

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNDAY, MARCH 2 2025

Service begins here at both 8am and 10:30am.

PRELUDE 10:30am

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

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GATHERING SONG

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

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We begin by praising God through song and prayer. Stand. At 8am, sing verse 1; at 10:30, sing all printed.



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - di - ent - ly shine; the hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his  
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## GREETING

*Standing before the assembly, the Presider welcomes the community to worship.*

Presider Blessed are you, Holy and Eternal God.

People **Blessed be God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider Holy and Immortal One, illuminate the shadows in our hearts, open our eyes to your saving love, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

People **Guide us, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your truth we may find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: SPOKEN *8am. Stand.*

Leader Arise, shine out, for your light has come;

People **the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Leader The nations will come to your light,

People **and rulers to your dawning brightness.**

Leader They shall bring gold and frankincense,

People **and proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Leader Your gates will lie open continually,

People **shut neither by day nor by night.**

Leader No more will the sun give you daylight,

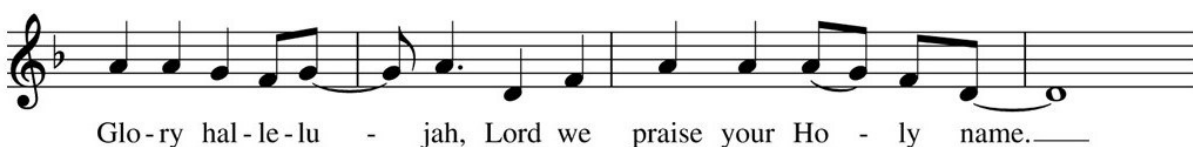
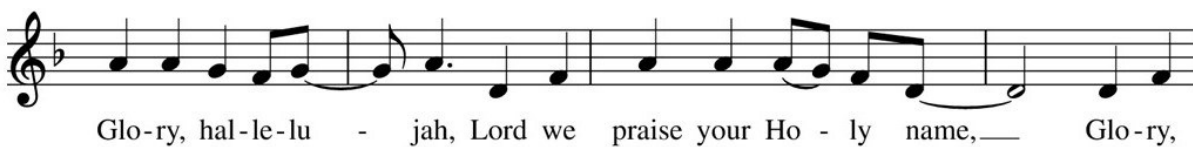
People **nor moonlight shine upon you.**

Leader But the Lord will be your everlasting light,

People **your God will be your splendor. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: SUNG *10:30am. Stand.*

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.





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 - migh-t-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 Let us pray.

*The Presider continues with the prayer appointed for the day, called the collect. The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture for the day.*

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.

People **Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit.*

*We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when.*

### THE FIRST LESSON: A READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

45:3-11, 15

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to

them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.*



The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;  
he is the Holy One. **ANTIPHON**

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool;  
he is the Holy One. **ANTIPHON**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. **ANTIPHON**

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

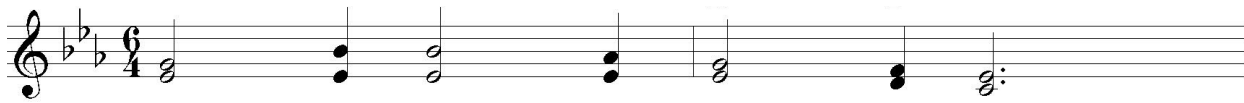
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

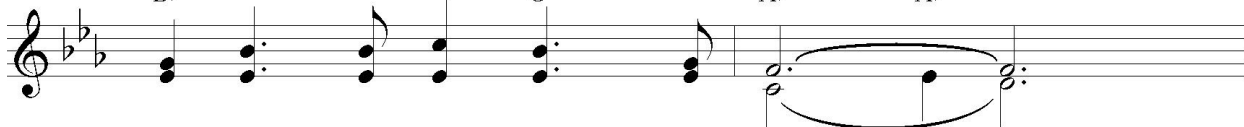
Reader	A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.	3:12-4:2
	<p>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.</p> <p>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.</p> <p>Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.</p>	
People	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

## GOSPEL HYMN: PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOSPEL *Stand.*

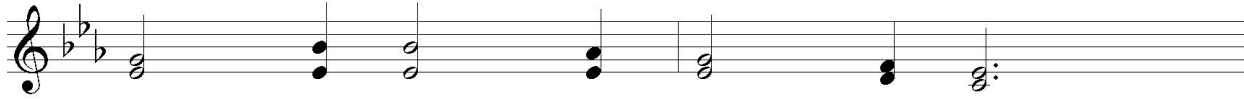
We stand, as we are able, for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions, and sing the Gospel Hymn. At 8am, sing refrain only. At 10:30am, sing verses 1 and 2. After reading, sing verse 3.



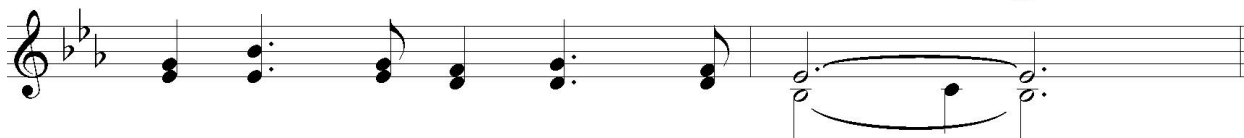
1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star,  
2. He's the the Lamp that lights our way,  
3. No more dark - ness, no more night-



