

Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026

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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
However, please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Welcome to Worship

At the font...

P Water is one of the most ancient symbols of our faith.
It was water that the Israelites came through into freedom.
It was water that Jesus was baptized in.
It was water by which he called the disciples.
It was water that he used to teach his disciples how to be servants to all.

Today we take a Journey of our own Discipleship
through water and the Spirit.
We let go of all things we do not need.
We remember our belovedness.
We recommit to serve others with joy.

WA In the beginning water cradled us in the womb
Holding us in suspension until we burst forth in the waters of birth

P In the desert a small drop of water causes life to bloom
A tiny drop of water can quench our burning thirst for justice

All God's love flows through the water

WA In the roots of our being water provides sustenance
Without water our lives would shrivel and wither

P In the times when we feel sullied and broken
We long to be reawakened by soaking in forgiving, transforming love

All God's love flows through the water

WA All water is holy.
A sign that we have passed through troubles, that we have been
refreshed by a gift of life sustained by a love poured over us.

P In the aftermath of water...
flowing, pouring, falling, dropping, gushing, spilling, surging,
tumbling, showering...
is the rainbow sign of God's continuing love at work within us
and through us.

All God's love flows through the water

Opening Song

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

1 Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
2 King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed,
o - pened my eyes, let me see.
glo - rious in heav - en a - bove.
Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,
hope of a life spent with You. So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came poor. So, here I am to
wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er
won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -
- er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on
that cross. And I'll nev - that cross. So here I am to
Coda

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

All Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

All **you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.**

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

**We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.**

Turn us to seek your face.

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

Amen.

P The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

All Amen.

Prayer for This Day



All Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the



lift-ing up of my hands as an of - fer-ing to you.



Women O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my



Men O God, I call to you, come to me



W voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like



M now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise



W in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an



M up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

W of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;

M hands as an of-fer-ing to you. Keep

W deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

M watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

W bright. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

M love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

W fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

M in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an



W you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of



M of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the



W life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.



M God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



W Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the



M Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



W lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.



M fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Text: *Holden Evening Prayer*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 141

Music: Marty Haugen

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God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

A Reading from Isaiah, the 42nd chapter

¹ 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.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ 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:

⁶ 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,⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;

my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare; before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Isaiah 42:1-9

WA Word of God, Word of Hope.

All Thanks be to God!

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A Reading from Acts, the 10th chapter

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ 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.³⁹ 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,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ 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.⁴² 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.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Acts 10:34-43

WA Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



0 - pen the eyes _____ of my heart, _____ Lord, _____

Music score for "Open the Eyes of My Heart" with lyrics and measure markings:

o - pen the eyes _____ of my heart; _____ I want to see You, _____

I want to see You. _____

Measure markings: Measure 1: 3 measures. Measure 2: 3 measures.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Message

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

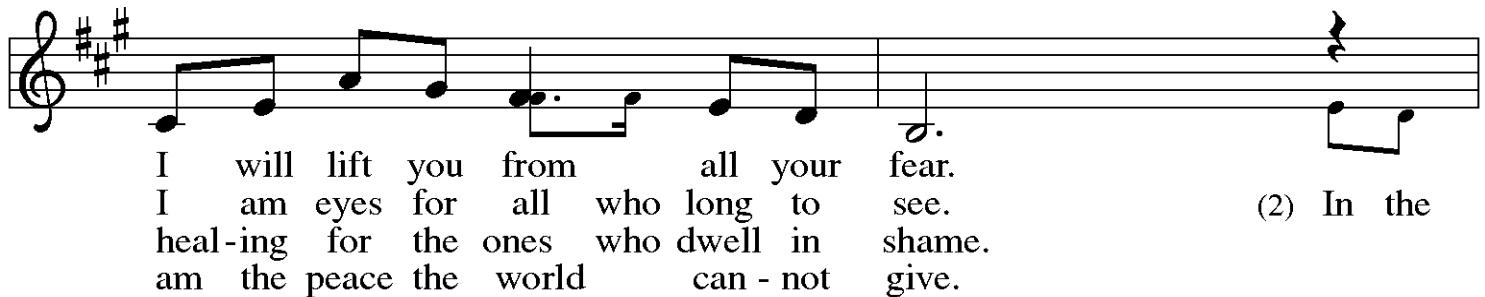
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You Are Mine



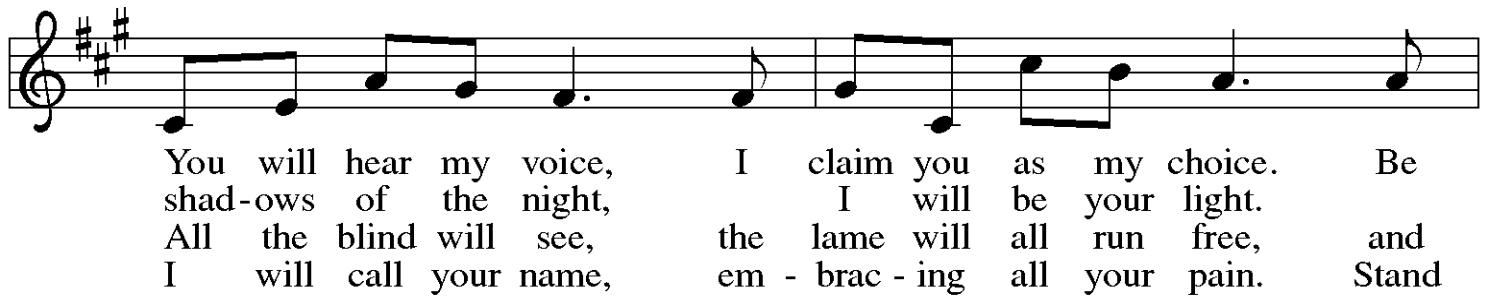
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
4 "I am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see.
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. to verse 2
Come and rest in me. to refrain
all will know my name. to verse 4
up, now walk and live! to refrain

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

You may be Seated

WA As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the Peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that Peace through sign language.

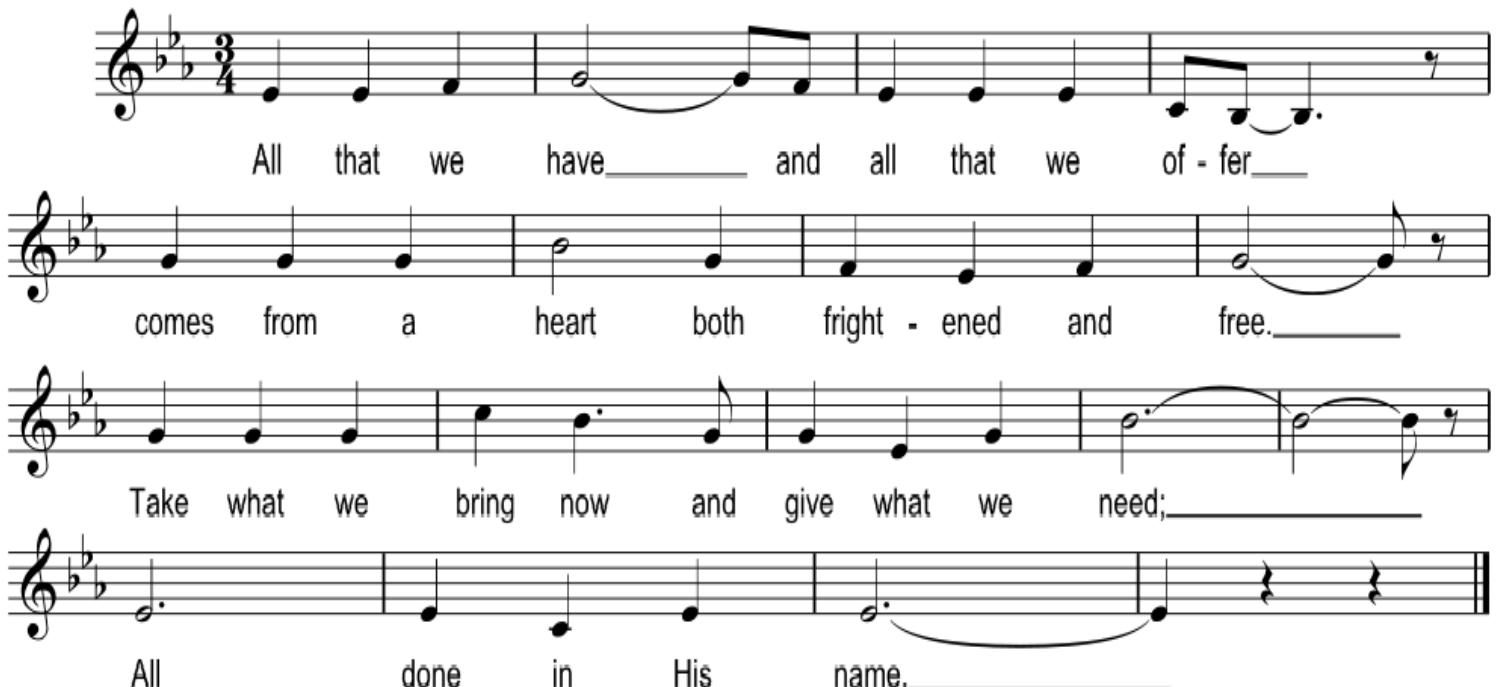
P Christ become Peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

You may be Seated

Offering plates are available at the entrance to receive your offerings.



