



**ST. JAMES'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 11, 2024  
10:30 am**

*Welcome to St. James's!*

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship  
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,  
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,  
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;  
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,  
persons with or without disabilities, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,  
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,  
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

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**10:30 am** The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Jonte Folkes, Emery Mazzotta, Ivy Saltzman, Patrick Wilmer, Johnny Torres
<i>Cantors</i>	Tom Hirschi, Margot Chamberlain
<i>Drummers</i>	Steve Clark, Tom Hirschi
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Marian King, Lauren Rigsby
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher &amp; Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Isaac Sackton, Susan Donnelly
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Yoder
<i>Videographer</i>	Dave Musser, Colin Mazzotta
<i>Welcomer</i>	Katherine Gilliland

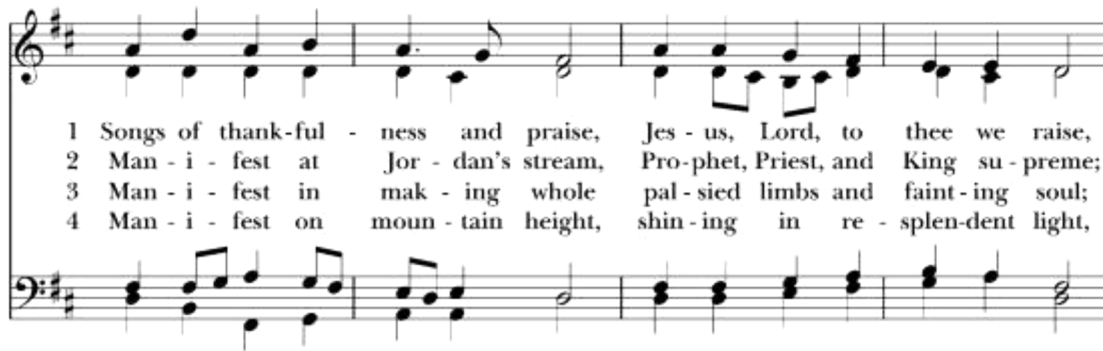
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## **The Word of God**

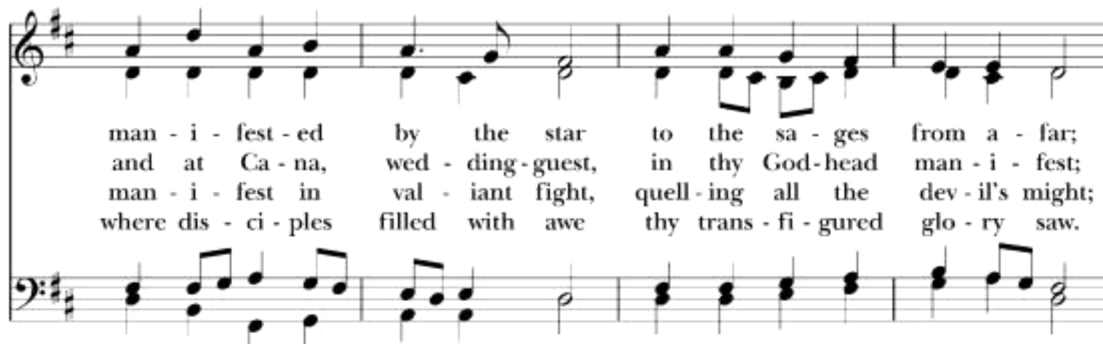
**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

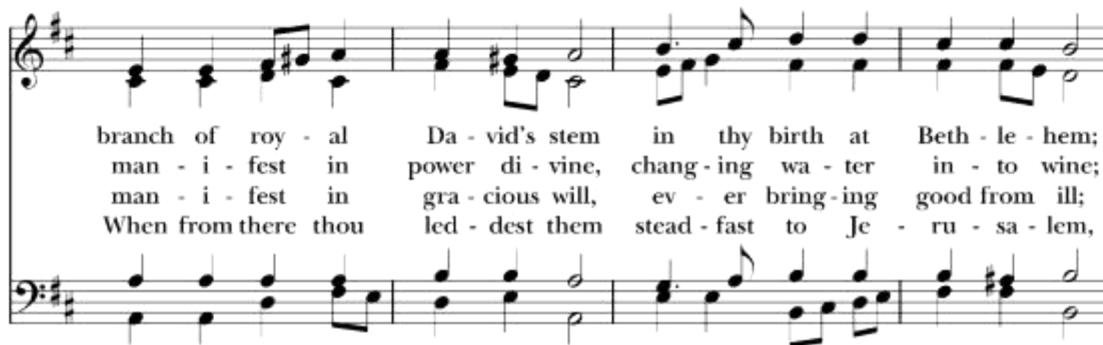
**Tolling of the Bell**



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.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 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

*Presider* Arise, shine, for your light has come.

