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**PRELUDE** 10:30am

**SIYAHAMBA**

**ARR. JOHN CARTER**

**WELCOME & OPENING OF ANNUAL MEETING** 10:30am

**THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH**

**H 448**

At 8am, sing verse 1. At 10:30am, sing all printed verses.



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

**OPENING ACCLAMATIONS** *Stand*

Presider

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Spirit.

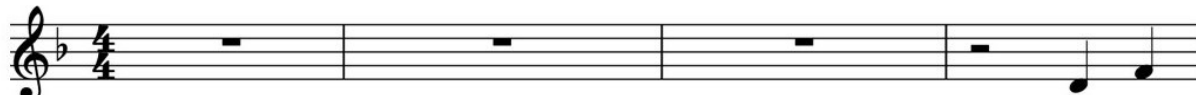
People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.


**GLORIA** *At 8:00am, read together.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Creator, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Child 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 the Father. Amen.

**GLORIA** *10:30am*




Glo - ry,



Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,



Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —



1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —



2. Lord God, heav-en - 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, Glo-ry,



Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,



Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 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 Spir-it, in the



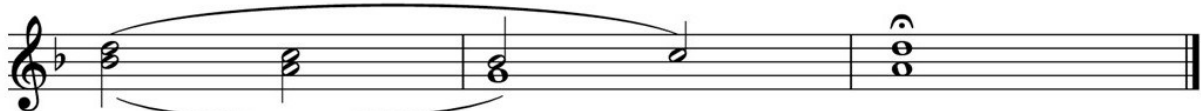
glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we



praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we



Praise your Ho - ly name.



A - - - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            God of the seasons to whom all things in heaven and earth belong, another year has come and gone and once again we gather for the Annual Meeting. To you and to this worship we bring all of our celebrations and hardships, joys and the sorrows of the past 12 months. We remember with thanksgiving the highlights of the year, sure of your presence in them, and beseeching you to guide us and give us signs of your closeness in the year to come as we seek to become a parish in your Body of Christ in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri; we ask this through your child Jesus the Christ.

People             **Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader            A reading from the Book of Malachi. 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

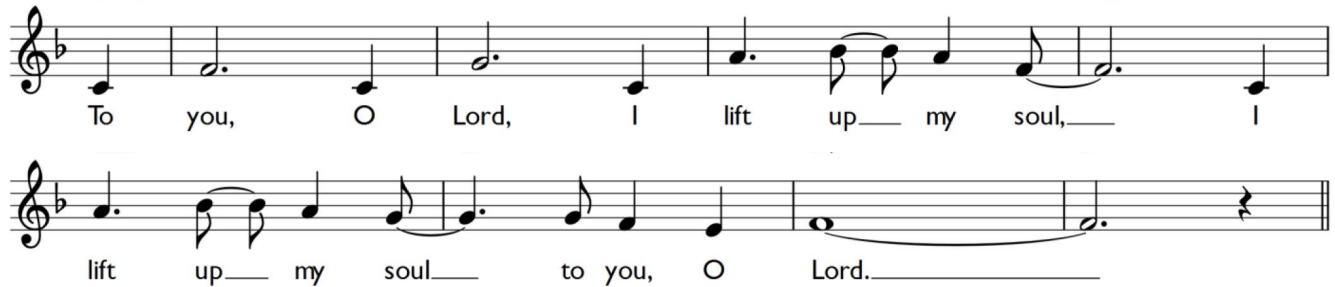
The Word of the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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At 8am, the congregation reads the antiphon together. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon together.



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, I lift up my soul to you, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my Saviour.
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.
3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter to the Hebrews.

2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

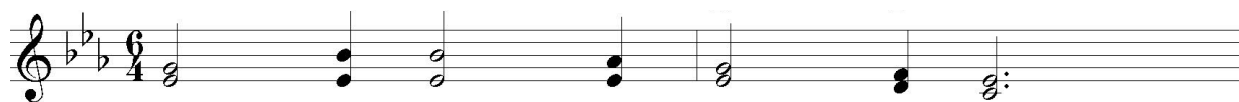
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People

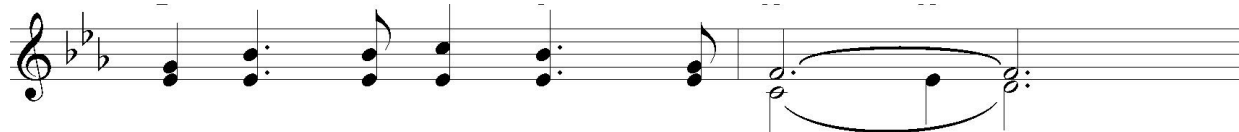
**Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand*

At 8am, sing refrain only. At 10:30am, sing verses 1 and 2. After reading, sing verse 3.



