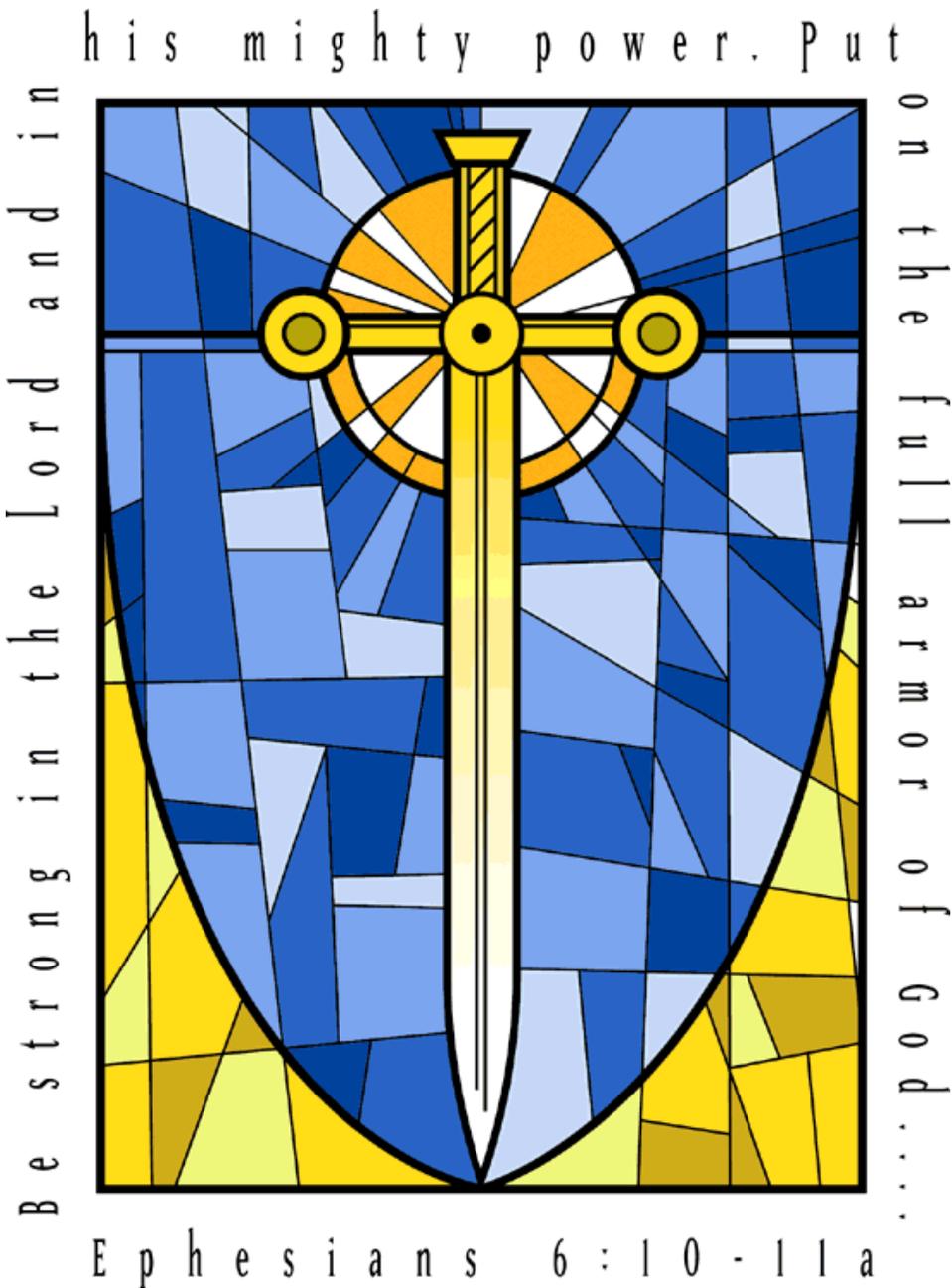


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## WELCOME TO THE STORY

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*In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

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## A Story that Invites Us

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All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

### Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE** . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

## WELCOME

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: The peace of Christ is with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

**August 26, 2018**

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism.

*P:* Merciful God, buffeted by the winds of life,

**All:** we have grown weary and yearn for your hand to hold us.

*P:* Pour forth your words of peace, and bring us back to life.

**All:** Forgive us when we are heedless to the needs of others.

*P:* Correct our ways when we are self-centered and neglect the poor and powerless.

**All:** Be our vision when we seek refuge in our wealth and possessions.

*P:* Draw us to you, Holy One,

**All:** and lead us into life. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P:* Hear the good news: In Christ, we are united and reconciled with God.

**All:** We will rejoice in the knowledge that we receive forgiveness and abundant life in God's name.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**L:** From our busy lives, God calls us together to worship and to pray.