All that we have and all that we offer,
comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need;
All done in His name.

Offertory Prayer

P God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you.

All Use what we have gathered to feed the hungry,
house the poor and embrace all with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P Gracious God, we thank you that in every age you have made water a sign of your presence.

In the waters of the Jordan, your Son was baptized and anointed with your Spirit for his ministry.

May this same Spirit bless the water we use today, that it may be a fountain of a new creation.

This is the water through which we experience the healing and wholeness, promising us that a time will come when all is good.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Let us together pray as Jesus taught us:

All **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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Invitation

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

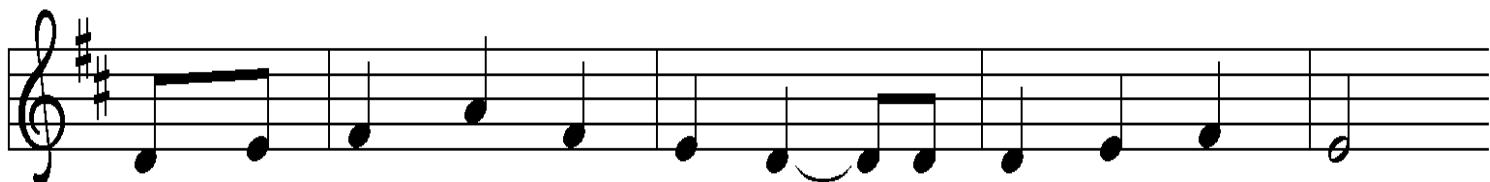
Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant



Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



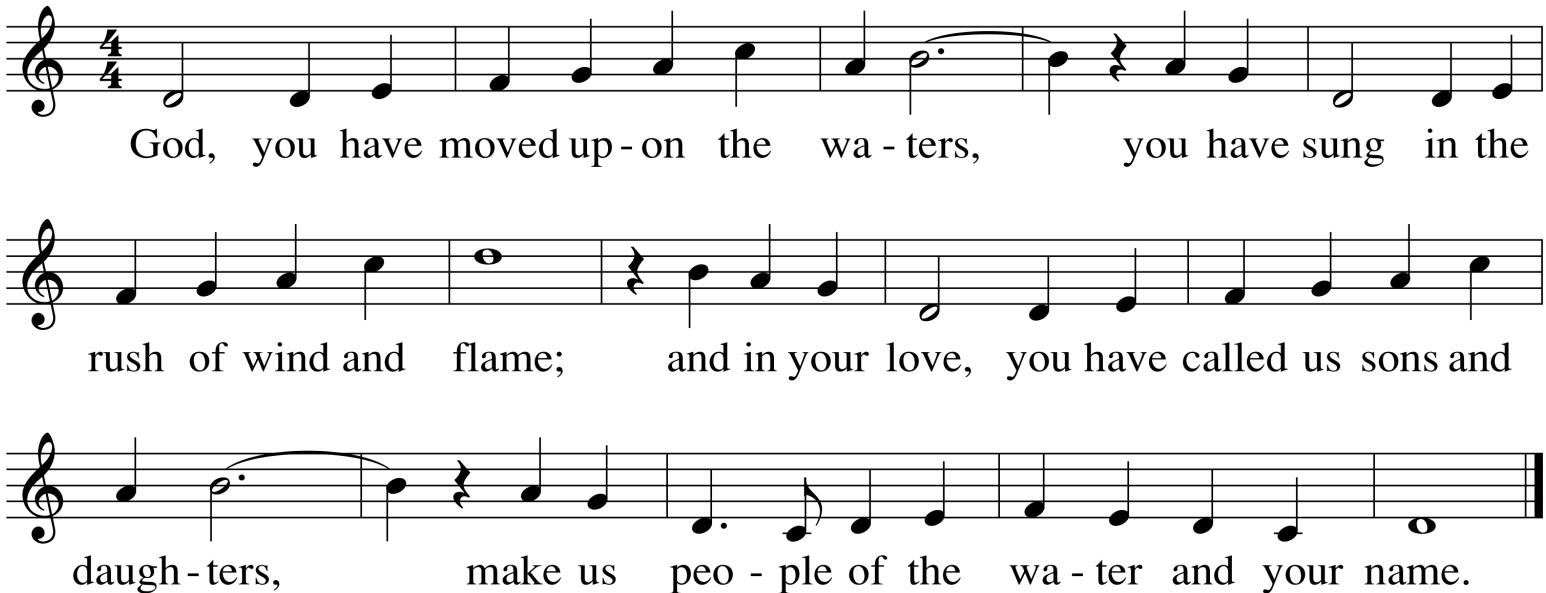
Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

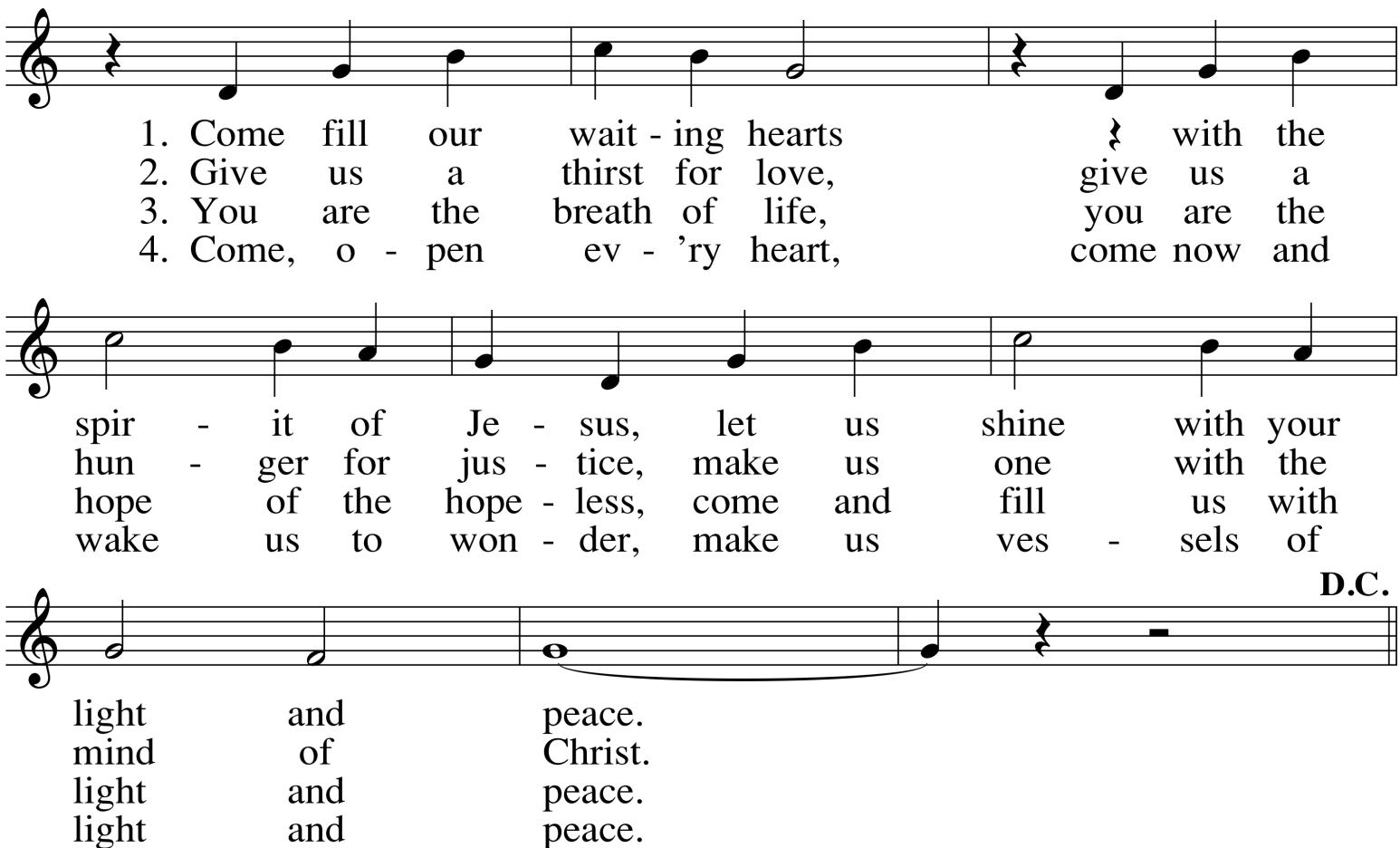
Refrain

Song over the Waters



God, you have moved up-on the wa-ters, you have sung in the
rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and
daugh-ters, make us peo-ple of the wa-ter and your name.