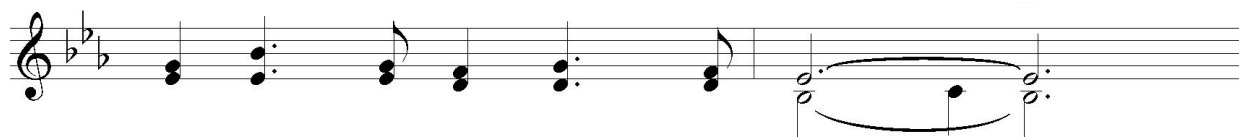
1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star,  
2. He's the Lamp dark and that lights our way,  
3. No more dark - ness, no more night-



Je - sus, the Light of the World!  
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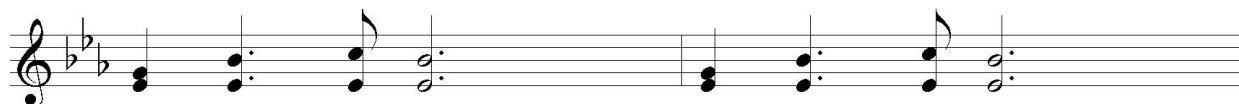


He has ris - en in our hearts,  
Step by step and in day by day -  
He will shine for - ev - er bright,

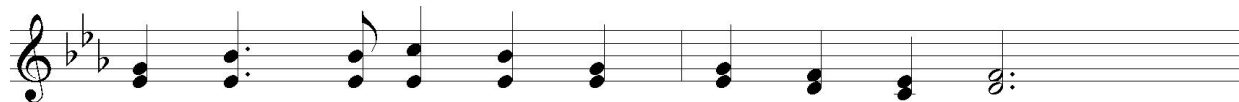


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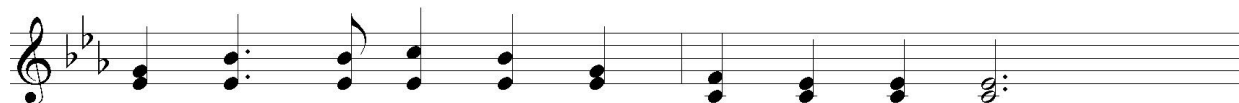
## *Refrain:*



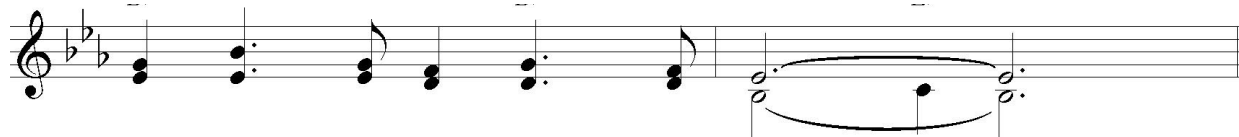
Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light;



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 GOSPEL

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

2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ANTIPHON

*Music on previous page. At 8am, sing refrain; at 10:30am, sing verse 3.*



*This sermon serves as the Vicar's Annual Report. After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.*

**THE NICENE CREED** *Stand*

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 human.  
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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Living God, you know our prayers before we ask and eternally call us to strengthen our relationship with you. We now lift our prayers to you asking that you *Hear us, O Lord, and deepen our work in your world.*

*After each prayer, all say, "and deepen our work in your world."*

Presider: Holy and Living God, hear our prayers that we bring before you; let us not grow weary in doing your will of justice, mercy and compassion. We ask this through Jesus your Son.

People **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins.

