



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

*The Last Sunday
after the Epiphany*

11:00 A.M. SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Music pages are indicated in blue and can be found following page 8.

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

PRELUDE *Ring Alleluia*
St. John's Ringers

Howard Starks

ENTRANCE HYMN *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

M-2

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 *(Please be seated.)*

2 Kings 2:1-12

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.

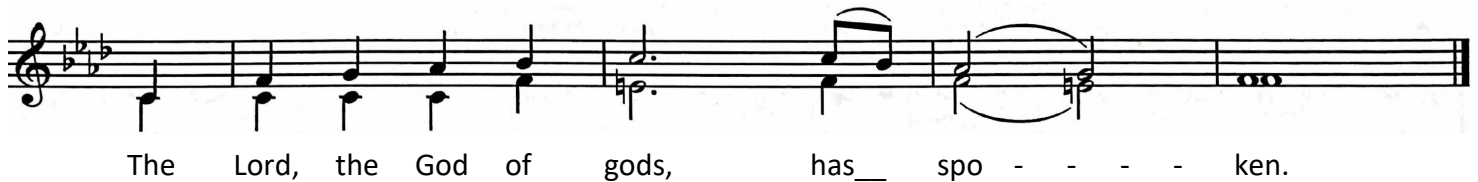
When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (*Congregation sings refrain.*)

Psalms 50:1-6



1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

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

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

[Refrain]

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

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

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

[Refrain]

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *O Wondrous Type!* (vs. 1 & 2 before; vs. 4 after)

M-3

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Mark 9:2-9

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

Glory to you, Lord 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Hagerty

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence may be kept.)

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Behold Now, Praise the Lord*

Everett Titcomb

St. John's Choir

Behold now, praise the Lord,

All ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,

Even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. (Psalm 134)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Powell

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.

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,

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

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 St. John and 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 pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

(A silence is held.)



FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God*

Powell

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.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

*If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the Cup of Salvation. **When only one chalice bearer is present, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup.** If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The clergy will offer God's blessing to you. **If you would like to receive Communion, but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know.***

COMMUNION HYMNS *O Light of Light* *Let the Heav'n Light*

M-4

M-5

COMMUNION ANTHEM *God Be in My Head* St. John's Choir

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my departing.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

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.**

CLOSING HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

M-6

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Concluding Voluntary in C*

Charles Vincent



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deb Avant, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Donna Barr, Steve Belknap, Evelyn Bloom, Judi Bonig, Jim Bruce, Charlie Bryant, Amber Dawn Butler, Andrew Butler, Leah C., Alyson Conover, Dominic, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Nancy Frazee, Diana Frizzell, Hope Goebel, Marti Guillet, Bettye Howard, Dan Kalowski Chrissie LaChance, Casey Libertini, George Maestri, Alida Martin, Pat Merson, Jim Metzger, Bob Miller, Charles H. Miller, Roger Nelson, Karen Nickles, Famebridge Payne, Ricky Reeves, Ruby Reilly, Patricia Schlick, Wallace Stebbins, Jennifer Stone, Debbie Stumbo, Alicia Townsend, Eleanor Tyler, Pam Walker, Dylan Williams, and Mickey Williams.

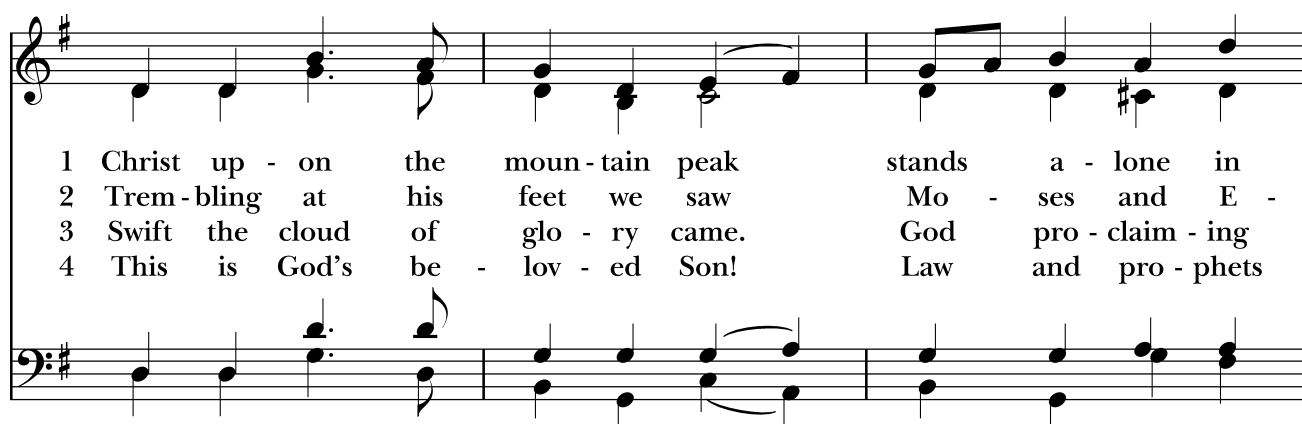
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: *Wesley King; Dennis Williams; Betty Cooper; George Martin*

THE FLOWERS ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR: *are given by Phil and Pat Stackhouse in loving memory of Tracy and Helen Stackhouse and Joe and Adele Workman.*


*To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.***

ENTRANCE HYMN *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

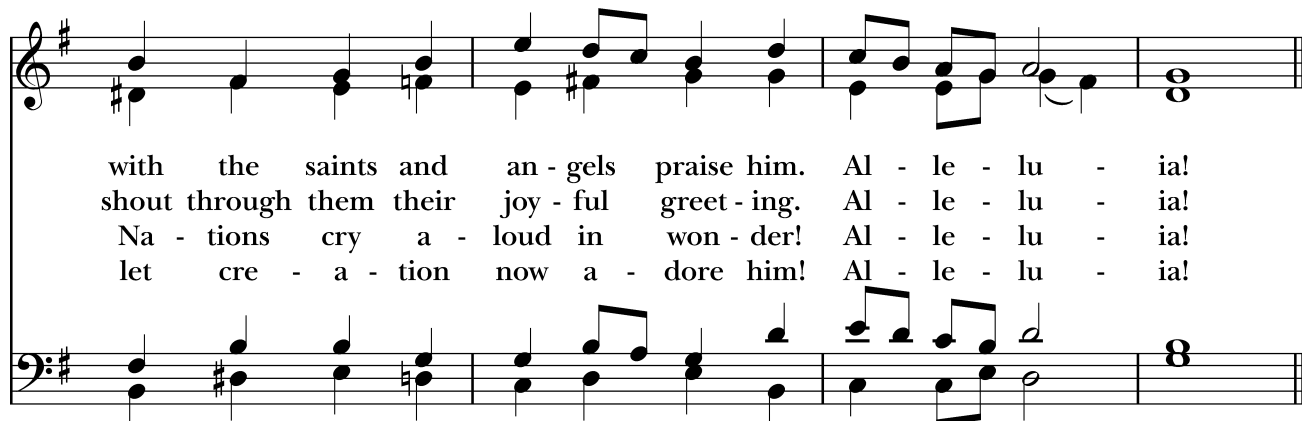
M-1
Mowsley



1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,



with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 -

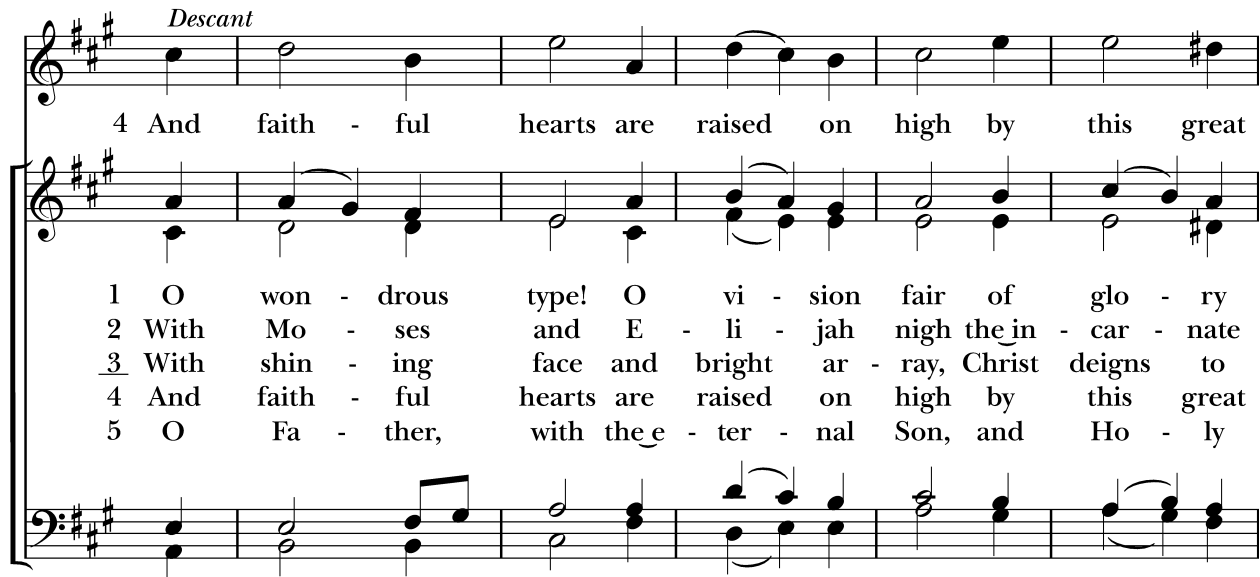
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