*People* And the glory of the Lord shall dawn upon you.

## Collect for Purity

*All then pray*

Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in your light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

## Song of Praise: 'Tis the gift to be simple

H 554



'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.  
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to  
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will  
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.

Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody



## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* And also be with you.

*Presider* 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 First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Isaac Sackton

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

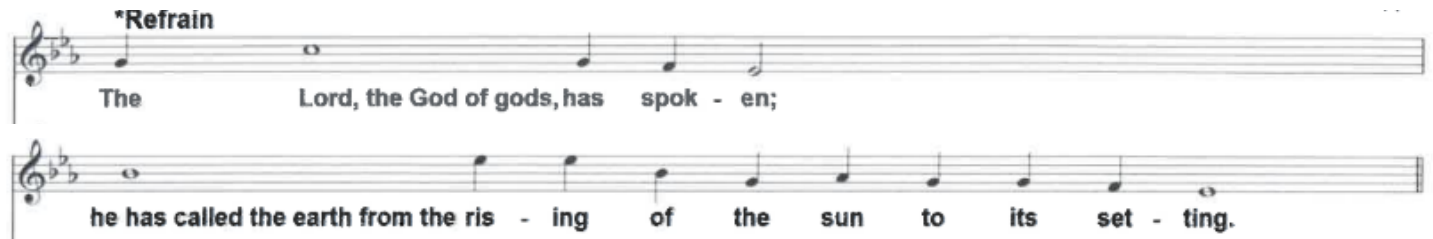
When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its

horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 50:1-6

Peter Sipple



Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm. *Refrain*

He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge. *Refrain*

## The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Isaac Sackton

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: O Christ, the Word Incarnate

H 632, v. 1,2; v. 3 after Gospel

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.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.

Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Stewart

**Affirmation of Faith** "Ninasadiki," I Believe!

Music: S.C. Ochieng Okeyo

*The congregation responds to each line of the creed by singing Ninasadiki ("I believe").*

## Prayers of the People

Susan Donnelly

*Reader*

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your truth. In particular, we pray at this time for peace in the Holy Land.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for all the communities in which we live, that they may have eyes to see the many gifts you have given them and hearts to share those gifts generously for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame, and those who experience oppression or hatred.

On this day, we offer our prayer for Charles Daniels, Stephen Damiani, Vida Carrington, Hana and Farah.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus into your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I invite your prayers, aloud or in silence, at this time.

*(A minute is observed when all may offer their prayers for themselves and for the world.)*

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

*Presider* Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

*All*  
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, and 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.

*A moment in silence is now kept, not to dwell in unnecessary self-criticism or self-hatred, but rather to face our brokenness with courage and honesty that we might know more deeply God's healing and forgiving love.*

*The Presider then says*  
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. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider*     The peace of God be always with you.  
*People*       And also with you.

## **Announcements & Celebrations**

*The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:*

May God bless you; May God keep you; May God's love be with you;  
May God grant you peace and wisdom; May God ever be with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Presider*     Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the divine name;  
bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.

*At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.*

**Offertory Anthem:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing     Text: Robert Robinson  
*The Men's Choir*     Music: Nettleton

**Presentation Hymn:** I want to live so God can use me     SJS 140

*Singing directions: verses 1,3,5 sung as a round, starting with pulpit (left) side*

1. I want to live so God can use me, vic -  
to - rious in this land; I want to live so God can  
use me, vic - to - rious in this land.

2. I want to walk. . . 3. I want to work. . . 4. I want to pray. . . 5. I want to sing. . .

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## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

**Presider**     The Lord be with you.  
**People**       And also with you.  
**Presider**     Lift up your hearts.  
**People**       We lift them to the Lord.  
**Presider**     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People**       It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Presider chants*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

# Sanctus

WLP 858



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



might, heaven 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.

*Arr: Marcia Pruner Harm: Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)*



*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Blessed Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, draw all things into reconciliation through your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

*The Presider continues*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

## Lord's Prayer (Zambian)

SJS 1

*(Soloists sing the words in italics. The congregation joins in unitalicized language.)*

*Hear our plea, dear Father we pray;  
shower upon us your heav'nly grace  
that we may be your people*

Glorifying you.

Lord, our Father, in heaven abiding,  
may your name always be hallowed by us.  
Your will is righteous and ever consistent,  
in heaven and also on earth.

Give us this day what we really have need of.  
Please forgive us the sins we've committed.  
Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor  
as you have forgiven us ours.

Far from temptation we ask you to lead us.  
Save us also from all that is evil.  
Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory  
at this time and world without end.

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.  
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.  
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.  
Forever and ever. Amen.*

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.  
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.  
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.  
Forever and ever. Amen.*

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## The Breaking of the Bread *(Silence is kept)*

# Fraction Anthem: One Bread, One Body

LEVAS 151, *Refrain only*

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through - out the earth, We are one

bod - y in this one Lord.

*Last time* ⊕

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## **The Invitation**

*Presider*    The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Administration of Communion**

*The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.*

*Those that wish a contactless blessing or  
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

*All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.*

**Communion Anthem:** Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

*The Greenleaf Choir*

**Communion Anthem:** Ubi Caritas

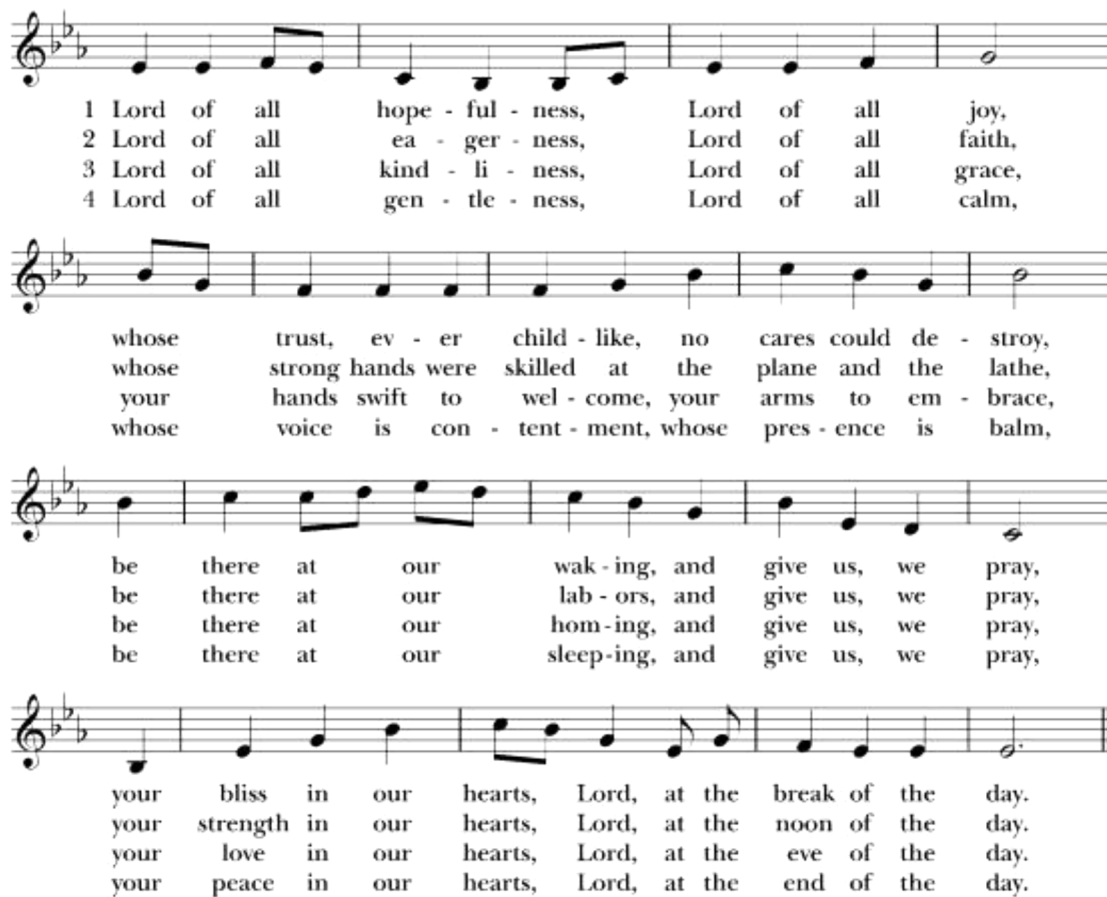
Maurice Durufle

*The Adult Choir*

*Text: Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

# Communion Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness

H 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

## Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Blessing

*Presider*

May Jesus Christ be manifest in you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world.  
and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and those you love,  
and those for whom you pray  
this day and forever more. Amen.

## Closing Hymn: He's got the whole world

LEVAS 217

1. He's got the whole— world— in His hand,— He's got the

whole world— in His hand,— He's got the whole world—

in His hand,— He's got the whole world in His hand.—

- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.
- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

Words: Traditional  
Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)  
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## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Burying the Alleluia

*Presider*

Loving God, as Lent nears we bury the Alleluia, our song of joy.  
In the forty days of Lent to come, we will sing quieter songs and  
think about what we can do to follow you more closely.

Bless our Lenten days and, when they are done, bring us here again to sing  
our song of Easter joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*During the playing of the Postlude, youth and adults are invited to bring forward  
their "Alleluia" (written on a piece of paper) and place it in the box. As the Postlude  
concludes, the youth process out with the box to "bury" in the undercroft.*

## Postlude

## Youth Procession to the Undercroft

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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