

Holy Eucharist

Last Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 23, 2020, 10 a.m.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

"Traditional Faith for Turbulent Times"

	Today	Next Week: March 1 st
Celebrant	Fr. Jerry Ness	Fr. Jerry Ness
Preacher	Fr. Jerry Ness	Fr. Jerry Ness
Keyboardist	Jeannette Schmidt	Jeannette Schmidt
Verger	Dave Jepson	Ryan Jepson
Acolytes	Charlee Condly & Ryan Jepson	Ryan Hillman
Altar Guild	Sue Cameron	Christy Jepson
Lector	Sue Cameron	Bennett Korensky
Prayers	Kaeleigh Post	Raegen Hillman
Subdeacon	Don Young	Collin Jepson
Ushers	Bob Allison & Volunteer	Naleah Baier & Charlee Condly
Counters	Terry & Tracy Babcock	Mike & Donna Weaver Smith
Vestry	Jenny Hanisch	Mike Smith
Coffee Hour	Babcocks & Nancy Baker	Youth
Altar Flowers	Volunteers Needed	N/A
Sandwich Crew	Volunteers	Youth

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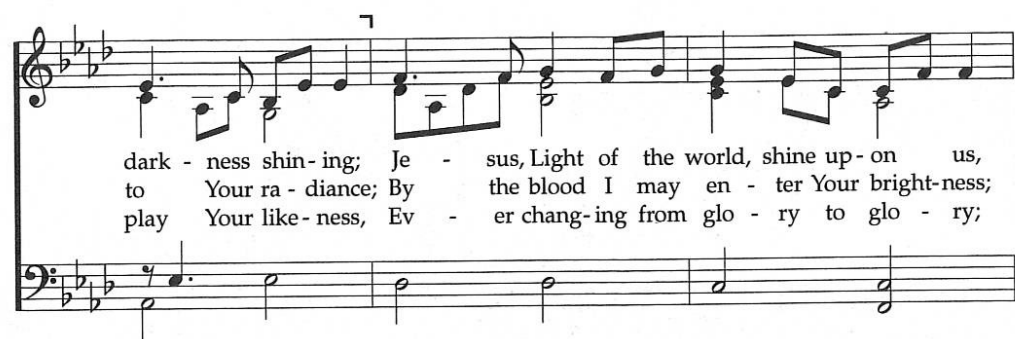
Processional Hymn Celebration 431

Shine, Jesus, Shine

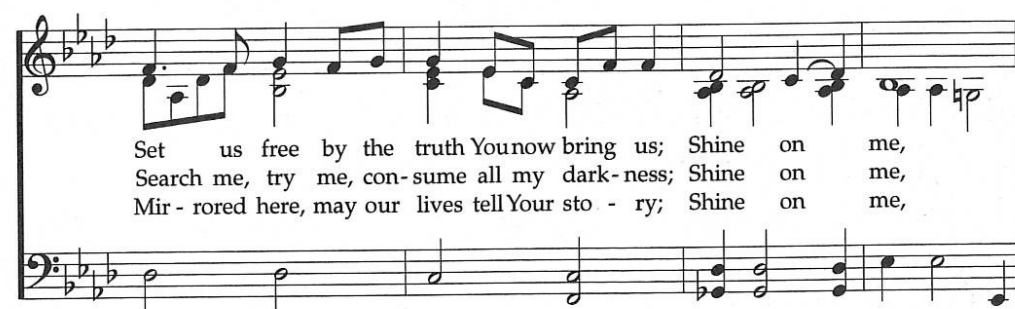
Unison



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, From the shad - ows in -
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness So our fac - es dis -



dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,
to Your ra - diance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness;
play Your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry;



Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me,
Search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness; Shine on me,
Mir - rored here, may our lives tell Your sto - ry; Shine on me,

Harmony optional



Shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this
Shine on me. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the
Shine on me.

SHINE JESUS SHINE

land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry. Blaze, Spir-it, blaze; set our
na-tions with grace and mer-cy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and

hearts on fire. let there be light. rit. *Optional transition to "Revive Us, O Lord"*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

