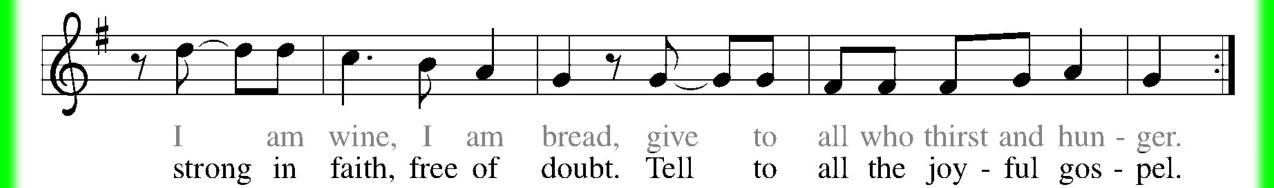


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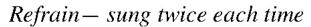




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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Amen.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

# **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Let us announce together,

The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is to promote spiritual growth in Christ and service to all people.

#### **BLESSING**

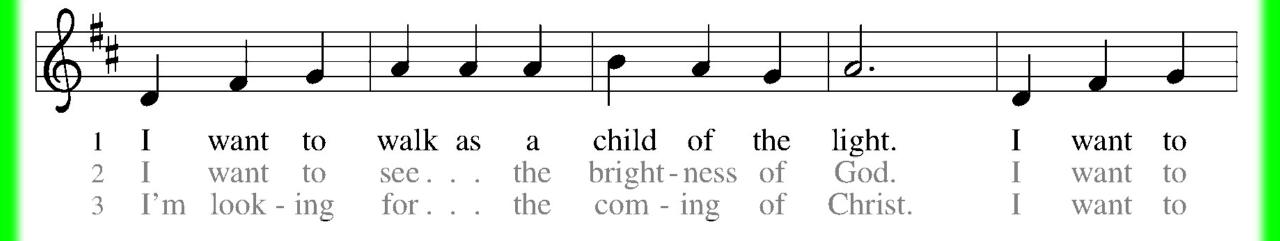
God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,

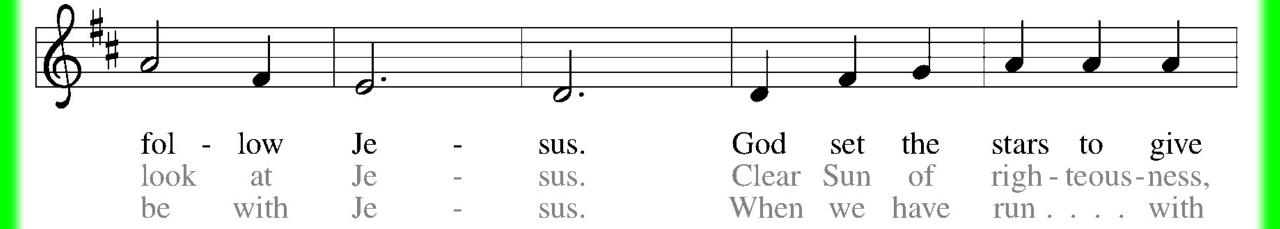
+ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

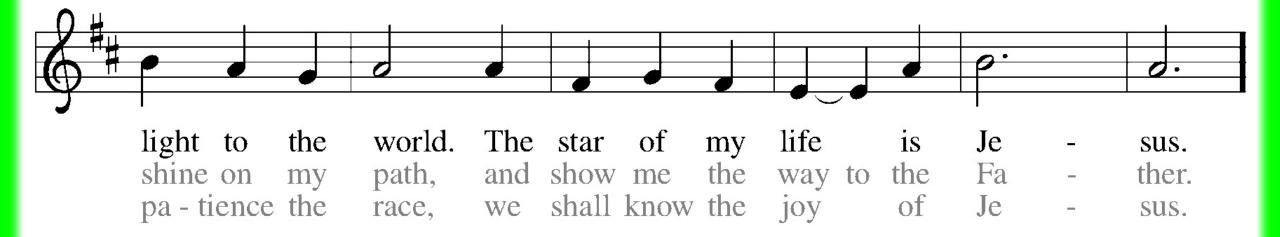
Amen.