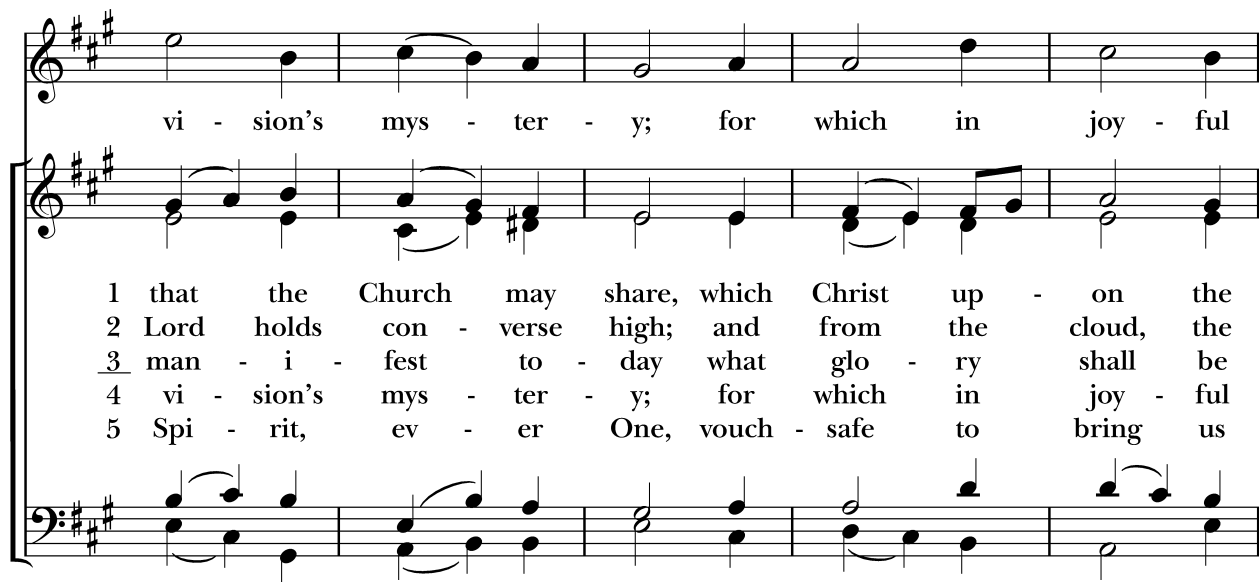
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Descant



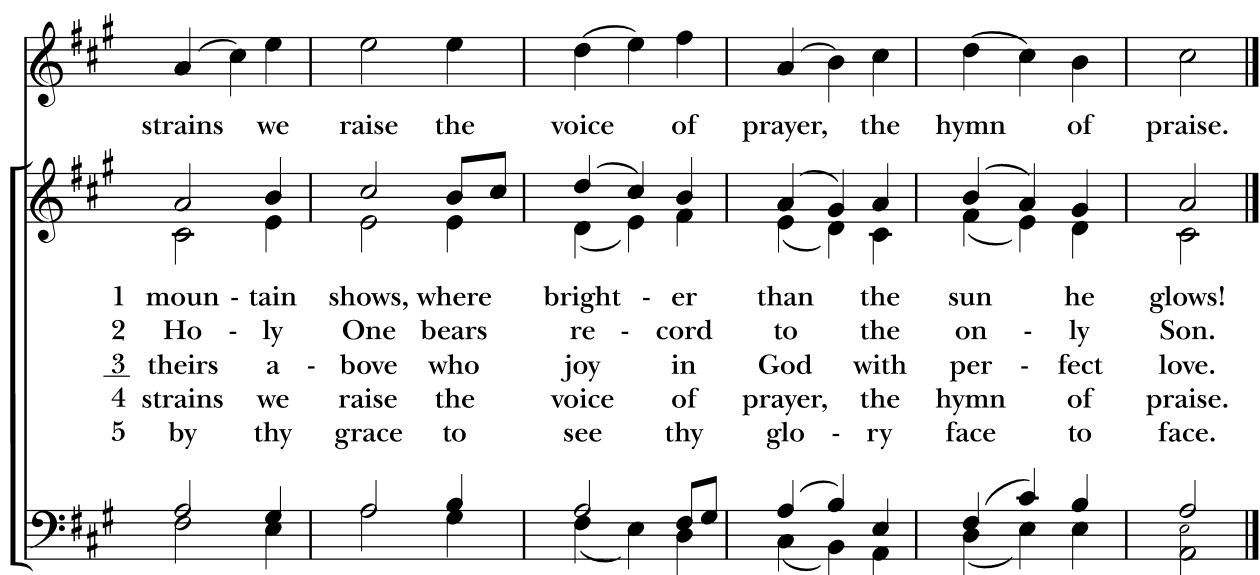
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly



vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us



strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

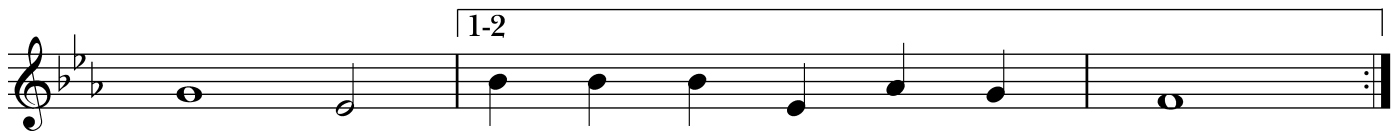
1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.



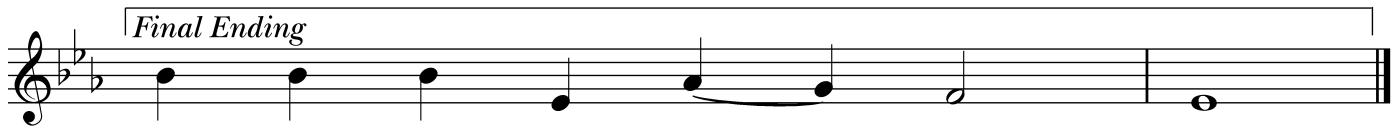
1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth; Je - sus, Re -
 2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see, with your e -
 3 May all who seek to praise a - right through pur - er



deem - er of the earth: more bright than day your face did
 lect found com - pan - y; the heavens a - bove your glo - ry
 lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glo - ry,



show, your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
 named, your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
 now all



faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

COMMUNION HYMN II *Let the Heav'n Light Shine*

Roland Carter

Let the heav'n light shine on me, Let the heav'n light shine on

me, for — low is the way to the up-per bright world, Let the

heav'n light shine on me. Shine on me, Shine on

me. — Let the light — from heav'n — shine — on

A - men, A - men.

me. A - men, A - men.



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore his throne re-joice;
 He is our guide and friend; Our needs he will at-tend;
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good-ness we'll a - dore,



Praise is his gra-cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



SHARE THE LOVE: IN FEBRUARY

Benefits the clients of the Day Resource Center



Drop boxes are in the Historic Church
 & by the fireplace in the Education
 Bldg. Find list of needed items in
Blessings or use this QR code.

Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE DINNER

February 13th • 5:30 p.m.
All Saints Hall

\$10/person
\$30/family

Pay at the door:
Cash, check, or
Venmo.



FEBRUARY 14

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**DRIVE-THRU IMPOSITION
OF ASHES**

8:30-9:30 a.m. & 2:30-3:30 p.m.;
In the school car line

**SERVICES IN THE
HISTORIC CHURCH**

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



*Journeying to the
Promised Land*

LABYRINTH WALKS

Saturdays in Lent

Feb. 17 & 24

March 2, 9, 16, & 23

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Historic Church Undercroft



A Piano Recital by Justin Pechulis

SUN., FEB. 18 • 4:00 PM • HISTORIC CHURCH



**LET ME ASK YOU
A QUESTION**

CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

Small Groups Return the Week of Feb. 19th

Small groups meet for eight weeks and are led by a clergy person and/or trained lay co-facilitators. These small groups are one important way we live into the promise we receive each time we are at worship: "to be met by God, who already knows us and loves us." As a safe and confidential space to go deeper on your spiritual journey, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining a group, particularly if you have never tried one before.

For this next series of small groups, we will be using a new book entitled *Let Me Ask You a Question: Conversations with Jesus*. by Matthew Croasmun (who Rev. Stephen knew and learned from in seminary.) In addition, we will continue to offer a new style of small group, "Group Spiritual Direction Small Group," with space for two additional women (cis and trans) for this particular group with Rev. Stephen continuing as facilitator.

To register for a group, please visit <https://bit.ly/SmallGroups-S24> or follow the QR code to the Sign Up Genius. Questions can be directed to Rev. Stephen at shagerty@stjohnsec.org.



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(11:00 a.m. is our Livestream Worship on YouTube — <https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube>)

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Find more worship information at <https://www.stjohnsec.org>

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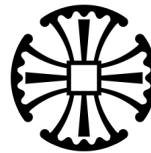
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