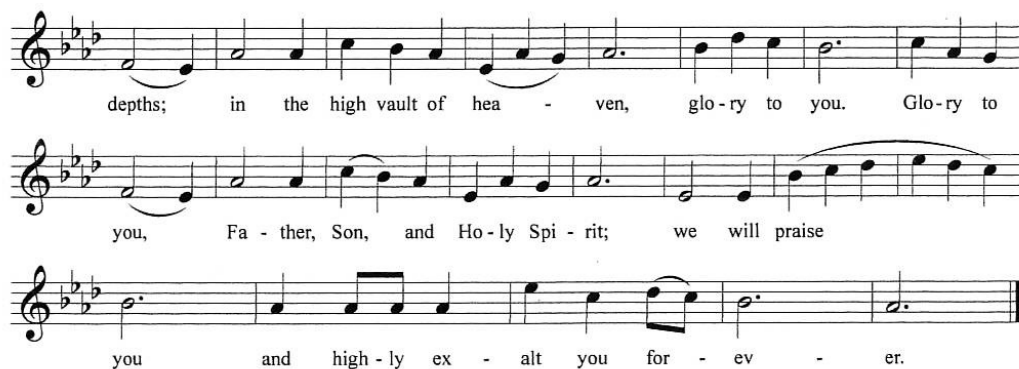
The Celebrant says

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.**

Gloria

Voice

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor- -
thy of praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you. for the ra-diance of
your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex -
alt you for - ev - er. Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem - ple;
on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you.
seat - ed be - tween the Che - ru - bim; we will praise you
and high-ly ex - alt you for - ev - er. Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus. (24:12-18)

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

² The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

³ Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

- ⁴ "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- ⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

A Reading from the Epistle of Second Peter. (1:16-21)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain
Unison

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un -
to my path. Thy Word is a
lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. (17:1-9)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Fr. Jerry Ness

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:
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.

The Prayers of the People (Form 3)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; We pray for those on our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's, Bassett; Episcopal Relief and Development Global Mission; The Incarnation Church and All Saints Church in the Dominican Republic and for those on the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, The Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop and Scott, our Bishop.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Donald, our President, Pete, our Governor, Roger, our Mayor, our legislators and judges and all in authority, that we may know peace and be governed rightly.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; We pray for the sick and those in need, those on our parish prayer list, and any you may now mention: for Robin, Libi, Jason, Deb, Lonnie, Marcus, Makayla, Mike, Ben, Doreen, Joe, Gary, Gary, John, Cody, Todd, Cindy, Rene, Erin, Steve, Norman, Reece, Shirley and Mark

For those who are confined to their homes: Virginia, Marla, Mickey, Vera, Audrey, and Connie

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We ask you to hold our military in the palm of your hand, keeping them free from danger as they protect our country, strengthen and protect them day-by-day, especially Lucas and Tim.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: John White, Lynne Nuss, Liz Baxter and Cathi Swift and those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Fred, Jr. & Peggy Rauch; Bob & Karen Borgheiinck

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people, and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
 The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem Celebration 10

Majesty

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty. Un - to

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty,

king-dom au - thor - i - ty Flow from His throne un - to His own;

His an - them raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty-

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

**Cued notes optional for a few choir sopranos.*

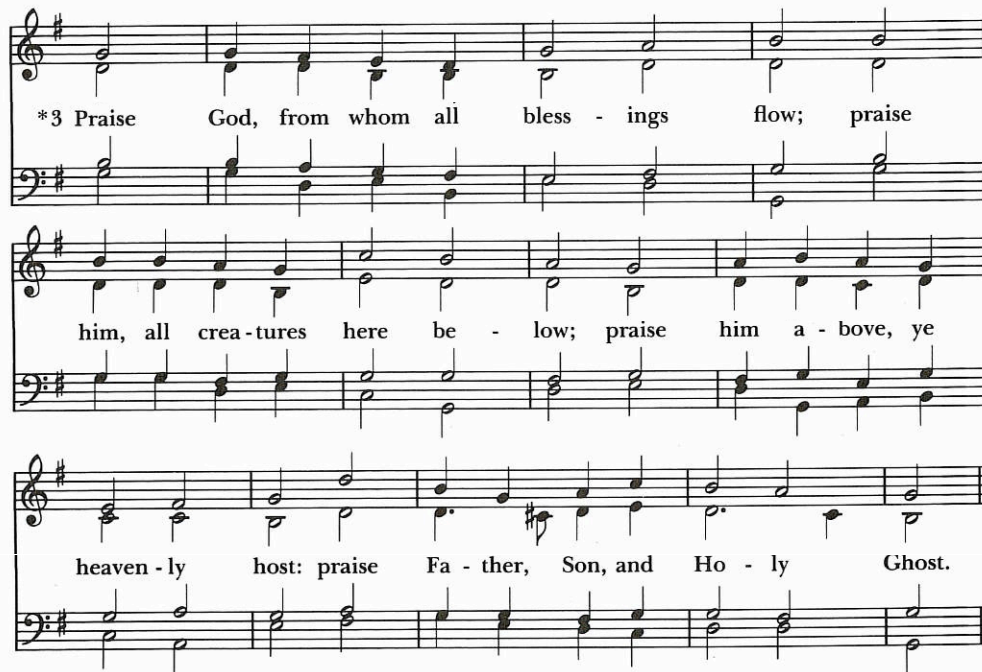
The end of PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY KING - A Worship Sequence

TEXT: Jack W. Hayford

MUSIC: Jack W. Hayford; arranged by Eugene Thomas

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MAJESTY
Irregular meter



* 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;
 harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

LM

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Communion is offered to all baptized Christians. A gluten free host is available.

If you are not baptized or do not desire communion, please feel free to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to signal that you want a blessing.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

An Invitation from Presiding Bishop Curry to Turn and Pray on Behalf our Nation

As the season of Lent approaches, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians and people of faith to turn and pray on behalf of our nation:

“In times of great national concern and urgency, people of faith have returned to ancient practices of repentance, prayer and fasting as ways of interceding with God on behalf of their nation and the world. This is such a moment for us in the United States.

“On Ash Wednesday I will join with other Christian leaders observing this Lent as a season of prayer, fasting and repentance on behalf of our nation, with continued fasting each Wednesday until the Wednesday before Advent begins.

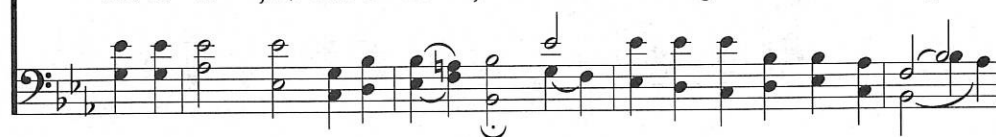
“For me, this call is rooted in my personal commitment to practice Jesus’s Way of Love, by which I turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go and rest in the way of our savior. Especially now, drawn together by love, hope and concern, and recalling the wisdom of our ancient traditions, I am grateful to join others in the spiritual practice of prayer, fasting and repentance for our nation. If you feel called to join us in this practice, the invitation is attached.”



1. Give to our God in-mor-tal praise; Mer-cy and truth are all His ways:
 2. Give to the Lord of lords re-nown; The King of kings with glo-ry crown:
 3. He built the earth, He spread the sky, And fixed the star-ry lights on high:



Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah! Won-ders of grace to God be-long,
 Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah! His mer-cies ev-er shall en-dure,
 Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah! Won-ders of grace to God be-long,



Re-peat His mer-cies in your song: Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
 When lords and kings are known no more: Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
 Re-peat His mer-cies in your song: Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,



Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah!
 Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah!
 Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah!



TEXT: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 136
 MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams
 A lower setting may be found at No. 63

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 L.M. with Alleluias

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

IN THE KNOW

Ash Wednesday

Joint Service

We join our friends at Messiah Lutheran this Wednesday for Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

St. Stephen's and Messiah are teaming up to provide labor for a house under construction in the new development on Saturday morning, April 4th from 7:45 - noon. No experience needed! If you are 16 years or older, volunteer to Courtney Berg. We need at least four volunteers.

Finance Summary

2/16 Income: \$6,527.00

Expenses: \$2,801.17

2/16 Fed at Sandwich Sunday: 23

Episcopal Women's Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for April 17-19 and plan to attend at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler. The Rev. Stephanie Swinnea, Rector of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney, will present *The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality* and Jane Stangl will lead Spiritual Yoga. Registration open soon.

Nebraska Episcopal Cursillo

If you are looking for a mountain top experience, look no further! This 3-day spiritual retreat of pastoral care and worship happens May 28-31 at Immaculata Monastery & Spirituality Center in Norfolk. Cost is \$25. Details at www.nebraskaepiscopalcursillo.org

On Our Prayer List

Those celebrating birthdays: John White, Lynne Nuss, Liz Baxter and Cathi Swift

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Fred, Jr. & Peggy Rauch; Bob & Karen Borgheiinck

Those in need of healing or other concerns: Robin, Libi, Jason, Deb, Lonnie, Marcus, Makayla, Mike, Ben, Doreen, Joe, Gary, Gary, John, Cody, Todd, Cindy, Rene, Erin, Steve, Norman, Reece, Shirley and Mark

Those serving in the military: Lucas and Tim

Homebound: Virginia, Marla, Mickey, Vera, Audrey, and Connie

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's, Bassett; Episcopal Relief and Development Global Mission; The Incarnation Church and All Saints Church in the Dominican Republic

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, The Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama

This Week's Events

Today - Sunday, February 23

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary) and Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

11:30 am Sandwich Sunday (Parish Hall)

1:00 pm Arabic Worship (Sanctuary)

3:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tomorrow - Monday, February 24

6:45 pm AA Study Group (Parish Hall)

8:15 pm Young Procrastinators AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Messiah)

8:15 pm Young Procrastinators AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 28

8:15 pm Young Procrastinators AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Saturday, February 29

12:00 pm Sudanese Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 1

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary) & Coffee Hour (PH)

11:30 am Sandwich Sunday (Parish Hall)

1:00 pm Arabic Worship (Sanctuary)

3:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Parish Hall)

