

The Holy Thanksgiving of the People of God for the Sundays between the Feast of the Epiphany and Lent, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Lebanon, Indiana 46052

Our Entrance into an Awareness of God's Presence

The people stand as they are able.

The Processional Hymn *Please note: all hymns are listed on the insert for today's worship*

adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870) " " "

The Church's Mission 531

1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in
 2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to
 3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -
 4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher - e'er the foot of
 preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
 fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -
 tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the Name of Je - sus

man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
 from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
 spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
 glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
 Music: Melcombe, Samuel Webbe (1740-1816) LM

The Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.
The People respond: *Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Presider may pray:

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.

The People respond: *Amen.*

All sing God's praise:

The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



The Prayer of the Day

The Presider greets the people in Jesus Christ:

The Lord be with you.

The People respond: *And also with you.*

The Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider prays the prayer for this day

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..

The People respond: *Amen.*

Our Liturgy of the Word of God

The people sit. Readings are on the insert in the bulletin.

The Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the

people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People respond: *Thanks be to God.*

Our Psalm prayer for this day in response to the reading

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Reading from the Christian New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People respond: *Thanks be to God.*

Our Hymn prayer to move us from these readings to the Gospel

See Insert for Hymn number

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise

Hymnal 533

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
 their wor-ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all a-broad,
 thy Name?

Thou on-ly art ho-ly, thou on-ly su-preme.
 till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-fess thee their God.

The Reading from One of the Gospels of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Then, all standing as they are able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

The People respond: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

The People respond: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

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

Prayer is offered with intercession for: the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate).

The Presider: Let us lift up the concerns of the world to God in prayer remembering all of God's created life on our planet, every human being, and our own personal needs and concerns

The Leader: Let us pray for the Church and each one of its members that individually and together we may boldly follow the Jesus who calls us to imitate his ministry, his compassion, and his faithfulness. We remember especially the Anglican Communion, our own Episcopal Church in the United States, our diocese – its people, parishes, and programs, and our companion dioceses of Bor and Brazilia. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: Hear our prayer.

The Leader: Let us pray for the mission of the Church that we may confess our faith, extend the message of the Gospel, and serve the Kingdom of God in all we do. Lord in your mercy,

The People: Hear our prayer.

The Leader: Let us pray for the nations of the world asking God to guide all nations towards peace, justice, equality, and righteousness. Help all baptized Christians recognize that our identity as Christians is more important than our citizenship in any country and to work for the good of all people everywhere. Lord in your mercy,

The People: Hear our prayer.

The Leader: Let us pray for those who suffer in any way: for the sick, the dying, and those who grieve; for those who are oppressed by war, terrorism, and violence; for those who see us as enemies and those whom we see as enemies; for those in prison, those who are homeless and hungry, and those who are without hope or human compassion; for the earth that suffers the weight and destruction of human carelessness and greed; and for all others in need, asking not only that you would relieve this suffering, but that you might help relieve this suffering through the hands of Christians like us, and that our baptism might move us to be your hands in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: Hear our prayer.

The Leader: We pray for those who have died into God's eternity, especially those whom we hold close to our hearts, _____; that the power of their baptism may be fulfilled in their share of Christ's resurrection, and that all who have died might be received and forgiven through the mercy of God. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: Hear our prayer.

(silence)

The Presider: Loving and gracious God, we give thanks for calling us to follow Jesus in ministry to all around us. Hear our prayers as we come before you in Jesus Christ through the power of your Holy Spirit.

The People: Amen.

The Confession of Sin

The Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

(silence)

*All confess: God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

The Presider: 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.

The People: Amen.

All rise as they are able.

Our Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ

The Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The People respond: *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord making peace with one another before bringing their gifts to the altar.

Our Announcements gather the life, concerns, and events of this community into our worship.

Our Liturgy of the Holy Communion

The Offering of Our Lives and of Our Gifts back to God

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or Presider of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, as we offer our lives back to God in faith and in faithful life and work.

The people stand while the offerings are gathered and placed on the Altar and sing:

The Offering Hymn *See insert for hymn number*

As we gather at your table

WLP 763

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

Optional Descant

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

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sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -
 sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and
 um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and
 pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and

(Ped.)

an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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The musical score consists of three staves. The top two staves are vocal parts in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The bottom staff is piano accompaniment in G major. The lyrics are: 'an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.'

Our Great Thanksgiving Prayer to God

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

The musical score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features four lines of music with lyrics. The first line is for the Celebrant, and the second line is for the People. The third line is for the Celebrant, and the fourth line is for the People. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

The Presider continues on behalf of all who are present:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always, and everywhere 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:

All sing or say:

The “Holy, Holy, Holy” from Isaiah 6:3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see the goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our

Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share in these gifts may be filled with your Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed Peter our patron, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The Presider leads the people with one of the following versions:

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

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

All 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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

All say:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen*

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Then may be said the Fraction Anthem.