**All:** We are here, Holy One!

**L:** From different places, Christ calls us to gather, to love, and to live.

**All:** We are here, blessed Jesus!

**L:** From unexpected journeys, the Spirit calls us into unity to serve and to grow.

**All:** We are here, Holy Spirit! Come! Let us worship.

## OPENING HYMN . . . "Canticle of the Turning" vs. 1, 3

Text: Rory Cooney - Tune: Irish traditional - Cranberry Book #723

Favorite Hymn of Collin & Diana Thormoto



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## GREETING

*P:* The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

**All:** And also with you. Amen.

## KYRIE ELEISON . . . "Lord, Have Mercy"

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

**L:** For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Refrain**

**L:** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**All: Refrain**

**L:** For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Refrain**

**L:** For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

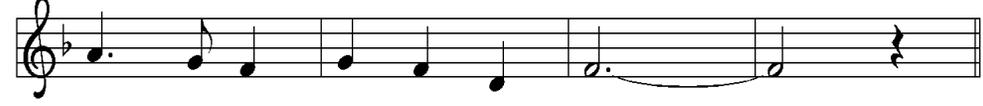
**All: Refrain**

## HYMN OF PRAISE . . . "Glory to God"

*Refrain*



**All:** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



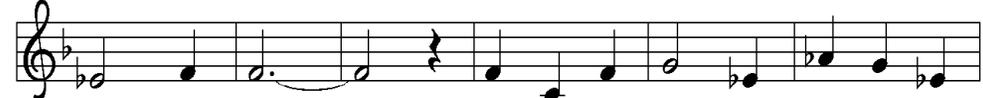
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L:** Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.
- All:** **Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

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### The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

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#### READING . . . *Ephesians 6:10-20*

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done

everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.*

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

### GOSPEL . . . John 6:56-69

*The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”*

[Jesus said,] “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

*P: The Gospel, the good news of God*

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

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME . . .** *Pastor Tim*

Please Stand

**HYMN . . .** “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” vs. 1, 3

Text: Joseph Scriven - Tune: Charles C. Converse - Cranberry Book #742  
Favorite Hymn of Arthur Kuhlmann, Elise Lewis & Lucille Kløvdahl



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Be Seated

**HOMILY . . .** *Pastor Tim*

Please Stand

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed:

**All: 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.**

Be Seated

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**A Story that Feeds Us**

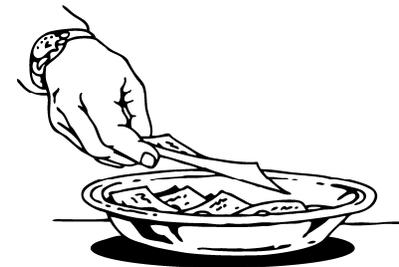
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**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

L: To place God at the center of our lives,

**All: let us offer a portion of our gifts back to God, as we bring forth the fruits of our labor.**

**THANKFUL OFFERING**



Please Stand

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . .** “*Accept, O Lord the Gifts We*

Bring”



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: God of mercy, we bring these gifts to you in thankfulness for all that you have done for us.

**All: May our gratitude turn into acts of mercy and justice, and may these gifts help our neighbors both near and far. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

L: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. That God bless the church universal in every place, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: That God the creator bless wild animals and family pets, prairies and kitchen gardens, beaches and sandboxes, mountains and hearths, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: That God remember the poor and the brokenhearted and rescue all those in trouble, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: That God protect members of this congregation along all

our ways and empower us to serve Christ in sincerity and faithfulness, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

L: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*P: Blessed are you God of promise. From the beginning you have shown people what could be:*

**All: in the promise to Sarah and Abraham,**

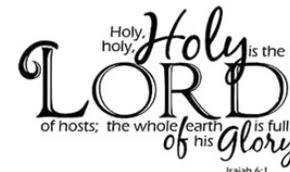
*P: in the words of Moses and Aaron,*

**All: in the dance and song of Miriam,**

*P: in the faithful relationship of Ruth and Naomi,*

**All: in the dreams of Joseph.**

*P: With your love we sing...*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*P:* Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples in stories and parables

**All:** that the realm of God is all around us when we look with the eyes of faith.

*P:* On the night in which he gave himself up, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, offered thanks and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith

**All:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*P:* Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ to a world that yearns to be made new.

**All:** Maker of seed and harvest, Spirit of story and parable, Giver of new life, we praise your holy, eternal, loving name. Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P:* As you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray as you taught...

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### FRACTION RITE

*P:* Everyone who hungers, come to the table.  
**All:** We will eat what is good, that we may live.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.  
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

### COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Text: Albert F. Bayly - Tune: *The Sacred Harp* - Cranberry Book #712  
Favorite Hymn of Keith Hillesland

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

### COMMUNION HYMN . . . “I Come to the Garden Alone”

Text & Tune: C. Austin Miles  
Favorite Hymn of Leon Klövdahl

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so  
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the

dew is still on the ros - es; and the  
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing, and the  
night a - round me be fall - ing, but he

voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the Son of God dis -  
mel - o - dy that he gave to me with - in my heart is  
bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is

*Refrain*  
clos - es.  
ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he  
call - ing.

tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we

tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.*

**All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.**

*P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.*

**All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.**

*P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.*

**All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

**All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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**A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve**

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## COMMISSIONING

*P: Brothers and sisters, as we leave this place, may our lives be centered on God, and may our actions be examples of Christ's love and mercy.*

**All: We will go in peace. Amen.**

Those who desire extra time to exit are invited to do so during the last hymn.

## SENDING OUT. . . "Go Tell It on the Mountain" vs. 1, 2

Text & Tune: African American spiritual - Cranberry Book #290

Favorite Hymn of Cassie Di Paola

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo, a - bove the earth

*Refrain*  
be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