## SENDING SONG: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

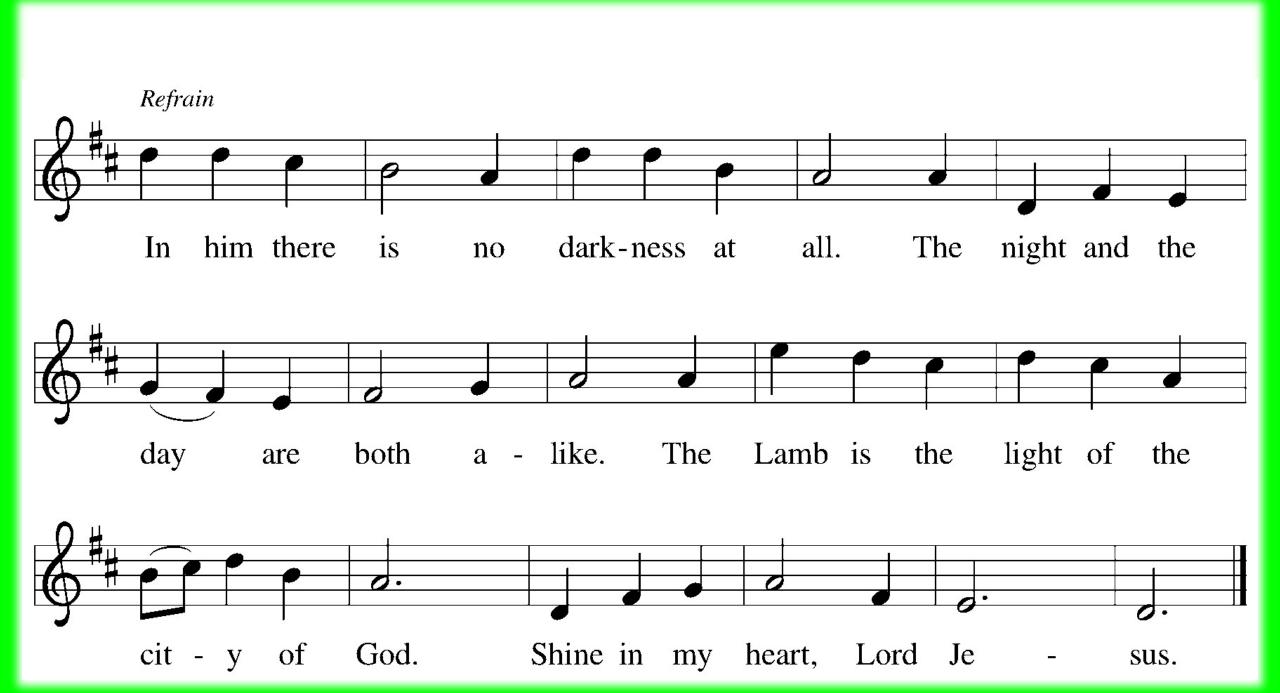


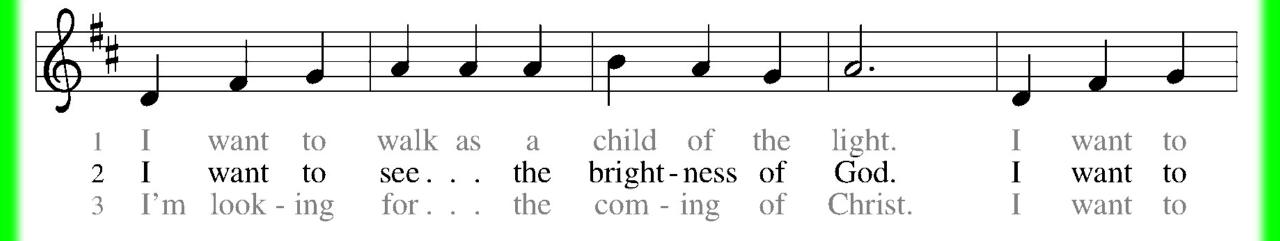


