



*I came to bring
fire to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

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WELCOME TO THE STORY

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

A Story that Invites Us

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 – “Start a Fire”

Favorite Hymn of Terri MacFarlane

Intro:

Ooo, ooo
Ooo, ooo, Ooo,
ooo, ooo, ooo

Verse 1:

This world can be cold and bitter
Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better
But am I really gonna hide forever?

Over and over again
I hear Your voice in my head
Let Your light shine, let Your light shine for all to see

Chorus:

Start a fire in my soul
Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying
Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You
that we need Start a fire in me

Verse 2:

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze
It only takes a little faith Let it start right here in this city
So these old walls will never be the same

Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
They need to know I need to go
Spirit won't You fall on my heart now

Chorus

Bridge:

You are the fire You are the flame
You are the light on the darkest day
We have the hope we bear Your name
We carry the news that You have come to save, yeah
Only You can save, yeah

Chorus

Ending:

You are the fire You are the flame
You are the light on the darkest day
Start a fire in me

Ooo, ooo, Ooo, ooo

Ooo, ooo, ,ooo

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Fire of God's love is with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Challenging Christ, forgive us when we avoid your hard truths.

All: Grant your mercy when we look for the easy path and avoid the path you set before us.

P: Guide us back to where you would have us go.

All: Strengthen us to face the challenge of living faithful lives and of following your lead.

P: Encourage us to rejoice when we see the way forward, and love us so fully that we accept your love.

All: Help us live the love you shower on our lives, that we may shower this love on others. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God's face looks upon us with mercy and love.

All: Christ's light shines through us as the image of God we are created to be.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the fire and the flames,

All: Spirit appears to bless and inspire us.

L: In the division and the despair,

All: Christ arrives to challenge and invite us.

L: In the shadows and the sorrow,

All: God walks alongside to lift us up.

L: In this moment, we gather together to worship, to pray, to sing, and to lament.

All: We gather on this blessed journey of life, death, and resurrection.

SONG – “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*” vs. 1,3

Favorite Hymn of Annelise and Marielle Miedema

Chorus:

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

Verse 1:

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Verse 3:

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

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.

LITANY

L: Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us, your people.

All: When we call out to you, you answer.

L: When we are exhausted,

All: you give us the strength to go on.

L: When we find ourselves in trouble,

All: you are there, standing beside us.

L: And so we come before you with gratitude and praise, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives.

All: Open our eyes to see and know you here among us;

L: open our ears to recognize your voice.

All: And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as your faithful disciples.

L: Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, in every part of the world we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:



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.
I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third and fourth staves complete the hymn with the lyrics: "I 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

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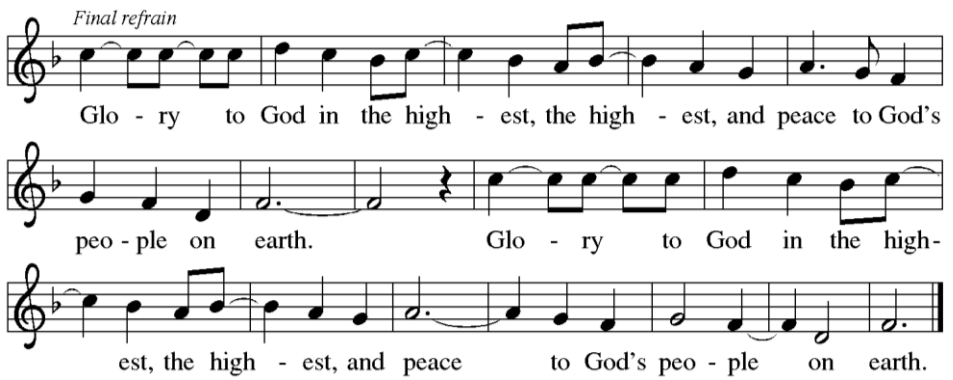
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Final refrain



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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L:** O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth.
- All:** **Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

- Reader:** Listen for the word of God. Strive to understand Christ's teachings.
- All:** **For this indeed is our treasure. May it light our paths and make us ready to take action.**
- Reader:** Today's reading is from Hebrews, beginning with chapter eleven, the twenty-ninth verse.

FIRST READING – *Hebrews 11:29--12:2*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not

perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: God, you come to us at unexpected times and in unexpected places.

All: With our lamps lit, we will walk by faith. Amen.

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 Luke, the twelfth chapter.
All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME – *Pastor Tim*



Please Stand

SONG – “*Thy Word*”

Favorite Hymn of Debbie Huff

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1:

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Verse 2:

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Final Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

Be Seated

MESSAGE – *Pastor Tim*

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

- L:** All things work together for good for those who love God, and are called according to God's purposes.
- All:** **Let us approach God's kingdom as a treasure hidden in a field, joyfully selling all we have to buy this field.**
- L:** Let us see God's kingdom as a pearl of great value, gratefully trading our worldly possessions for this one great prize.
- All:** **Let us give back to God, as those who are offered God's very kingdom.**

THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG – “*Hallelujah*” vs. 2,4,5
Favorite Hymn of Kathy Miedema

Verse 2:

When children are tucked in at night,
parents dream of peace and light,
of hope and love and freedom, and a future.
In the midst of war and poverty,
The broken dreams and the mystery,
The Spirit comes and breathes the Hallelujah

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Verse 4:

Peace to the broken hearted ones,
To the captives and the prisoners, in our shame,
Our doubt, our fears God's calling to ya,
Oh Love it has it's victory march,
Proclaiming peace to those far off
And with grateful hearts we raise the Hallelujah

Chorus

Verse 5:

Praise the Holy Trinity,
The Lamb has come we are set free
And joyfully we sing the hallelujah.
To the Father, Son and Holy Dove,
We join our hands under God's Love
And we raise or voices singing Hallelujah

Chorus

Please Stand

Hallelujah

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” vs. 1,3



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: We praise you for your mighty and abundant love.

All: Sing through the gifts we return to you, that others may know your great love.

L: Sing through our lives, that through us, others may discover your song.

All: Sing through even our division, that we may discover a unity we have never tasted before in your peace. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.

All: With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.

L: With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.

All: With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.

L: Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.

All: Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.

L: Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.

All: One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

P: With Mary, we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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.

Again, 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.

With Mary, again we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal.

Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

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.

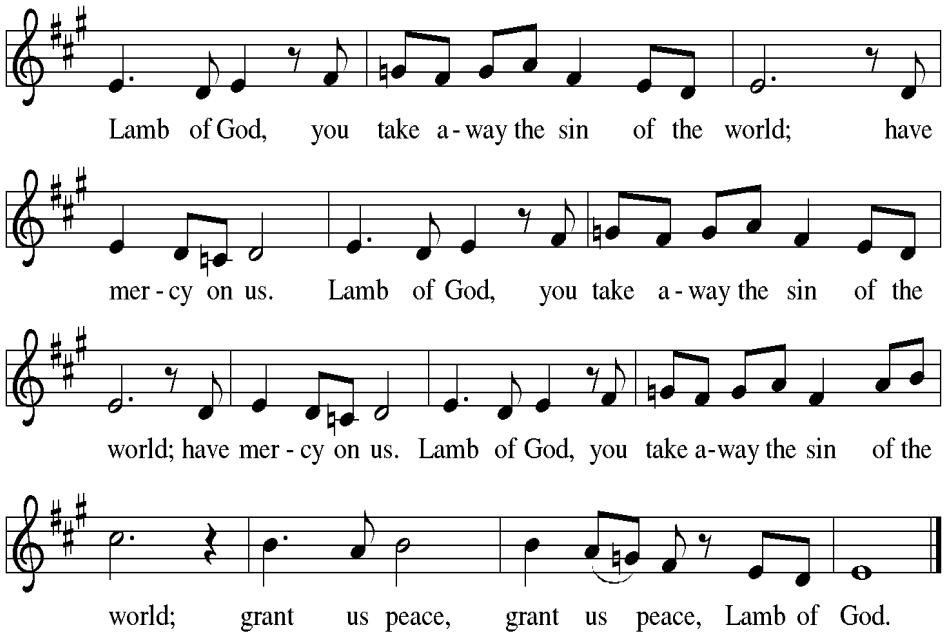
FRACTION RITE

P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.



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.

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

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake, or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

COMMUNION SONG – “*Shine on Us*”

Favorite Hymn of Carmen Blair

Verse 1:

Lord let Your light,
light of Your face shine on us.
Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us

That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let your light shine on us.

Verse 2:

Lord, let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord, let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us

That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us

Verse 3:

Lord, let Your love
Love with no end come over us.
Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end, come over us

That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us
Let your light shine on us

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

All: Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

BENEDICTION

P: So now we leave this space of worship. And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing,

All: we know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet.

P: We know God is love.

All: We know Christ's light endures.

P: We know the Holy Spirit this there, found in the space between all things,

All: closer to us than our next breath,

P: binding us to each other,

All: until we meet we again, we go in peace.

SENDING SONG – “I’ll Fly Away”

Favorite Hymn of Keith Hillesland

Verse 1:

Some glad morning when this life is o’er
I’ll fly away
To a home on God’s celestial shore
I’ll fly away

Chorus:

I’ll fly away O glory, I’ll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I’ll fly away

Verse 2:

When the shadows of this life have grown
I’ll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I’ll fly away

Chorus

Verse 3:

Just a few more weary days and then
I’ll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I’ll fly away

Chorus

Ending:

When I die hallelujah by and by
I’ll fly away

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE