



Sunday, January 11, 2026
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Go forth and scatter the darkness

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! This Feast is one of four occasions in the year designated by the Prayer Book as a baptismal day. (The other three are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day.) Each of the four days has its particular theme, which enhances our understanding of one aspect of the primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism. However we will not renew our baptismal covenant today, but next Sunday, along with parishioner Dani Fu as the Bishop baptizes her.

On this First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event that initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God designated him as the beloved son and he was anointed by the Holy Spirit.

In Holy Baptism, each Christian is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed" or christened. We become sharers in his life and in his redemptive ministry.

COLORS

For this feast we keep the color white that we began using on Christmas. In the western world, It is the color of celebration, joy, and peace. With the color gold, white symbolizes the greatest work of God in the world, specifically His incarnation into this world at Christmas, and His triumph over death and evil at Easter. White is the color used for funerals, as we celebrate the passage of another soul into the Kingdom of God. Likewise, it is the color of baptisms and weddings which is why we use it on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

THE COVER ART

The cover art is created by parishioner Ann Widner.

PICTURES AND VIDEO

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *10:30am only*

GATHER US IN



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Stand*

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORIA *8:30am. Stand*

People **Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

GLORIA *Stand*

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

To Verses

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of 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.

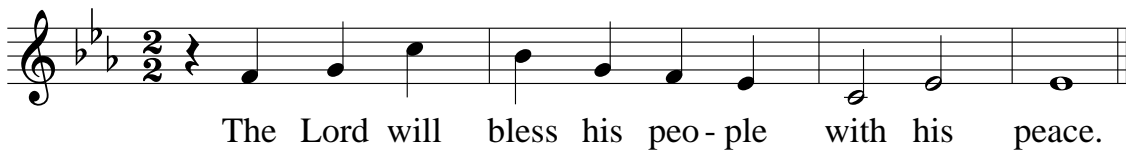
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 29

At 8:30am, all speak the antiphon. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



Give to the LORD, you sons of God,
 give to the LORD glory and praise,
 give to the LORD the glory due his name;
 adore the LORD in holy attire. *℟.*

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,
 the LORD, over vast waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty;
 the voice of the LORD is majestic. *℟.*

The God of glory thunders,
 and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
 The LORD is enthroned above the flood;
 the LORD is enthroned as king
 forever. *℟.*

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THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

10:34-43

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON 10:30am

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Sing verse 1 and refrain before Gospel Reading.

1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star,
Je - sus, the Light of the World!
He has ris - en in our hearts,
Je - sus, the Light of the World!
Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light;
Come where His love and His mer - cy are bright.
Shine all a - round us by day and by night,
Je - sus, the Light of the World.

The musical score is written on ten staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly half and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line of music is an instrumental introduction. The second line begins with '1. See'. The score ends with a double bar line after the final line of music.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 3:13-17

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30am, sing the refrain above one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in on 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 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.
 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Deacon	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
Intercessor	For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For our Bishop Deon, and for all the clergy and people, especially those of St. Francis, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, and in hopeful anticipation that the prairie seeds we plant this winter will grow, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For those on our prayer list, especially _____ let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially _____, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
People	Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor In the communion of St. Francis, St. Clare and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Presider Eternal One, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Child: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **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.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

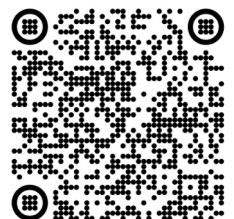
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.

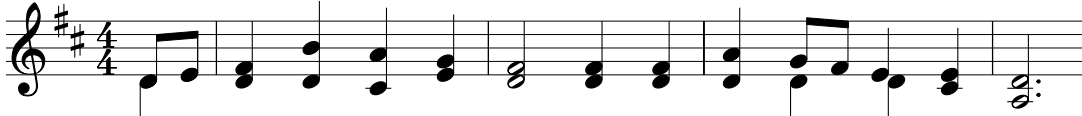


GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY 10:30am

WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the sin - less one.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond - age break.



He came to share re - pent - ance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ded, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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At 10:30am, the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above you heavenly host:

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Presider takes the bread and wine. All stand.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider 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:

Say at 8:30am:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

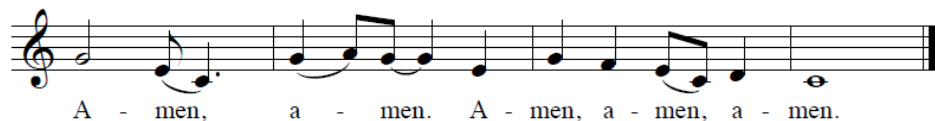
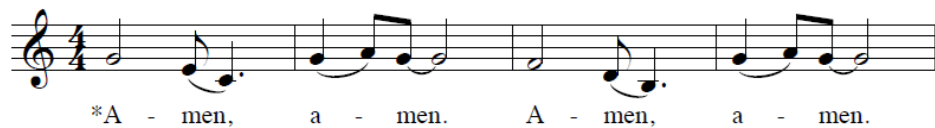
Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

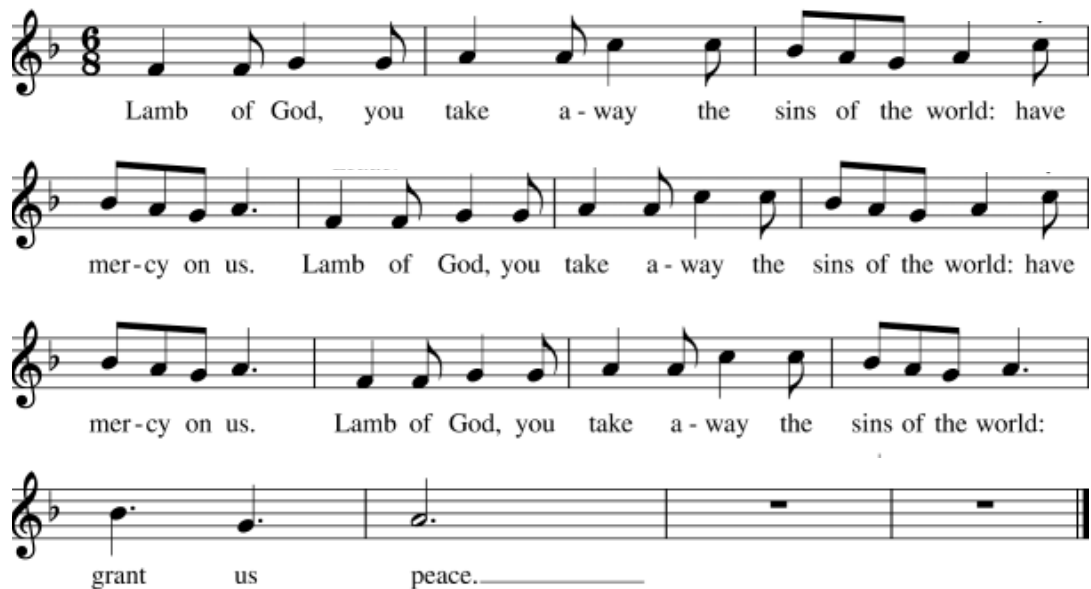
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against 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

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *At 8:30am, spoken. At 10:30am, sung.*




Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.


Our bread is gluten-, dairy-, and nut-friendly. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 10:30am


IN THIS PLACE



1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need
 2. All our lives are a mys - t'ry; we see
 3. Though the world may tell us to
 4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the



shel - ter and strength. We are one in our
 not where they lead. We are asked now to
 look at our - selves, we reach out to an -
 Christ that re - stores. As we take, now re -



hurt - ing, we are one in our pain. In our suf -
 trust you and we know we must be - lieve. As our feet
 oth - er where suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands
 ceive him, we find love ev - er - more. As the bread



f'ring and sad - ness, we are saved by the grace
 be - come Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace
 be - come Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace
 be - comes Bod - y, we are filled with the grace




of the pow - er and the Spir - it that is here in this place.

Refrain



We are gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord.



We are gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word.



Our hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is



Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Silence is kept. Then,

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

Amen.

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *10:30am*

SPIRIT TAKE US HOME

CHRISTOPHER GRUNDY

REFRAIN:

Spirit take us home, take us home by another way,
Take us long way 'round the tyrants and their schemes.
Give us strength to walk, show us dreams of a better day,
And we'll pave the way with justice going home by another way.

The mountains and the hills made low, the rough places made plain
The despots thrown down from their throne till only love remains. **REFRAIN**

No offerings for billionaires to make them richer still.
Bring all your frankincense and myrrh that the hungry may be filled. **REFRAIN**

So when the proud boys and the klan ask where the Christ child lies,
Just tell them that you'll let them know next time you're passing by. **REFRAIN**

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE