

5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Februrary 8, 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.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Welcome to Worship

Opening Song

Bring Forth the Kingdom



- 1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: salt for the king - dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple: bring forth the king - dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: bound for the king - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

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



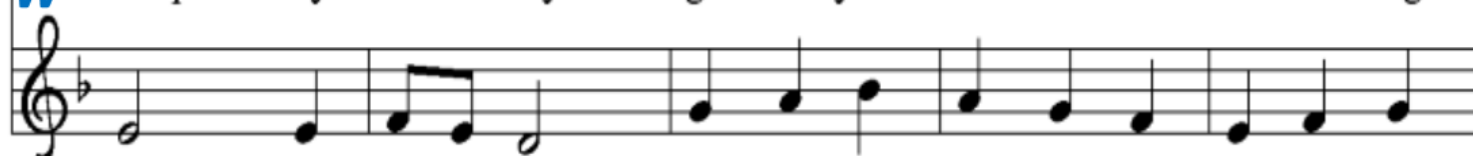
W of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



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



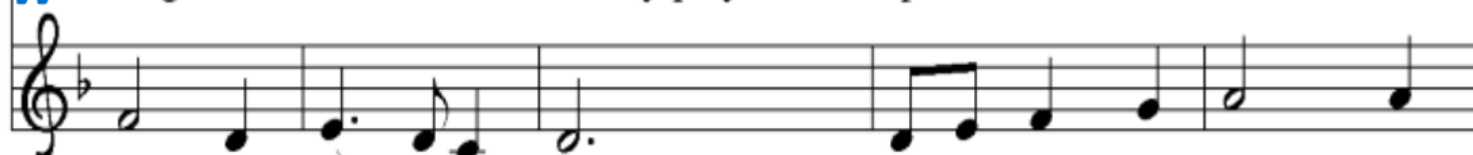
W deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing



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



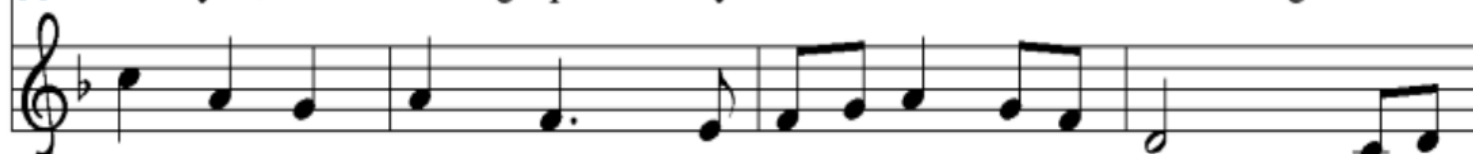
W bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



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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Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

A Reading from Isaiah, the 58th chapter

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched
places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58:1-12

WA Word of God, Word of Hope.

All Thanks be to God!

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 2nd chapter

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

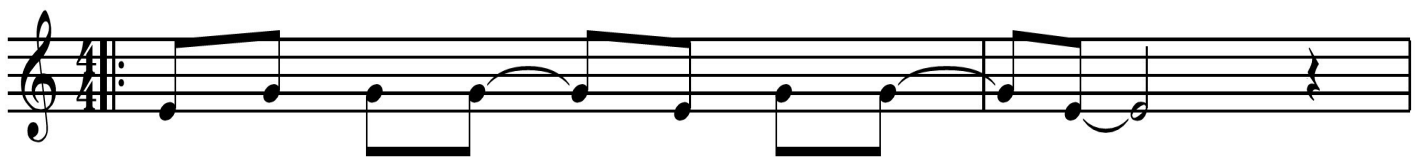
1 Corinthians 2:1-16

WA Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

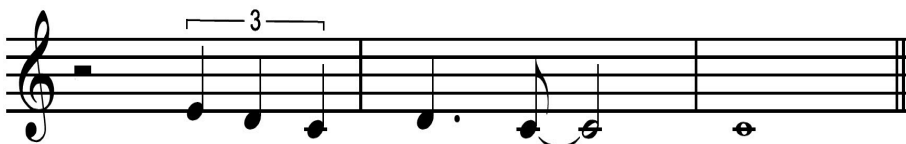
Please stand in body or spirit.



O - pen the eyes____ of my heart,____ Lord,____



o - pen the eyes____ of my heart;____ I want to see You,____



I want to see You.____

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:13-20

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

[You may be Seated](#)

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Refrain

Eye Has Not Seen



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for



those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of

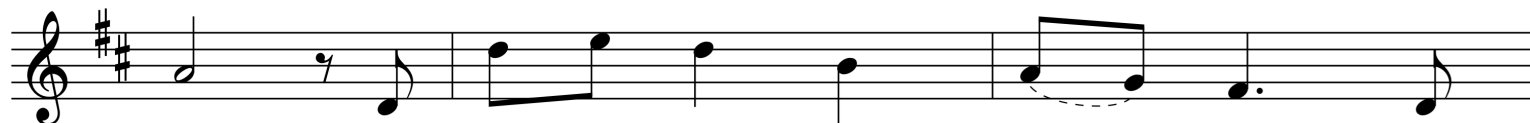


Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er



Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of



D.C.

bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

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

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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.

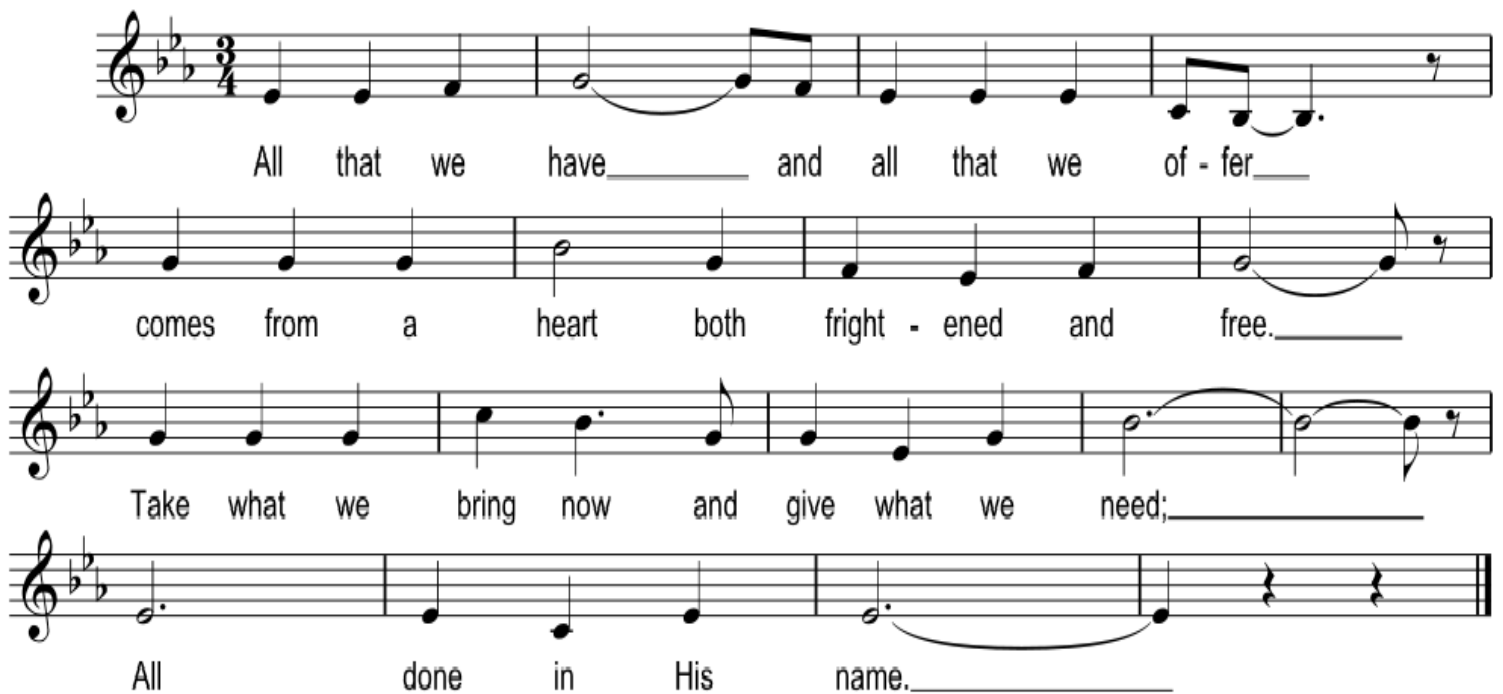
P Christ become Peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

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



All that we have_____ and all that we of - fer____

comes from a heart both fright - ened 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 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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.

You may be Seated

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

Communion Songs

The Compassion Hymn

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend



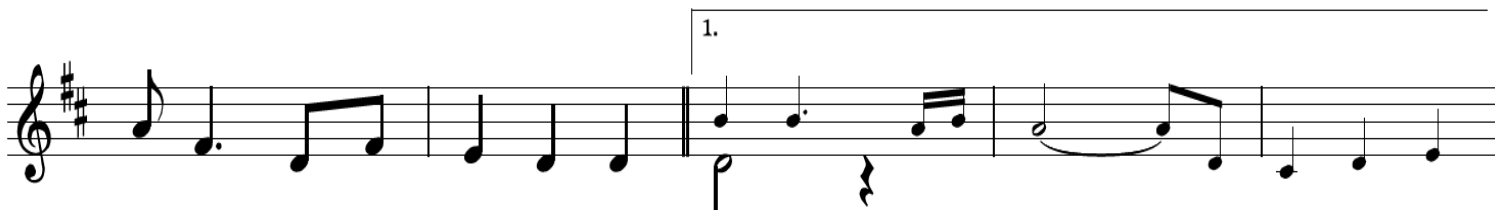
1. There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness __ You lav - ished on
(2. And with com)- pas-sion for the hurt - ing, __ You reached out Your
(3. We stood be) - neath the cross of Cal - v'ry __ and gazed on Your
(4. How beau - ti) - ful the feet that car - ry __ this gos - pel of



us	when the	ra - diance	of	heav - en	came to	res - cue	the	lost;	You called the
hand	as the	lame ran	to	meet You	and the	dead breathed a	-	gain;	You saw be -
face,	at the	thorns of	op -	pres - sion	and the	wounds of dis	-	grace;	For sure - ly
peace	to the	fields of	in -	jus - tice	and the	val - leys of	need -		To be a



sheep with - out a shep - herd _ to leave their dis - tress for Your streams of for -
-hind the eyes of sor - row _ and shared in our tears, heard the sigh of the
You have borne our suf - fring _ and car - ried our grief as You par - doned the
voice of hope and heal - ing, _ to an - swer the cries of the hun - gry and



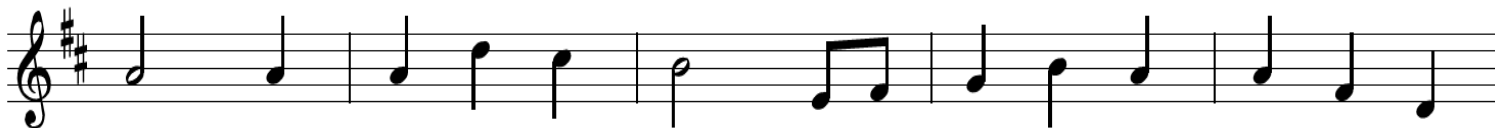
-give-ness and the shade of Your rest.
wea - ry, let the chil - dren draw
scoff - er and showed grace to the
help-less with the mer - cy of



2. And with com - near. What bound - less love, what fath - om - less
thief.
Christ.



grace You have shown us, O God of com - pas - sion! Each day we



live, an of - fring of praise as we show to the world Your com -



-pas - sion.