*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.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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

## 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.

### OFFERTORY

### WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES



1. When a star is shin - ing o - ver east - ern  
2. Where the world is wait - ing for an un - known  
3. Lead us on, O Day - star, in the qui - et



hills, When the air is si - lent,  
day, Where a voice for - got - ten  
night; Guide us through the shad - ow



and the clam - or stills, When the night is  
cries, "Pre - pare the way!" Where an earth - ly  
with your gen - tle light; Show us in a



wait - ing, and the old hopes rise,  
pow - er makes the heart turn cold,  
man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



Then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows  
There the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and  
Bring us to a morn - ing where the prom - ise



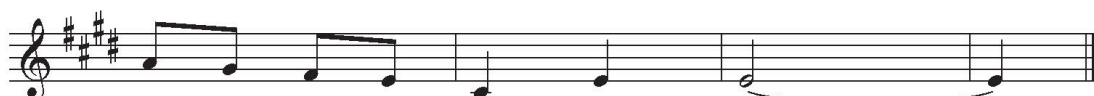
wise. Lead us on, lead us on,  
gold. shines. Lead us on, lead us on,  
shines.



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a



morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

## DOXOLOGY

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



O Trin - i - ty! O U - ni - ty! Be pres - ent as we  
wor - ship thee; And with the songs that an - gels sing  
U - nite the hymns of praise we bring. A - men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *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 thank to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

*Say at 8am:*

**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.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed the one who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Presider

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

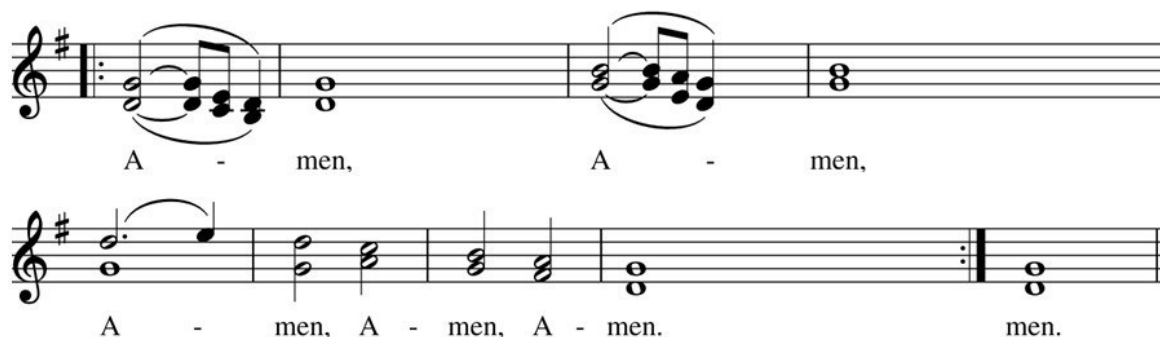
After supper, Jesus took the cup; gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, gracious God, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God, gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

## AMEN

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A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men, A - 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!**

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.

Presider            The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. 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

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.



## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

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.**

## **BLESSING**

Presider May God bless you with the curiosity and uncertainty that show an openness to the Holy One.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God bless you with wonder and questions that will expand the horizon of your faith.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God bless you with a loving heart that lets you see God at work everywhere.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

## **DEEPENING OUR ROOTS** *10:30am*

*Annual Meeting 2024—Agenda on page 19*

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching we are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are clapping in the light of God,  
We are clapping in the light of God,  
We are clapping in the light of God,  
We are clapping in the light of, the light of God.  
We are clapping, marching, we are clapping, clapping,  
We are clapping in the light of, the light of God.  
We are clapping, clapping we are clapping, clapping,  
We are clapping in the light of God.

**DISMISSAL**

Presider            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
People              Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

10:30am	Call to order – Laurie+ Establish a quorum – Ushers Open polls and announce slate of nominees Bishop’s Committee: Tom Connelly, Jack Laules, Jackie Selle, Adriane Tilton Diocesan Delegate: Kevin Senger	Vicar, The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
10:40	Let Us Pray – Eucharist begins	
11:30	<b>Deeping Our Roots: from Mission to Parish</b>	
	Approval of 2023 annual meeting minutes	Vicar, Laurie Anzilotti
	Adoption of 2025 budget	Treasurer, Jeff Rainbolt
	Elections of nominees for Class of 2028 Bishop’s Committee Diocesan Delegate	
	Bishop’s Appointments for 2025	
	Deepening our roots in the year to come	Parish Ministry Leaders
	Motion for admission as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri	Wardens
	Ceremonial signing of the petition to the Bishop requesting admission to the Diocese	Parishioners present since founding of the mission
	Recognitions	Vicar, The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, and Wardens
12pm	Sending Hymn and dismissal (on page 18) Adjournment to lunch	

