



5th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023



1105 N. Washington Blvd.
Ogden, UT 84404
801.782.2810

Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God’s guests, including those who call themselves “members” of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 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 worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

Introduction

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**All we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

Opening Song

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Leader All

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!

Leader All

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!

Refrain

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!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM 9797 and refrain, Marty Haugen
Text and music © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you.

**All By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do,
and give us the grace and power to do them,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Isaiah, the 58th chapter

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.

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

L Word of God, Word of Light.

All Thanks be to God

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 2nd chapter

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.

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

L Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.



Last time Fine

Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.

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."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain



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

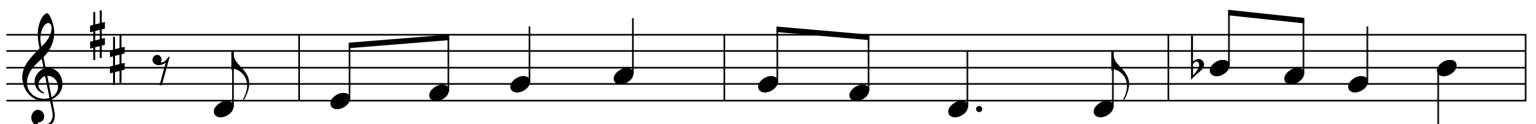


those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of



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



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.

D.C.

Sharing the Peace

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.

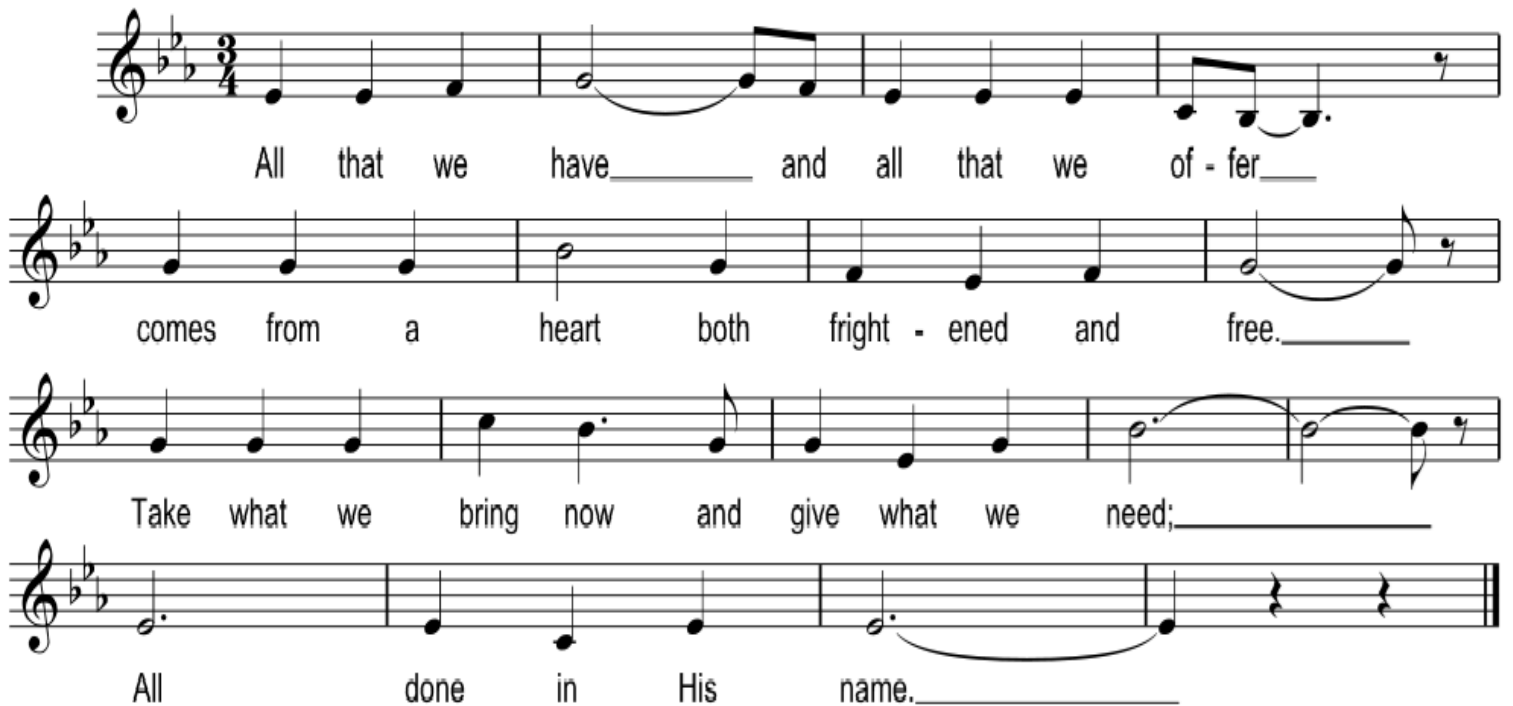
P Christ become Peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

[You may be Seated](#)

While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.



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 Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

All Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Holy One be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up to our God.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give our 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.



All: On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread;__ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,__ You broke it and said, "This is My __

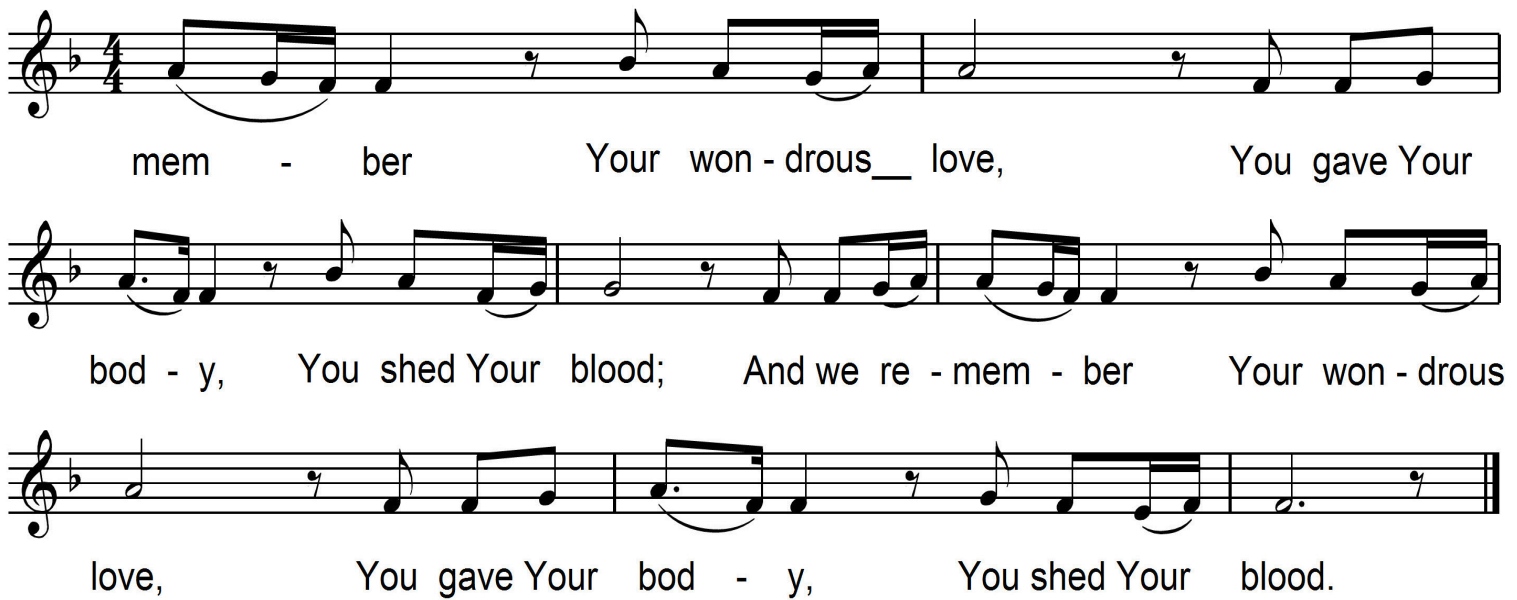


bod - y, bro - ken for__ you, and as you



eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My__

bod - y bro - ken for__ you, and as you
 eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the
 night You were__ be - trayed__ You held the cup;__ Af - ter
 giv - ing thanks,__ You lift - ed it up. "This is My__
 blood, poured out for__ you, and as you drink__ it, re - mem - ber
 Me; This is My__ blood, poured out for__ you, and as you
 drink__ it, re - mem - ber__ Me." So, we
 thank You for__ the wine__ and for the bread;__ For we
 see the life__ You gave__ and the blood You_ shed. And we re -



mem - ber Your won - drous love, You gave Your
 bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous
 love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

The Lord's Prayer

P Let us approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

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.

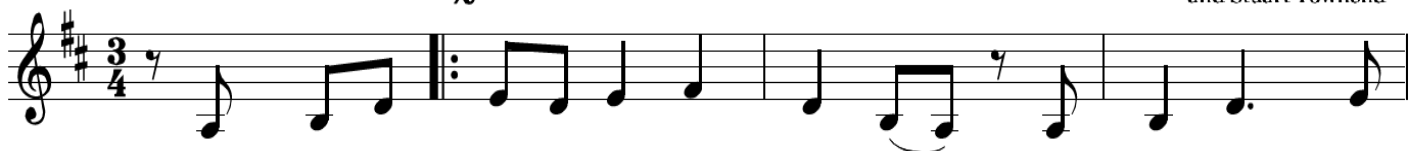
The Invitation

P Come and taste the joy of God!

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



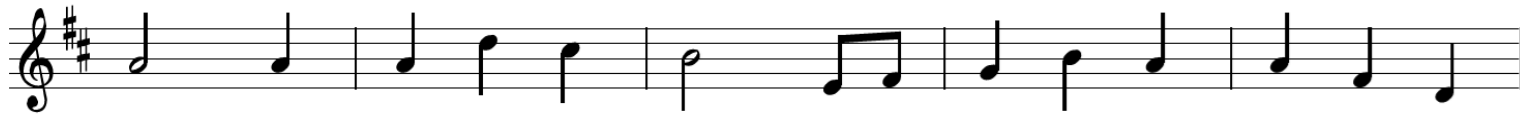
-give-ness and the shade of Your rest.
 wea - ry, let the chil - dren draw
 scoff - er and showed grace to the
 help-less with the mer - cy of



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. You make right - eous those who seek. _ You have
love that set me free. You bring hope to those in need. _ You have



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



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

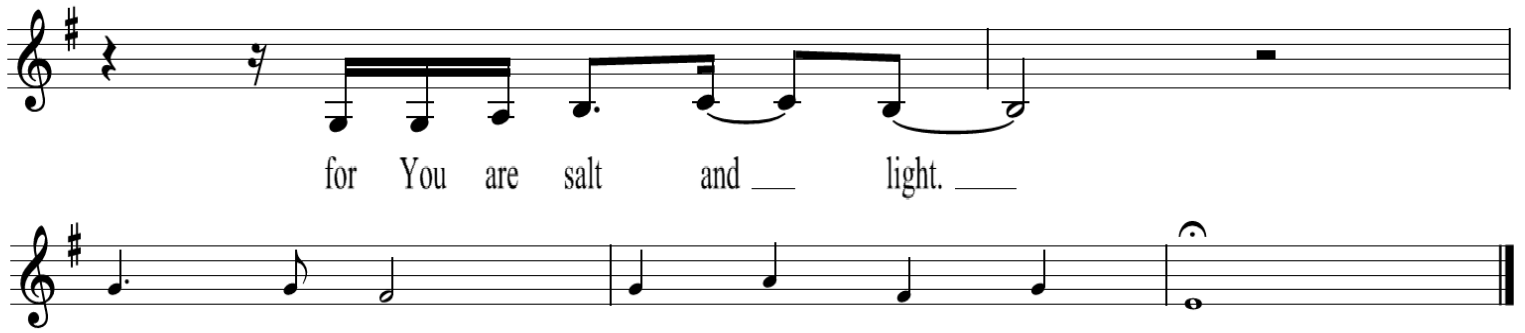
⊕ Coda



for You are salt and _ light. _ You are salt and _ light, .



for You are salt and _ light, _



Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

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

All Amen

P Holy One, we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.

**All Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

All Amen

Sending Song

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.

OCLL Song #30420
1987 Make Way Music

For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ocll.com
OCLL License #1924512

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All Thanks be to God.

Front Cover:
Photo by <https://www.pngwing.com>
Used by permission

Readings for next Sunday,
February 12th

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm:	Psalm 119:1-8
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Gospel:	Matthew 5:21-37

