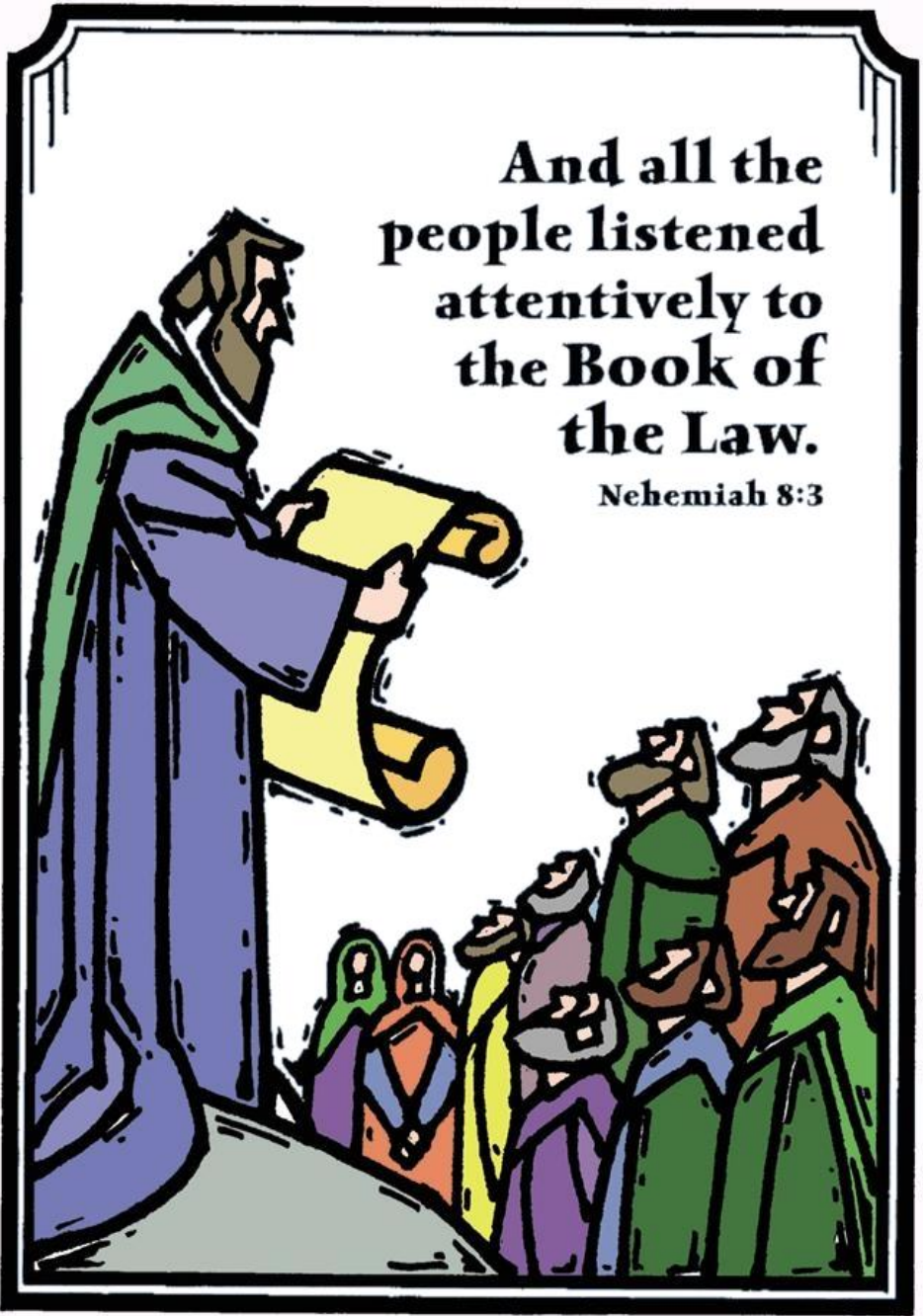


**And all the
people listened
attentively to
the Book of
the Law.**

Nehemiah 8:3



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God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

GATHERING

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 . . . *“Be Thou My Vision” - Myrna Emata Diaz*

Congregation, please sing along:

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, oh bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the shadows of the night, God calls us.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

L: In the daylight, God calls us.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

L: God calls to each of us by name.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Living God, your star in the East guided the Magi to Jesus - your Chosen Child, but it was a disturbing and difficult journey.

