

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ**

January 7, 2024 | 9:00am

The Reverend David Gierlach, Celebrant and Preacher

## Prelude

*Sanctus bell is rung, please stand as you are able*

## Entrance Hymn

*On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry*

**Hymnal 76 (vv 1-3)**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

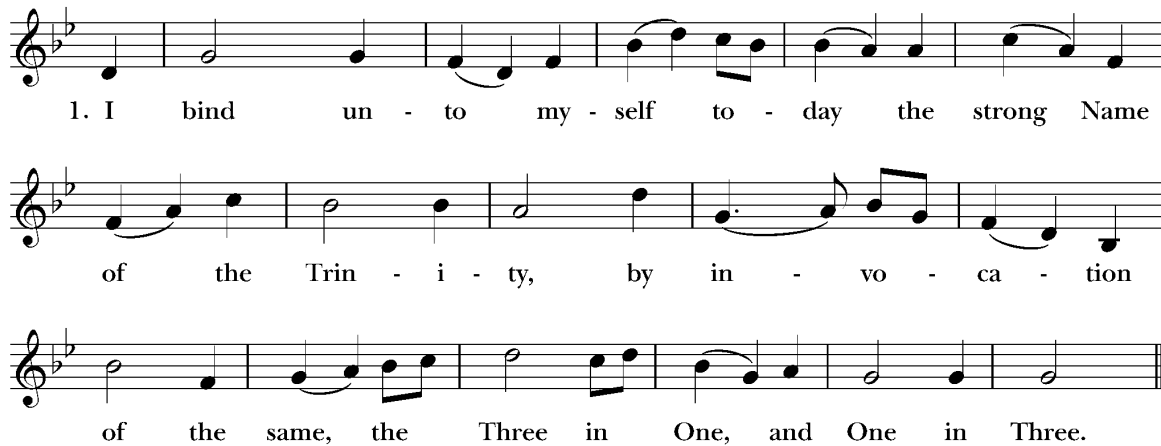
*The Celebrant then says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

*I bind unto myself today*

Hymnal 370 (v 1)



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name  
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

### A reading from the book of Genesis (1:1-5)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*



- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you *gods*, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and *strength*.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his *Name*; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of *holiness*.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory *thunders*; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty *waters*.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful *voice*; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of *splendor*.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar *trees*; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of *Lebanon*;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a *calf*, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild *ox*.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the *wilderness*; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of *Kadesh*.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees *writhe* \*  
and strips the forests *bare*.
- 9 And in the temple of the *Lord* \*  
all are crying, "*Glory!*"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the *flood*; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever*more*.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his *people*; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of *peace*.

## A reading from Acts of the Apostles (19:1-7)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

Hymnal 121

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized,      God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son,      called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death      you then o - beyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord,      your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet      as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim,      his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve      and give your life for all.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we      may per - fect free - dom find.

## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (1: 4-11)

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. David Gierlach

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant*      Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your  
commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People*      **I do.**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He 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,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**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.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers for Renewal

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for we who have renewed our commitment to Christ.

*Leader* Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send us into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Asperges, if desired

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Prayers for special occasions

**Birthday prayer:** Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary prayer:** Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this couple. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in the companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; and in their life and in their death. Amen.



*Leader* Let us pray for those who have requested our prayers.  
 For healing...  
 For those who have died...

## The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

### Offertory Hymn

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

**Hymnal 448**

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Once the altar is prepared the following Doxology may be sung*

## Doxology

*Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau*

## Na Himeni 1



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Preface for the Epiphany*

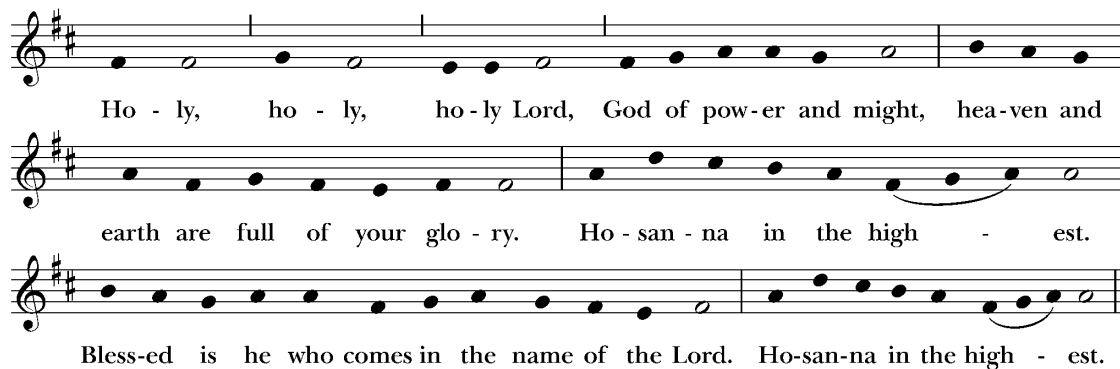
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus*

## Hymnal S 124



*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

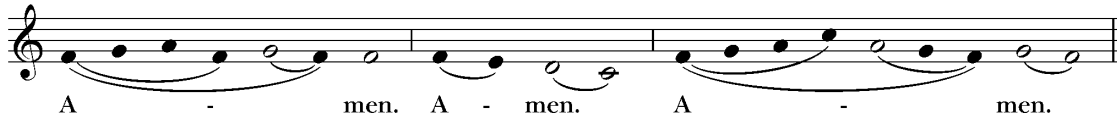
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Queen Emma, King Kamehameha IV, Queen Lili'uokalani, Saints Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, our patron Saint Timothy, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*Celebrant and People then sing the Amen*

**Hymnal S 143**



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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People then say the Fraction*

*Celebrant* Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*People* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Celebrant* One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

*People* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Ministration of Communion

*The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the "Real Presence" where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made "real" and "present." The nature of this grace is that Christ received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic as case numbers decline, vaccinations increase, and treatments improve, we are again distributing the Bread and the Wine in Communion. Communing from the common cup is optional, based on your personal judgment. The chalice on your left (facing the altar) will be for intinction; the chalice on the right is for those who wish to drink from the cup. Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.*

*Faith @ Home: Prayer/ Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament  
(from St. Augustine's Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

### Communion Hymn

*All who hunger gather gladly*

WLP 761

1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.  
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.  
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.

Taste and see that God is good.  
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## Postcommunion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be with you now and always. Amen.

## Retiring Procession

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymnal 616 (vv 1-4)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains five verses. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with each verse numbered 1 through 5. The first system of music ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a new musical phrase.

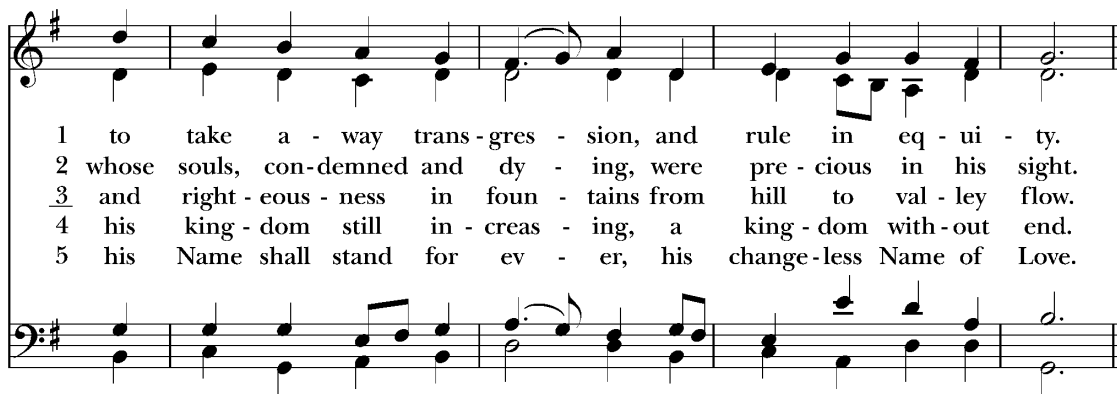
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

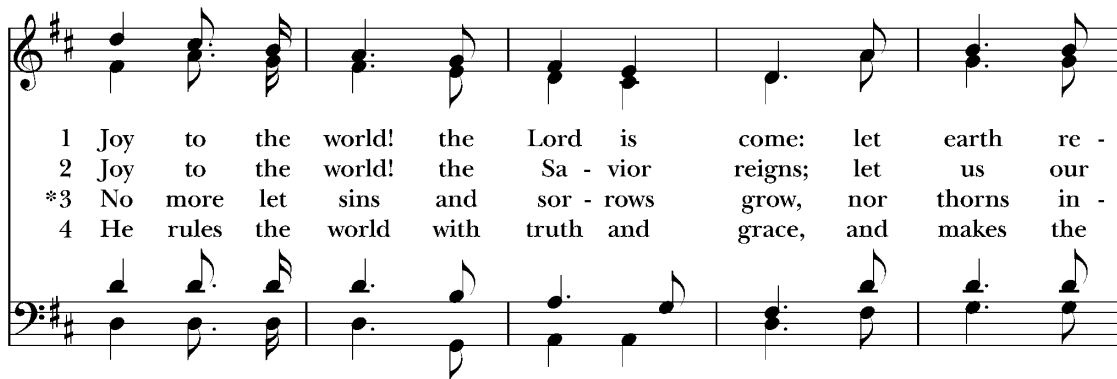
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1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

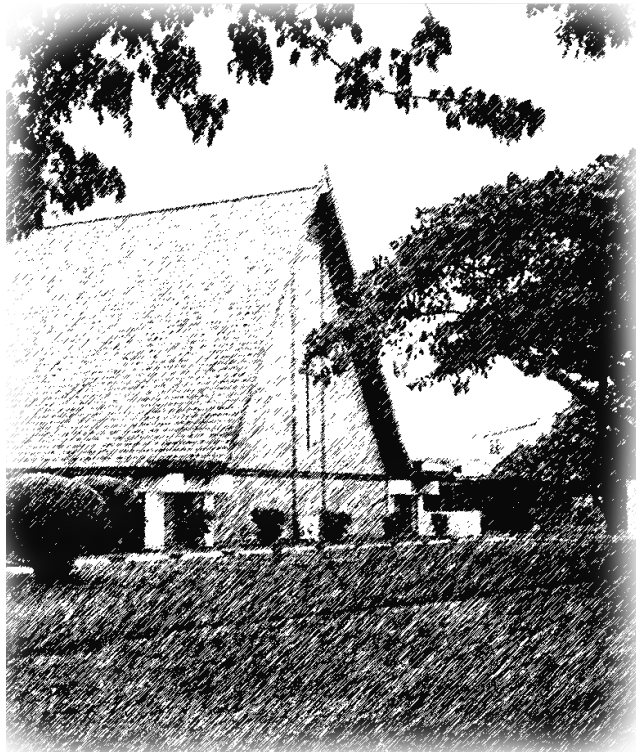


1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



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