The Presider: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives
life to the world.

The People respond: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to our Lord's table for a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessing of communion. Others may come forward for a blessing from the priest indicating this by crossing their arms over their chest.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The People respond: *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The People respond: *Amen.*

Our Communion Hymn of Thanksgiving to God *See insert for hymn number*

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling

Hymnal 577

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain
 Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Our Final Prayer of Thanksgiving to God

The Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider and People pray together:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

The Blessing

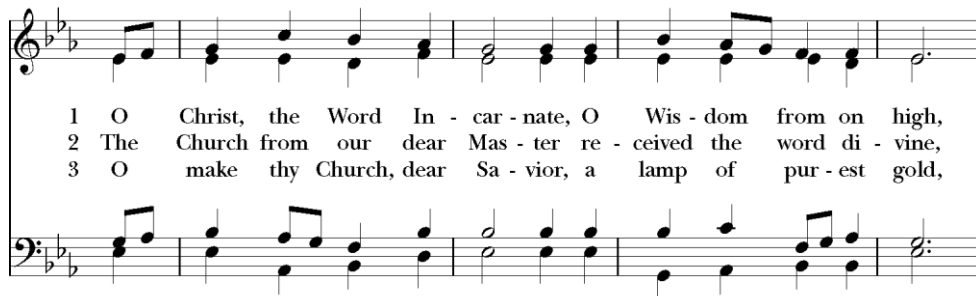
The Presider: May the God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's countenance turn toward you and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The People respond: *Amen.*

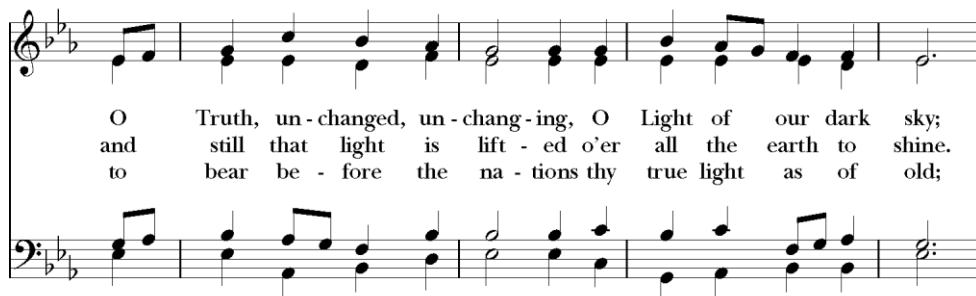
The Recessional Hymn *See insert for hymn number*

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

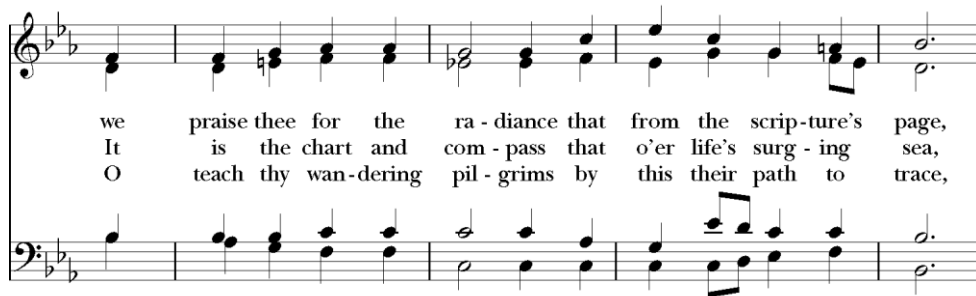
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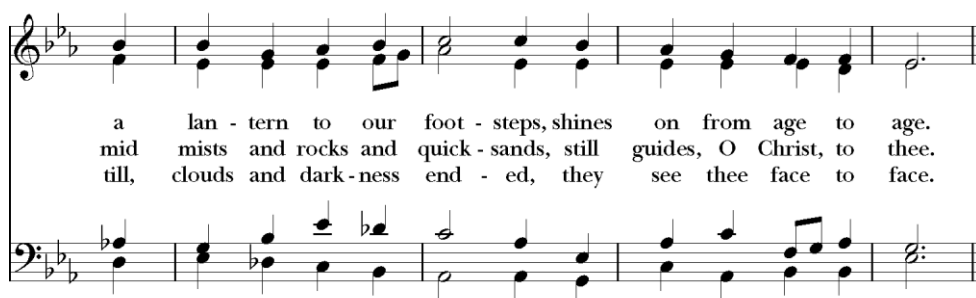
1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

We are Sent into the World as Witnesses to Jesus Christ

The Deacon, or the Presider, dismisses everyone with these words:

Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord

The People respond with gusto: *Thanks be to God.*

**Please join us to continue our table fellowship
with refreshments and conversation in our Gathering Area
as our liturgy continues into a new week
of God's grace in work and in play.**