



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am — February 8, 2026

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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany — Year A

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “How bright appears the morning star”

Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707

INTROIT

Leo Sowerby 1895-1968

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Text: Alcuin of York 735-804

HYMN 525 Congregation stands.



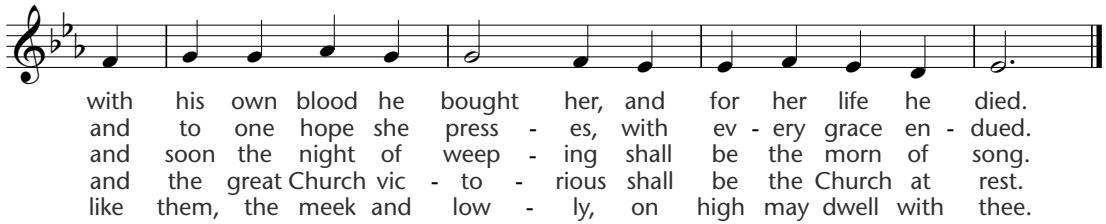
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 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.
 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. 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
 Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God__ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-9a

1 “Cry aloud; do not hold back;
 lift up your voice like a trumpet;
 declare to my people their transgression,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily
 and delight to know my ways,
 as if they were a nation that did righteousness
 and did not forsake the judgment of their God;
 they ask of me righteous judgments;
 they delight to draw near to God.

3 ‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
 Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
 and oppress all your workers.

4 Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
 and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
 will not make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose,
 a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
 and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
 and a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 “Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of wickedness,
 to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
 and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 *Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 *Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.*

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 *For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.*

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the LORD.

8 *Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.*

9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

*At this time, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join The Bridge Worship
in the Nau Family room. Students will rejoin this service at the Peace.*

Hymn 488 Congregation stands.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to

do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.*

BCP 358

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *Form III revised*

BCP 387

Celebrant: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Congregation kneels.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially the birth of OllieBelle
Greer Rychlicki;

People: May she grow in knowledge and love of you.

Leader: We pray for this community, the nation, and the world, especially our
ministry partners the Diocese of Kondoa (Tanzania);

People: That all may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: We pray for persecuted Christians around the world and for all who are
endangered for their religious beliefs.

People: That they may live in peace and safety.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on John, Sally, Lisa, Bruce, Karen, Cynthia, Zoe, Ellen,
Patricia, Madeleine, Alfonso, Temple, Daisy, Carol, Amy, Betsy, Gil, Marilee,
Kay, Lynn, Bob, Patti, Laurie, and all those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed, especially Grant Buce, William Prim, Susan Hilliard, and Andy Fossler, eternal rest;
People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

*All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

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

THE PEACE

Congregation stands.

BCP 360

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

People: *And also with you.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ✖ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✖ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

arr. Moses Hogan 1957-2003

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All through the night I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, children.
In my home, all over the world, let it shine.

Text: Harry Dixon Loes (1892-1965)
Hanna Frampton, mezzo-soprano
Amaan Atkins, tenor

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3) Congregation stands.

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: 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:

SANCTUS S 125

Richard Proulx



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

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Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: 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 the Virgin 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,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant: 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, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

People and Celebrant

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S-155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- ✖ All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- ✖ If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.
- ✖ If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.
- ✖ Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.
- ✖ You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.
- ✖ Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.
- ✖ After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.

Hymn 496

1 How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beam - -
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast - -
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - -
 ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 a pit - ying eye the up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man by highest ser -
the whole creation's Head and Lord, ride on, ride on,
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power,
and Son of God!
We, too, will lift our voices:
a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
great Con-quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.
Je - sus, Je - sus!
grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
A - men, a - men!
Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia!
draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1811-1873).