All: When we lack the courage to venture into unfamiliar territory, O God, forgive us.

L: Your star led the Magi to grapple with Herod, an evil person.

All: When we fail to name a source of evil, or fail to affirm the good, O God, forgive us.

L: Your star came to rest over the birthplace of Jesus Christ, where gifts were given him.

All: When we fail to bring our best gifts, or our most appropriate gifts, to serve you, O God, forgive us.

L: Your star was left behind as the Holy Family fled the anger of Herod to Egypt.

All: When we are not able to see the refugee, or to help the stranger in our neighborhood, O God, forgive us.

Time of silent reflection . . .

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: You care about the gifts that are ours, O God, and you want us to recognize them, and to use them well.

All: You will bless us when we confront our lack of courage, and decide to take the rough but right way.

L: God will go with us when we do!

All: And we will rejoice in God's supportive presence.

L: Pardon and peace are ours!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN . . . "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1-4



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

GREETING

L: O God, whose light dances across eternity, dazzle us into your presence this new year.

All: Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

L: Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary.

All: Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

L: Heal us, that we might be healers.

All: Reconcile us to you and to ourselves.

L: Stop us often, we pray

All: with news that is good

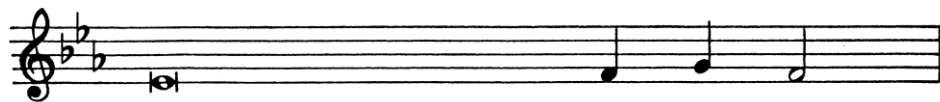
L: with hope that holds

All: with truth that transforms

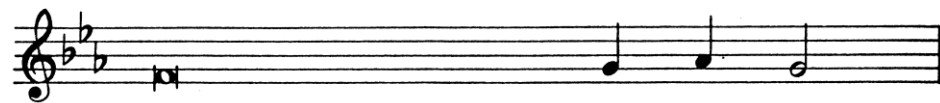
L: May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day

All: and the north star by night, as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen.

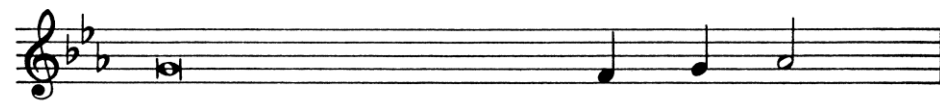
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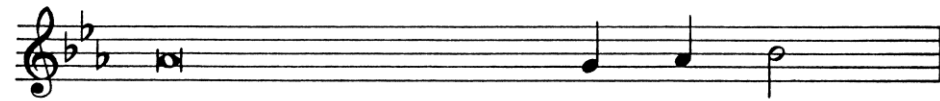
L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



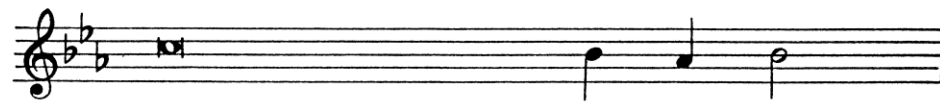
All: the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



L: Abide with us, for it is morning;



All: This new day is your cre - ation;



L: Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



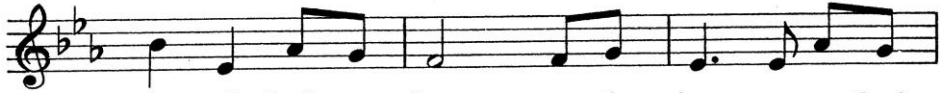
All: and shine within your people here. —



HYMN OF MORNING PRAISE



All: 1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



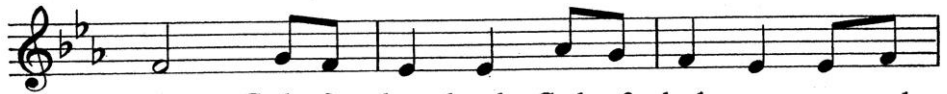
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



sto - ry shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



we to - ge - ther wor - ship, we shall raise our songs to
fills the day with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Blessed God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people.