Verses



1. Come fill our wait-ing hearts with the
2. Give us a thirst for love, give us a
3. You are the breath of life, you are the
4. Come, o - pen ev - 'ry heart, come now and

spir - it of Je - sus, let us shine with your
hun - ger for jus - tice, make us one with the
hope of the hope - less, come and fill
wake us to won - der, make us ves - sels of

D.C.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P Let us pray,
Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

All In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

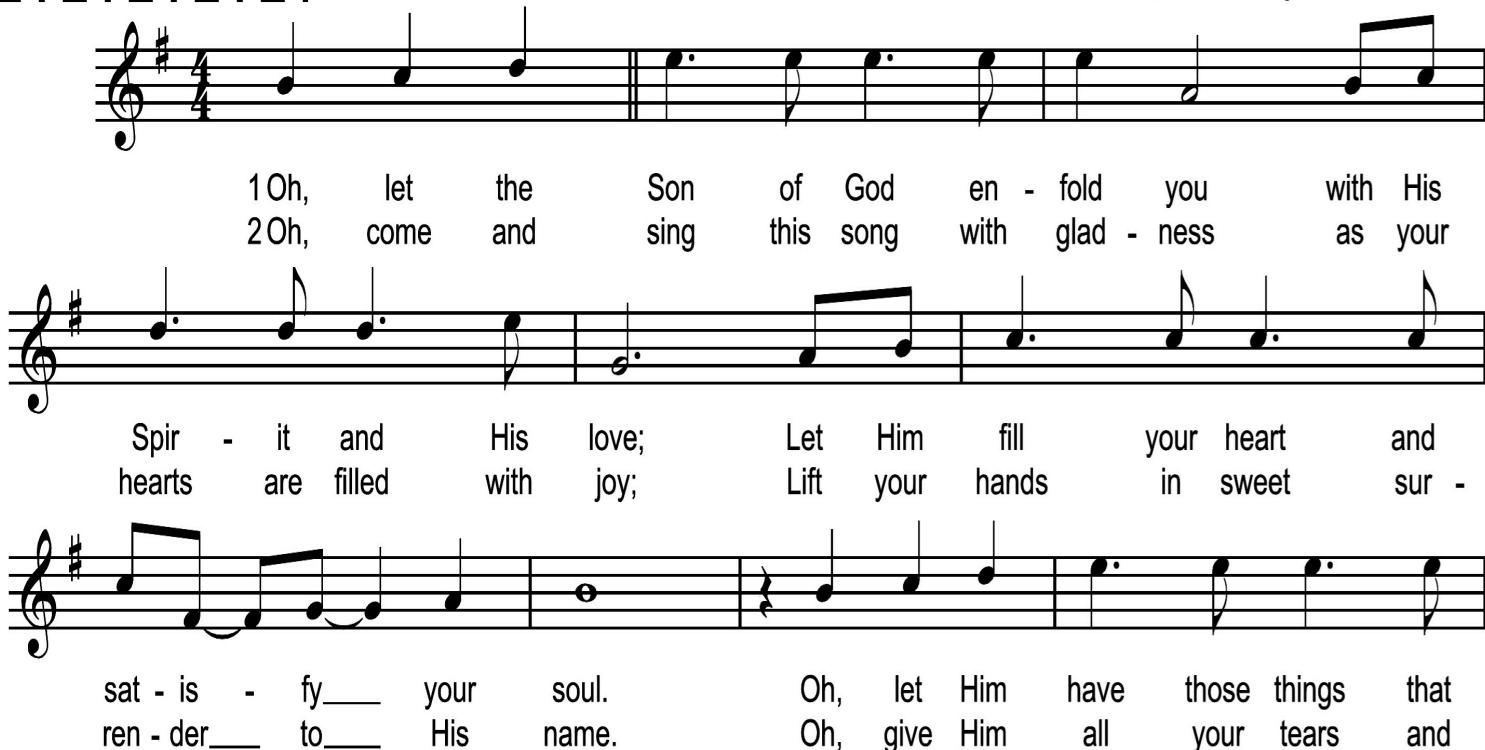
Benediction Please stand in body or spirit.

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever.

All Amen

Sending

Spirit Song Words and Music by
John Wimber



1Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His
2Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your

Spir - it and His love; Let Him fill your heart and
hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands in sweet and sur -

sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let Him have those things that
ren - der to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and

hold you, and His Spir - it, like a dove, will de -
 sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, and and you'll
 scend up - on your life and make you whole.
 en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.
 Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.
 Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday,
January 18th

First Reading:	Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm:	Psalm 40:1-11
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel:	John 1:29-42

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