Anthem

Paul Halley b. 1952

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Text: Luke 11:2-4

Song

Jacques Berthier

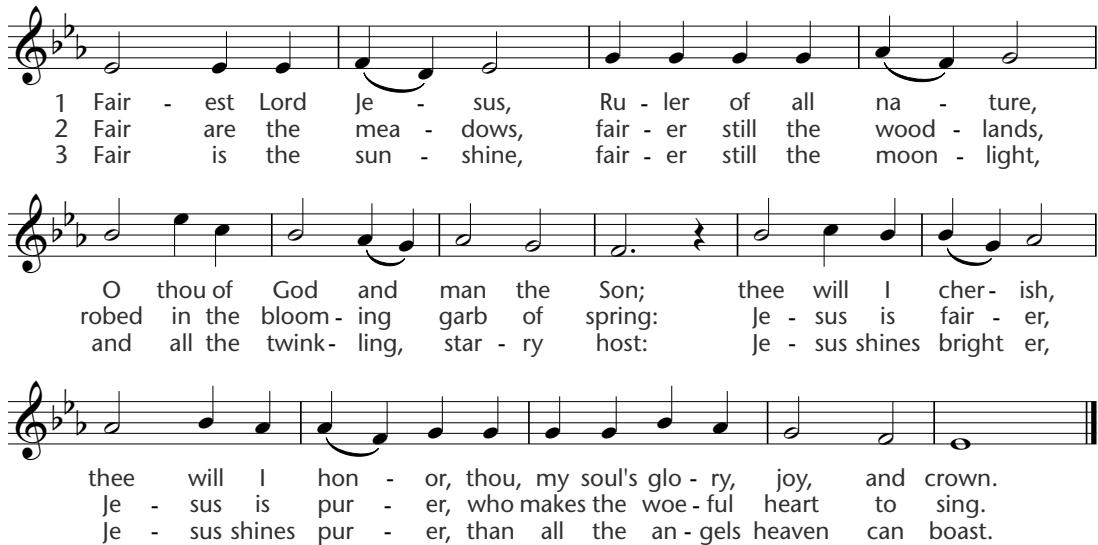
In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re - joice!

Look to God, do not be a - fraid, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near! In the

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Hymn 383



1 Fair - est Lord je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture,
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,

O thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850; Music: St. Elizabeth, from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.*

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

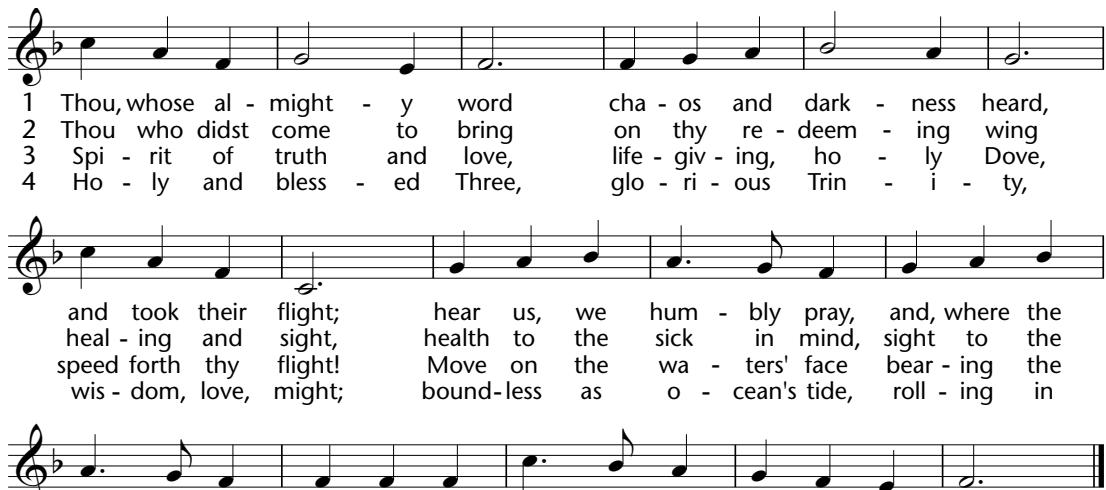
People: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now,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

THE BLESSING

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Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 371



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man-kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825); Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Fuge in G (Jig), BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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Today we celebrate The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, and embrace our calling to let that light shine forth in all that we do. Our worship begins with Leo Sowerby's "Eternal Light," taken from a prayer by Alcuin, an 8th Century monk, and later expanded by an Anglican priest in 1977. The prayer calls us into discipleship with this light.

Although the popular children's song "This Little Light of Mine" is often thought of as an African-American Spiritual, it was penned by composer and teacher Harry Dixon Loes (1892-1965). It has entered the folk tradition since its creation in the 1920's and has been arranged in choral versions by numerous composers. At the Offertory, the Chorale sings an *a cappella* arrangement in the spiritual tradition by the late American composer and conductor Moses Hogan (1957-2003).

During the ministration the choir sings Paul Halley's 2001 setting of "The Lord's Prayer." Halley was born in Romford, England in 1952 and received his early musical training in Ottawa Canada. He is a Grammy Award-winning composer, choral conductor, and organist. Halley is currently the Director of Music of The Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax. Listen to the jazz influences of his harmonies.



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