3. We stood be -
4. How beau - ti -

Salt & Light

Words and Music by
Lauren Ashley Daigle,
Paul Mabury and Leslie Jordan



1. Oh, the
(2. Oh, the)



beau - ty of the King.
love that set me free.

You make right - eous those who seek. _
You bring hope to those in need. _

You have
You have



writ - ten and re - deemed _ my _ sto - ry.
writ - ten and re - deemed _ my _ sto - ry.

Let my



eyes see Your king - dom shine all _ a - round. _ Let my _ heart o - ver - flow _ with pas -



- sion for _ Your name. _ Let my _ life be a song, _ re - veal - ing who You are, .

2nd time to Coda ⊕



for You are salt and _ light. _

2. Oh, the

⊕ Coda

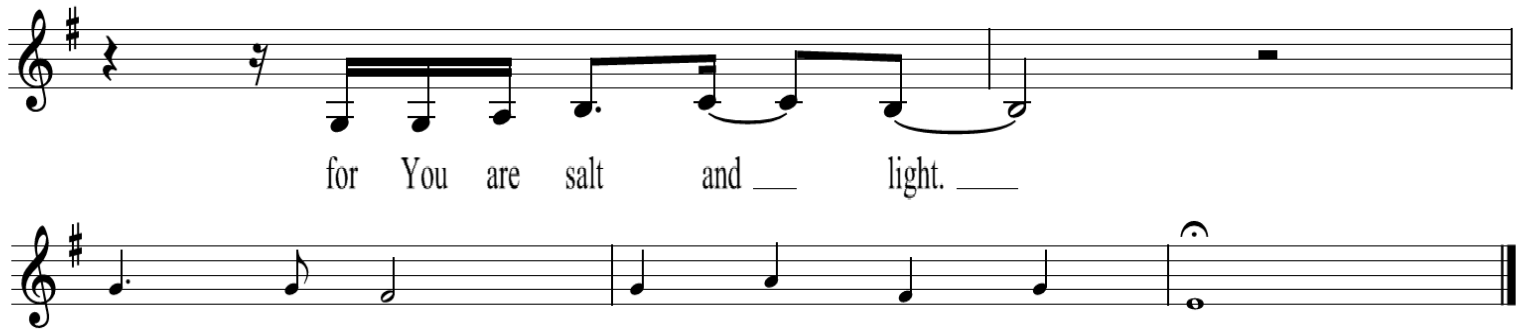


for You are salt and _ light. _

You are salt and _ light, .



for You are salt and _ light, _



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

Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing,
2 Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence,
3 As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
from the shad - ows in - to Your rad - i - ance;
so our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness;

Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the
By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con -
Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our

truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on me.
lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with
grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and
let there be light.

Last time

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Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All Thanks be to God.

I THOUGHT THAT
JESUS CAME SO THAT I
WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT ANY OF THIS STUFF.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY!

JESUS' LIFE FULFILLS
THE LAW. HIS LOVE
FREES YOU FOR A LIFE
OF LOVE AND SERVICE.

THAT'S WHAT I WAS
WORRIED ABOUT!



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I THINK MY STYLE IS
MORE LOW KEY
THAN THIS "LIGHT
ON A HILL STUFF."

OKAY, FIRST,
I DON'T
BELIEVE
YOU.

AND THEN, IT'S ABOUT
GOD'S GLORY
NOT **YOURS.**

YEAH! AND THAT'S
THE **OTHER THING**
I DON'T LIKE.



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LET ME GET THIS **STRAIGHT.**
I DO THE GOOD WORKS AND
GOD GETS THE CREDIT?



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Readings for next Sunday,
February 15th

First Reading:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm:

Psalm 2

Second Reading:

2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

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