Je - sus, the Light of the World!  
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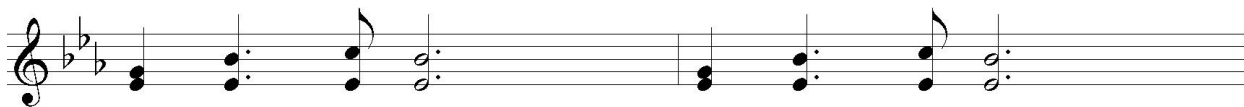


He has ris - en in our hearts,  
Step by step and in day by day -  
He will shine for - ev - er bright,

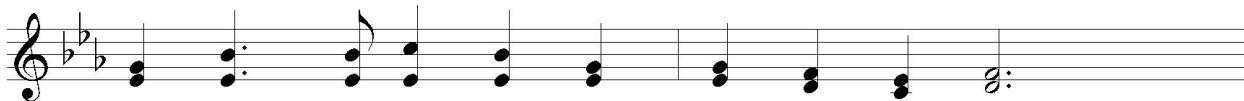


Je - sus, the Light of the World!  
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*Refrain:*



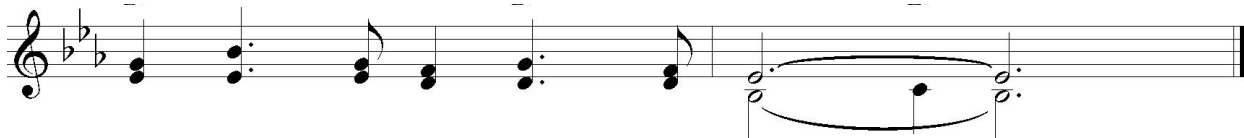
Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light;



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 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Deacon God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. 9:28-36

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**THE SERMON** *Sit.*

**MR. JIM SPARKS**

*We remain seated for the sermon. Having someone comment on the scriptures read goes back to the earliest days of Christianity and to the Jewish Synagogue worship which preceded it.*



## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Presider, priest or deacon, leads the assembly in an affirmation of faith. Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. But, since the Sixth Century, the church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to." Creeds tell a deeper "truth" that goes beyond "facts."*

### THE NICENE CREED *Stand.*

Deacon            We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People            **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

*Prayer changes people. Prayer is not about changing God but about changing us more into the likeness of God. Collectively and individually we offer the hopes and desires of our hearts to God. The Deacon offers the prayers for those who are sick or have asked our prayers.*

Deacon            Let us now bring our prayers for the Church and for the world before God.

*The people respond to each intercession with silence. In the silences throughout our prayers, we are invited to hold up to God the names of those we especially remember today.*

Presider            To the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end, we pray in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*As we enter in to worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other and to God.*

Deacon            Our Savior Jesus Christ says, 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.' Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept and to share love with others.

*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 your 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 EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

*As we enter the most sacred portion of our worship we exchange a sign of God's promised peace. There are no set words to use in greeting each other, but "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and "Shalom" are all commonly used.*

Presider            The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People            **And also with you.**

Presider            Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

*As a community of reconciliation and peace, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Sit.*

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

Presider            Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People             **Amen.**

### **GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

*Having been nourished from the richness of God's love in sacred story and reconciled to each other through prayer, confession and peace, we gather at Christ's table to offer ourselves to be transformed for service in the world. We listen to or sing a hymn to continue to prepare our hearts and minds for the Eucharistic Prayers to come.*

#### **\*THE OFFERTORY** *10:30 only*

*The gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are offered by the assembly to be set apart or consecrated as a reminder of Christ's sacrificial love and life. Once the Holy Table or Altar is prepared, the Presider and people give thanks to God for the many gifts we have been given by standing and singing our praise.*

#### **MEDITATION HYMN** *8:00am*

#### **JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**PERFORMED BY FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GLEN ELLYN**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

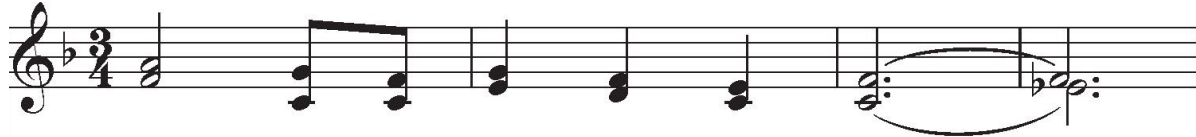


branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

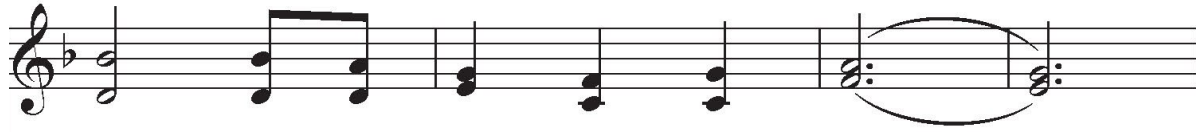


an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

*From here, continue to the bulletin labelled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 4, and return to this insert for Communion Hymn and Sending Hymn.*



Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.



Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.



This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.



Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

\*Additional stanzas:  
2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

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# SENDING HYMN

At 8am, sing verse 1 and 4. At 10:30am, sing all printed verses.



1 Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing  
2. Love is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing  
3. Heal - ing's flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing  
4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



out of you and me. \_\_\_\_\_ Flow - ing out in - to the  
out of you and me. \_\_\_\_\_ Flow - ing out in - to the  
out of you and me. \_\_\_\_\_ Flow - ing out in - to the  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. \_\_\_\_\_  
des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. \_\_\_\_\_  
des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. \_\_\_\_\_  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*You are welcome to take this insert home with you for prayer or pondering.*