



SOTC Worship  
January 22 2023  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

ELW 520 (VERSES 1, 3, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Almighty and merciful God,  
**we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to those around us when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sins, and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all.**  
**Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you: that God *is* light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son + cleanses us from all our sin.

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## 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.**

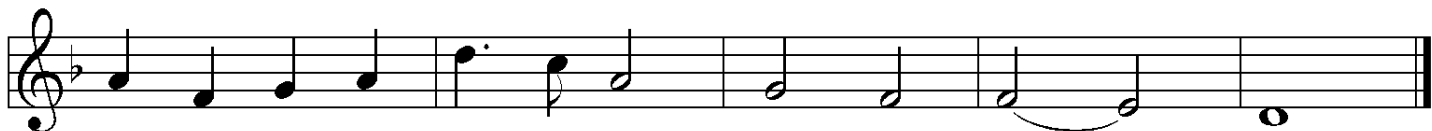
## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

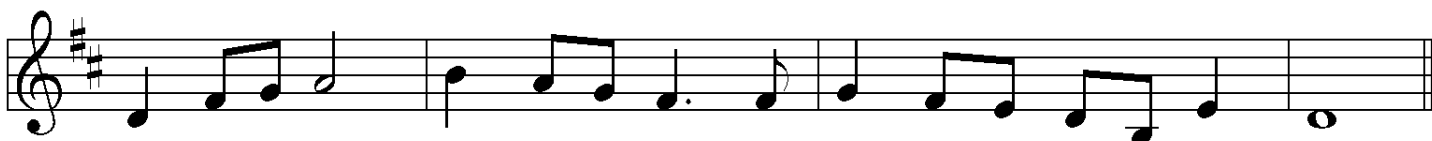


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*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## GLORY TO GOD



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



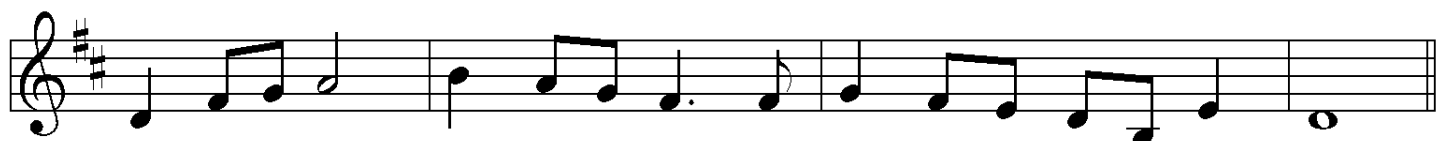
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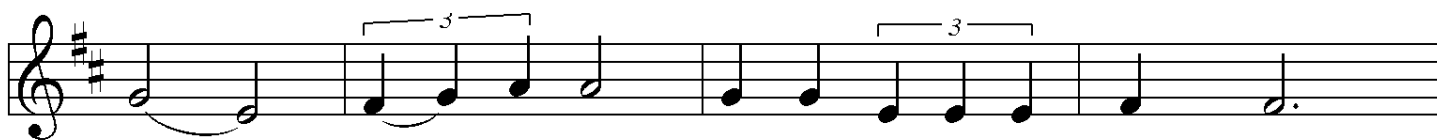
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



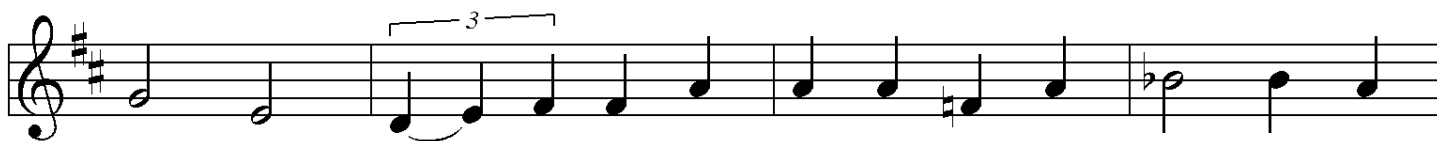
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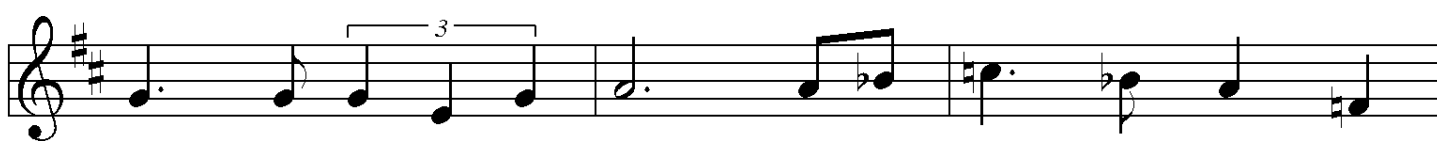
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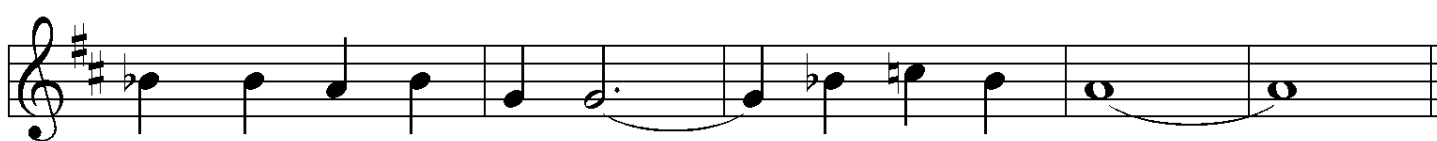
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



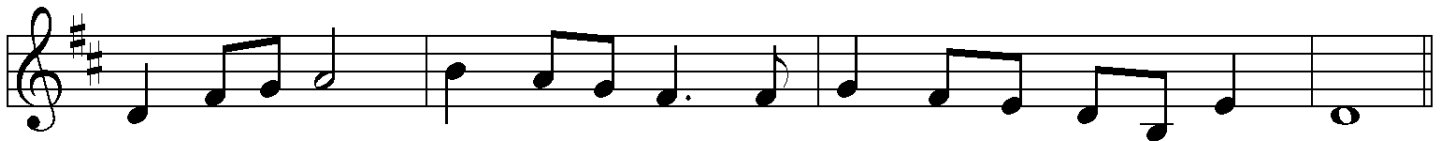
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



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



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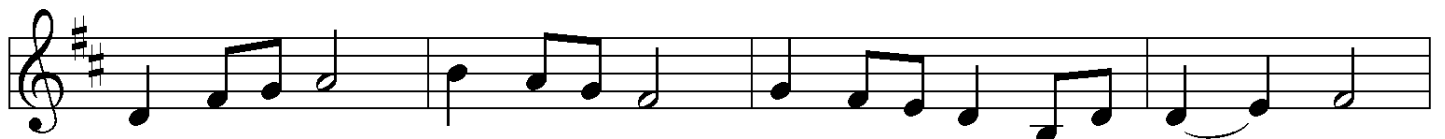
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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



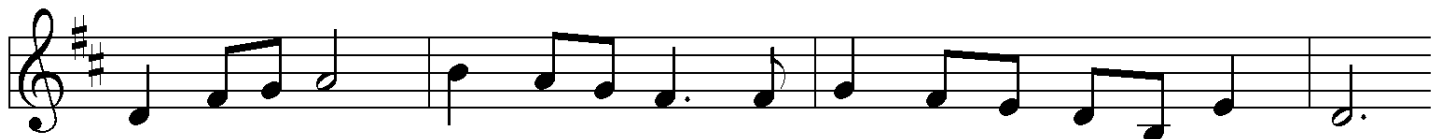
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-4

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord 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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

PSALM: PSALM 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
**<sup>8</sup>"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!**

#### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>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.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>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 Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN

YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE

ELW 817 (VERSES 1, 2, 4)

BAPTISM OF JOSIE MAE BARTLING

Presentation

*Josie is presented by her baptismal sponsors.*

Profession of Faith

To all gathered here, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font and Baptism

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer of thanksgiving is led by Pastor Aleese. Following the prayer, Josie is baptized in the name of the Triune God.*

Together witnessing Christ's love poured out, we respond:

**Josie, child of God, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

*Pastor Aleese offers a prayer of blessing and marks the sign of the cross upon Josie.*

Welcome

*Following the lighting of a baptismal candle, the congregation welcomes the newly baptized:*

