

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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10 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card at the registration desk.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priorities. While the CDC has ruled that vaccinated people may safely be indoors without masks, some in our community have not been vaccinated, so, while now optional, masking remains the safest practice.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go, and by using the provided cleaning supplies if you visit the restrooms.

Children are very welcome in the sanctuary. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery. Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service.

Our 10 am service on the First Sunday of each month is intentionally hospitable to children, including interactive prayers, music and a children's message. No matter your age, this service is for you! The Children of All Ages service will be the main worship service on First Sundays.

Leading Worship Today

Guest Celebrant & Preacher: Nancy Burton Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Accompanist: Martha Dudich

Seminarian: Amy Crawford

Greeter/Usher: Steve Guidry

Chalice: Marjorie Guidry (Psalmist) & Amy Crawford

Lay Reader: Lynda Vesely

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

Open/Close: Steve Downs/Natalie Welker-Marx

Intercessor: Bob Kinney

Acolyte: Joanne Welker

A/V: Jill Unger

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Salutation: *One:* Blessed be the God of our salvation

Many: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

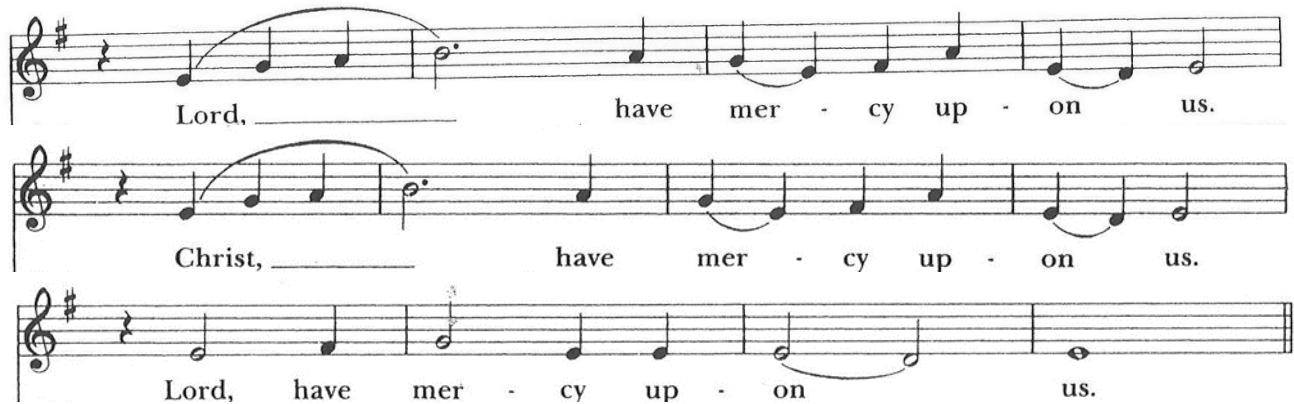
Confession and Absolution:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

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.

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 everlasting life. Amen.

Kyre



Blessing and Sending of the Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



This is my commandment, that you love one another, that your joy may be full (x2)
That your joy may be full. That your joy may be full.
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Collect of the Day

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons

The Old Testament lesson tells the story of how God selected David to succeed Israel's first king, Saul. As each of the sons of Jesse are brought before Samuel, God's prophet, we learn with him that God's ways and values are different than those of humankind. It is the youngest—a shepherd boy—not the oldest or the strongest, whom God selects to be king.

First Lesson

1Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the

youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

1. The Holy One is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2. You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.
3. __You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
5. for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
6. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
7. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

The letter to the Ephesians is tied to this morning’s Gospel lesson by the theme of light and darkness. Its author reminds those who follow Jesus that they no longer live in darkness, but in the light of faith. The Ephesians are urged to live as children of light.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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Gospel Verse *Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

Francis Patrick O’Brien

3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us

We have lost you from our sight.

E - ven though your love has found us,

We em - brace the powers of night.

Scat - ter now our deep - est dark - ness.

Guide our hearts in - to the light.

Join us to the cross of Je - sus.

Help us set our liv - ing right.

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John's story of a man who was born blind continues his theme of coming to see the Kingdom of God with spiritual sight. The sight of the newly believing man is contrasted with the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees. The reading has baptismal overtones as well. When the man washes in the pool of Siloam—which means “sent”, his sight is restored by the One who was sent by God.

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he

is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**





Gospel Reflection:

Nancy Dilliplane

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Let us pray for the church, the world and one another saying “God of mercy, make us new.”

We pray for the church. For those preparing for baptism, and the ministry of all the baptized, especially Michael our presiding bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Nancy our rector, Amy and all who are preparing for ordination, for our vestry and for our staff. May your church drink deeply from living springs and travel the deserts in trust and hope.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the world, especially those who live with poverty, hunger, war or terror as their daily companions. May we come to live as one human family, and grow beyond the violence of war.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for this nation, especially Joe our president, Josh our governor, and for our congress, assemblies, and courts. May we be healed of racism, and may the equity and peace of our common life shine like a lamp on the hill.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our community, especially our schools and school boards.

May our children be safe, our leaders be wise and our lives be peaceful and just.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list, those whose names are written on our prayer cards and on our hearts and those we name now either silently or aloud...May every sadness find you at its heart, and may there be grace when we suffer.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the departed, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud...May they ever grow in faith and love, and may we always remember them by name.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

God of mercy, make us new. Change our hearts, mend our lives, and lead us to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Offering of our Common Life

Offertory Hymn Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3. Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part; Light of Light, from

all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen lips and ears and heart;

now to seek and love and fear you. By your gos - pel
 with your beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 help us by your Spir - it's lead - ing. Hear the cry your

pure and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
 church now rais - es; Lord, ac - cept our prayers and prais - es.

WORDS: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 TUNE: Iohann R. Ahle. 1664

LIEBSTER JESU
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At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. It is preferred that you consume the bread at the time you receive it and then sip from the chalice rather than dipping your bread in the wine. The alcohol-free chalice and gluten-free bread are available, please ask the server if you require either. If you prefer to receive only the bread, cross your arms over your chest to bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home. If you would like to have Communion brought to you in the pew, please let the usher know.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A Prayer for Unity

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. Give us grace to respond this day, and in the days to come. Nourished for service, may our hearts be made ready, our eyes be made open, our hands be made strong and our feet be made willing to do your will in all the places to which you call us. We long to unite ourselves wholly to you and to one another, and in all things remain a Eucharistic people, the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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.

God of all power, Sovereign of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

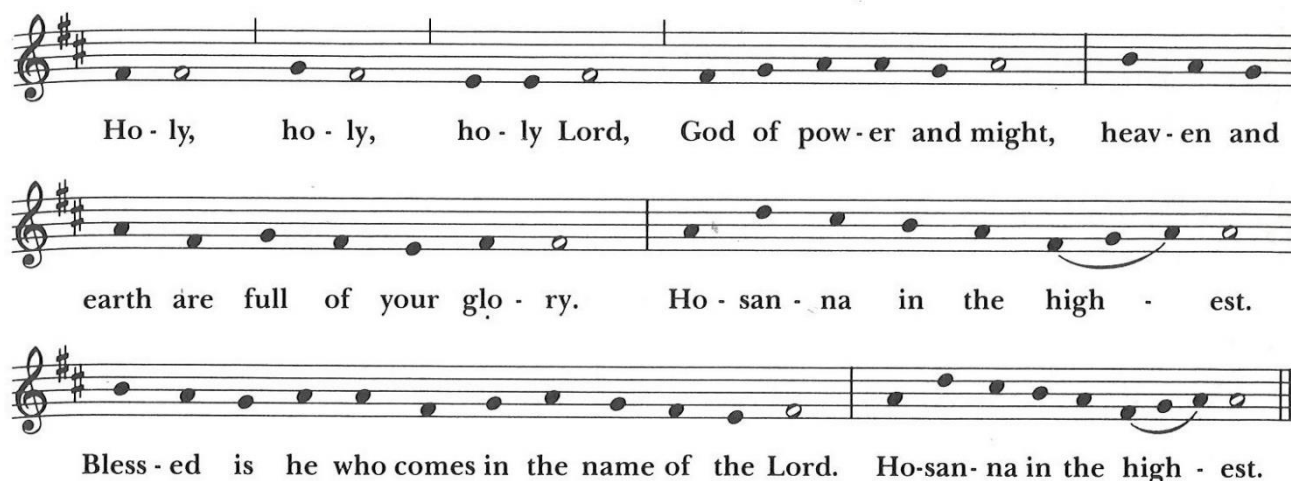
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he 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, he took the cup of wine, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of Thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Mary, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**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 tresspasses,
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

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Lamb of God

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.

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The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**Loving God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,**

and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Solemn Prayer

During Lent a solemn prayer is said over the people rather than a blessing.

Bow down before the Lord...

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see — the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for — the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run — with pa - tience the race, we

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star of my life — is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

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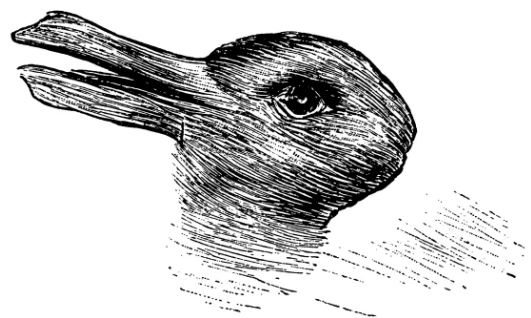
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Irr. with Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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