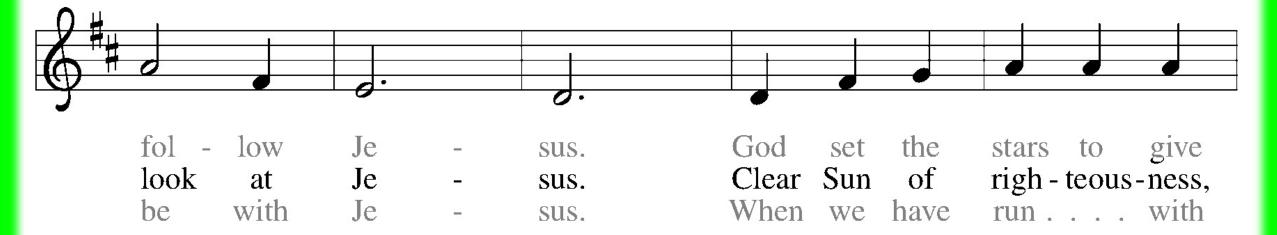


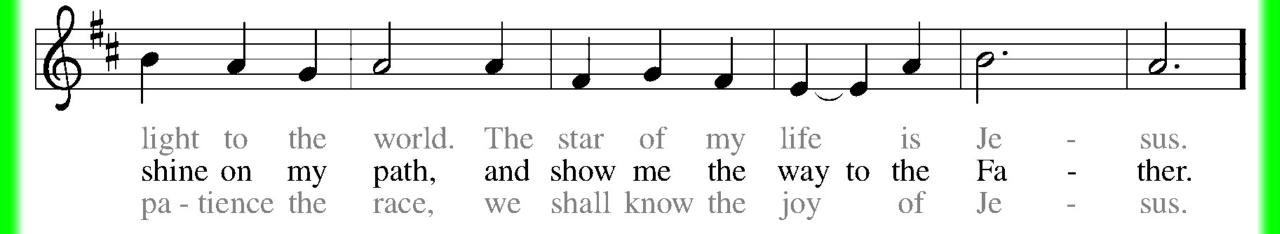
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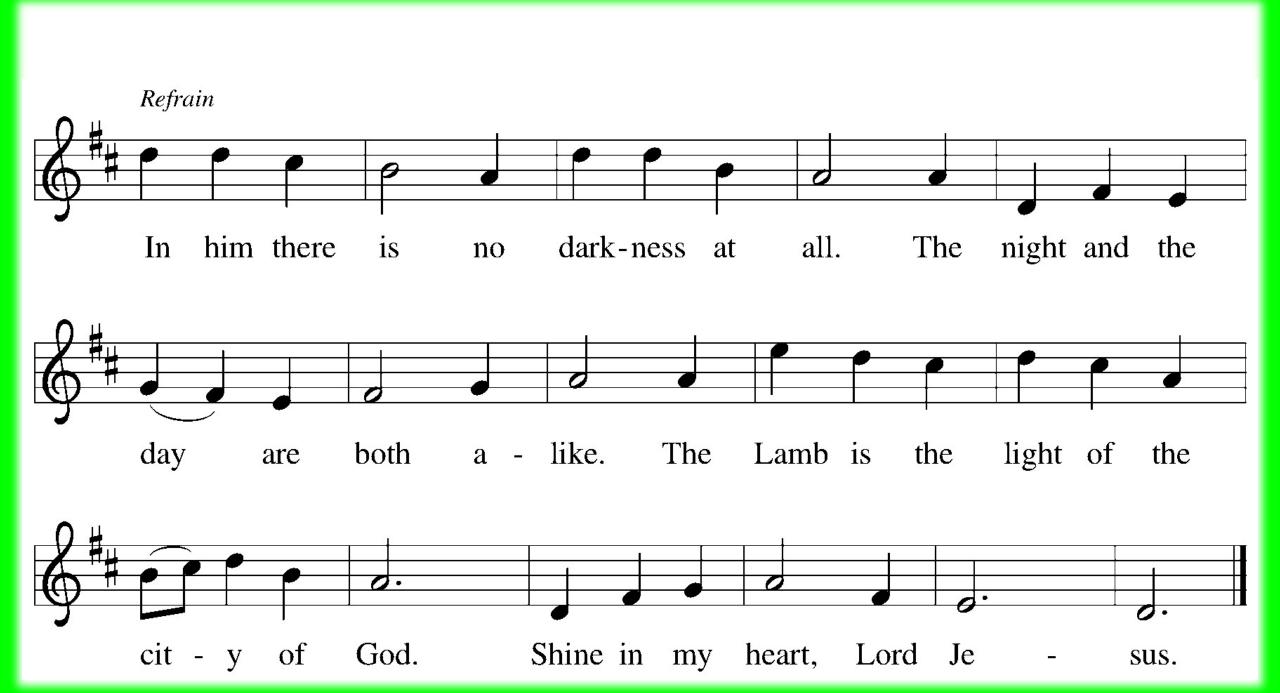


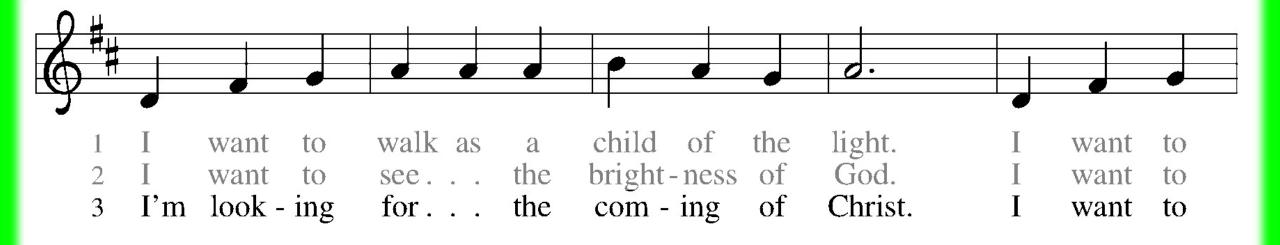


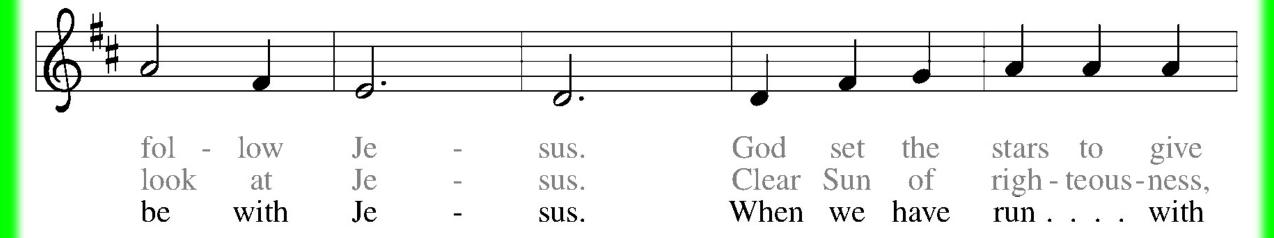


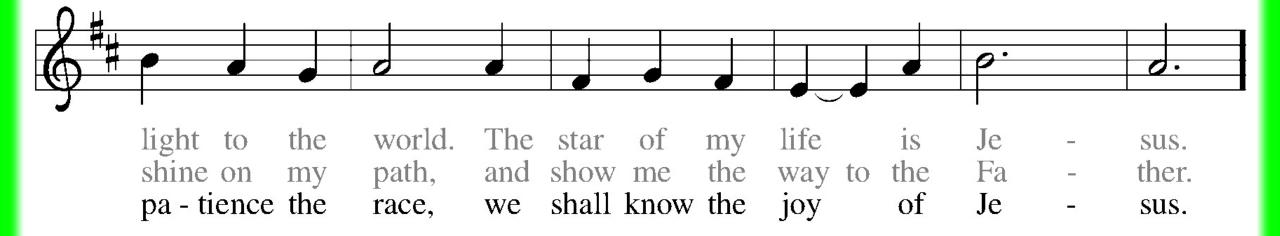
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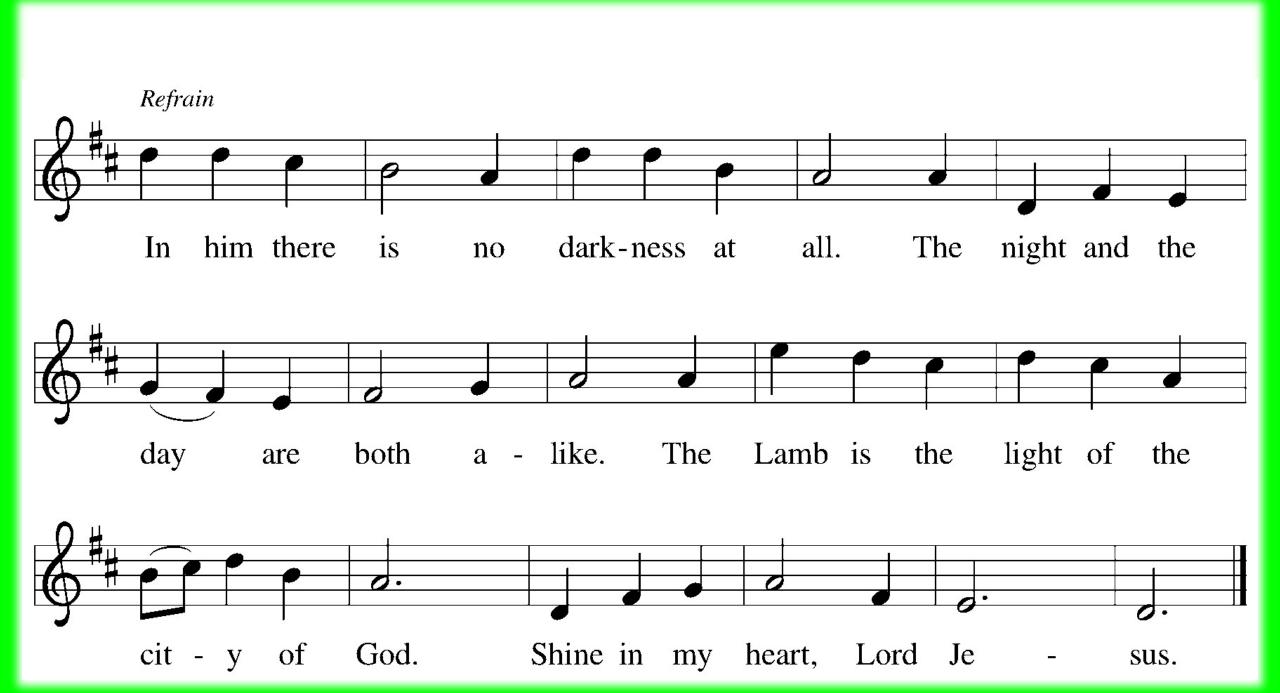






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## **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.



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The Reverend Karen Perkins, Pastor

People of Resurrection, Ministers of God