All: Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy God, you speak to us in Scripture and in prayers, in sunrises and sunsets, in friends and in strangers, in dreams and in songs.

All: You are speaking all the time, and how often do we miss it?

Reader: Still our minds so that we can listen with a depth that we have not heard before.

All: Still our hearts so that we can receive with open arms what it is you are offering us today.

Reader: We know you are speaking,

All: so we are listening.

Reader: The reading for today is from Nehemiah, chapter eight, beginning with the first verse.

READING . . . *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation.

They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

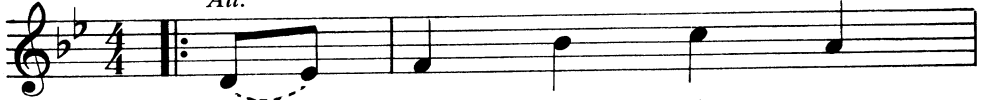
Reader: Word of God, word of light.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

All:



1. My ——— soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y



great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of



you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith-ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

GOSPEL . . . *Luke 4:14-21*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

HYMN . . . “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” vs. 1,3



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Dean Sieglaff*

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts. They need not be gold or precious oil.

All: Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the

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

Leader or Group One

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

All or Group Two

O God, I call to you, come to me

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God with us: You came as a baby to a manger.

All: You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

L: You come again in bread and wine.

All: Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

L: And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others

All: in the strength of your holy name. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

L: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love

All: we remember your mighty acts.

L: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

L: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

L: Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of our meals, our working, our talking, the story which shapes us, the grieving and the pain; the seeking and the loving. And we give thanks for all that holds us together in our humanity; that binds us to all who live and have lived, who have cried and are crying, who hunger and are thirsty, who pine for justice, and who hold out for the time that is coming. In these elements which were consecrated earlier, we are bound to the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. God, food of the poor; Christ, our bread, give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us. A loaf of community that makes us human joined hand in hand, working and sharing. A warm loaf that makes us a family, sacrament of your body, your wounded people.

All: As we come together to eat at your table, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving for your mighty acts.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation which is most familiar to each of us.

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

L: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

Holy Communion is open to all.

Pre-packaged elements are available at the entrance table.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

**“I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD.”**

**WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER
WALK IN DARKNESS,
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.”**

JOHN 8:12



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Am the Bread of Life"

ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
Refrain
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.""/>

1 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
Refrain
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. Live in forgiveness. Claim your wholeness. Dwell in peace.

All: Amen.

Be Seated

SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

FINAL BLESSING

Leader: *All:*

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Leader:

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

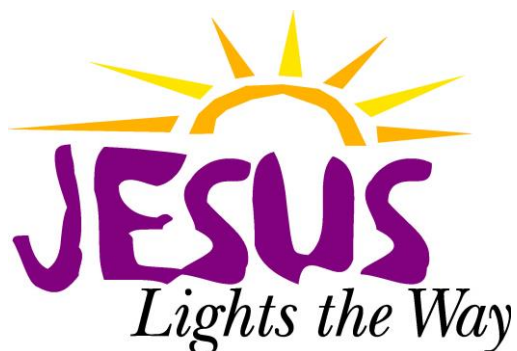
Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days. _____

All:

A - men.

Detailed description of the musical score: The piece is written for voice in G major. The first line is in 2/4 time, with 'Leader:' and 'All:' parts. The second line is in 4/4 time. The third and fourth lines continue in 4/4 time. The fifth line is in 4/4 time with a long horizontal line after 'days'. The sixth line is in 4/4 time with 'All:' marking the start of a new phrase.



SENDING HYMN . . . “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

vs. 1,4



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Be the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.



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