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God**

**and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

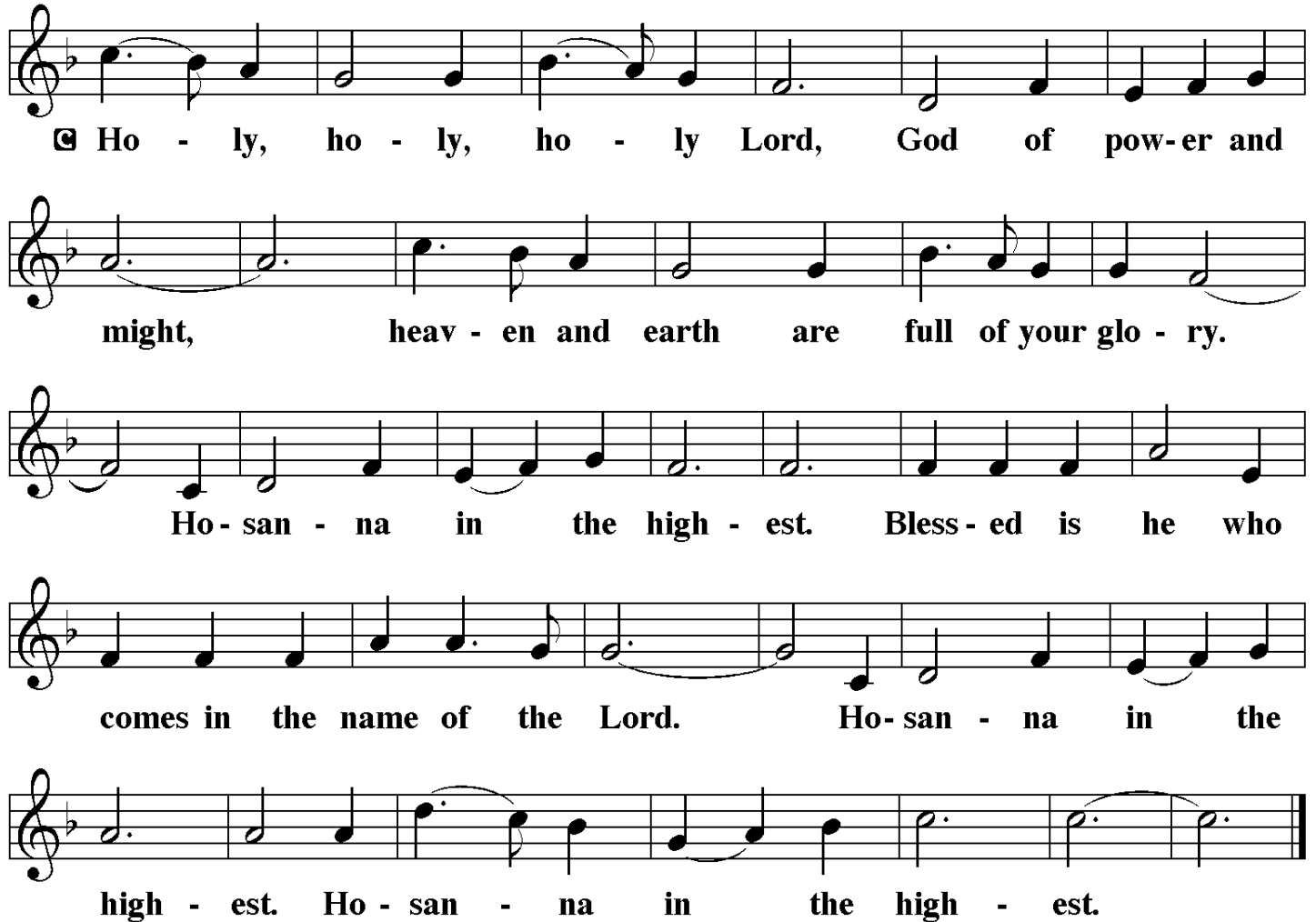
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit... Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine, remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**



**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**



**sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION SONG

I COME WITH JOY

ELW 482

(vs. 1-3, 5)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

RIVER OF GLORY

VERSES 1, 2, 4

*f (a tempo)*

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's  
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness and  
clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of God!

VERSES

*mf*

1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -  
2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the  
3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all  
4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

*poco rit.* *rit.* *accel.* *D.S.*

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!  
2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!  
3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!  
4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

Final

God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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