

HOLY EUCHARIST

The First Sunday after the Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 11, 2026 – 9:00 & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Das alte jahr vergangen ist BWV 614 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

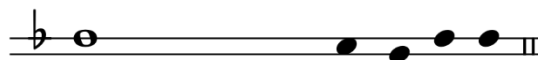
Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be God, who baptizes us into newness of life.

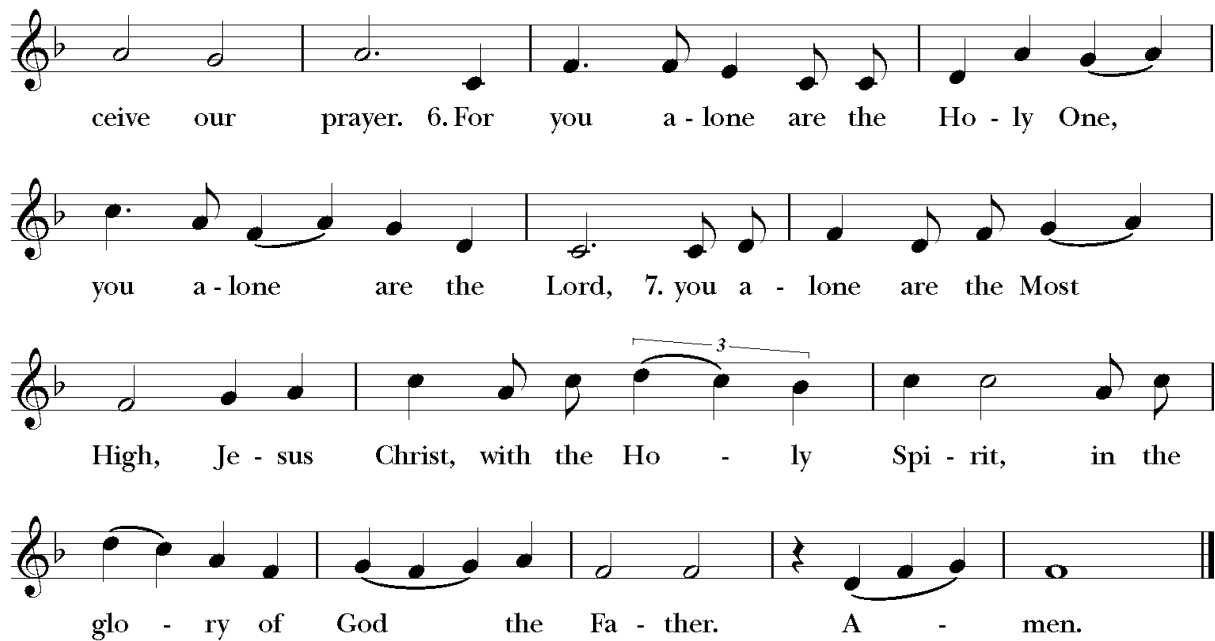


Glory to God fore-ver and ev-er.

GLORIA

Hymn S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y 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 -



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, you anointed your beloved Son to be a light to the nations and release for the captives. Grant that we who are born again of water and the Spirit may proclaim with our lips the good news of your peace, and show forth in our lives the victory of your justice. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

*At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone.
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir.*



Ascribe to God, you | heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God | glory and strength.

Ascribe due honor to God's | holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the | beauty of holiness.

The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; *
God is upon the | mighty waters.

The voice of God is a | powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a | voice of splendor.

The voice of God breaks the | cedar trees; *
God breaks the | cedars of Lebanon;

God makes Lebanon skip | like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God | shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the | wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of God makes the | oak trees writhe *
and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the | Holy One, *
all are | crying, "Glory!"

God sits enthroned a-|bove the flood, *
enthroned as Sovereign for | evermore.

God shall give strength | to the people; *
God shall give the people the | blessing of peace.

Anglican Chant: William Crotch

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *standing*

Hymn 121

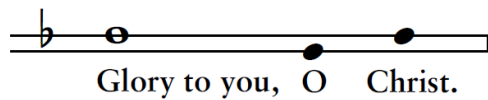
1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call
 4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.
 sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.
 free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984), rev.

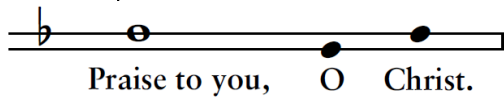
Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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



Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling
Priest Associate

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The 9:00 am service continues on page 9 with the Baptismal Covenant.

HOLY BAPTISM

HYMN IN PROCESSION TO THE FONT

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of human race—
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

Words: Mark Evans (b. 1916), alt.
Music: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, melody Melchior Vulpus (1560?-1616)

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

There is one body and one Spirit:

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, One Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The godparents present the baptismal candidates.

We present Kenneth, George, and Jack Beaulieu to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks George and Jack

Do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

We will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

We will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Kenny, George, and Jack in their life in Christ?

We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join now commit ourselves to Christ by renewing our own baptismal covenant.

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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

BAPTISMAL PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us now pray together [for Kenny, George, and Jack as they receive the Sacrament of new birth, and] as we are all affirmed in our baptismal life:

After each petition, we sing/say:



Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

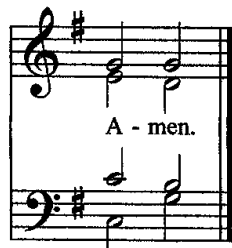
Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.



*The 9:00 am service continues on **page 12** with the Peace.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Kenny / George / Jack, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The forehead of the newly baptized is anointed with oil.

Kenny / George / Jack, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Amen.

The Celebrant concludes

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Applause to welcome the newly baptized is appropriate.

As the altar party returns to the front, the People are sprinkled with baptismal water as a sign of their own baptism.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
Words: Psalm 42:1

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819–1885), alt.

Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859–1949)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. From the first dawn of creation, your light has shone forth, dispelling the shadows and revealing the beauty of your handiwork. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light to the nations, the glory of your people Israel, and the bright morning star to guide us in the way of truth and peace. Through his birth, his baptism, his ministry, and his manifestation to the world, you reveal your saving love to all who dwell in darkness. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven 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._____

Setting: Robert Powell (1932 – 2025)

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own 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 your 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. 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, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 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:

Christ has died.

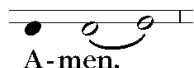
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall - owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. It consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall - owed be your Name, your king - dom come,". The system ends with a repeat sign.

your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread." The system ends with a repeat sign.

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us." The system ends with a repeat sign.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil." The system ends with a repeat sign.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men." The system ends with a double bar line.

Setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.
Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.*

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us peace.

Setting: Marjorie Landmark-DeLewis (1930-2016)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come

Healey Willan (1880 – 1968)

Arise, shine, for thy Light is com,
and the glory of the Lord is kindness is great toward us,
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
Alleluia!


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the waters of Christ's baptism renew your spirit
and call you to your true identity as beloved children of God.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Source of all Being, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

THE SENDING

Let us go and tell the world that we have seen the glory of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam P. 61 – Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706)

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