

JOHN 2:10, ESV

**“EVERYONE  
SERVES  
THE GOOD  
WINE  
FIRST...  
BUT YOU HAVE KEPT  
*the good wine*  
UNTIL NOW.”**

**January 19, 2025**

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9:30 AM Service – Epiphany 2  
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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's star, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

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

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*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

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## **GATHERING**

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### **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:** “*When Morning Gilds the Skies*” – Bell Choir

### **WELCOME**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: Peace is a gift of God's love.*

**All: Let God bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this peace!**

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

**All: And also with you.**

Please share the peace with each other.

Please Stand

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's faithful love welcomes us here.

**All: Thank God for this glorious gift!**

L: God's faithful love redeems our lives.

**All: Thank God for our many blessings!**

L: God's faithful love is ours to share.

**All: We will offer this gift to God's world.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

**All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

*P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah, Naamah, and their family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as*

daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**All:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

*P:* To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Redeemer in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All:** Amen.

### ENTRANCE HYMN: "Bind Us Together" vs. 1,2



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.



1 There is on - ly one God. There is  
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the



on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;  
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .



that is why we can sing:  
you are the glo - rious new wine.

## GREETING

*P: Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life.*

**All: Some of us come after wandering off.**

*P: Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath.*

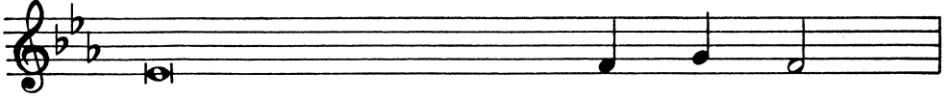
**All: From our many journeys, welcome us with your love.**

*P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives.*

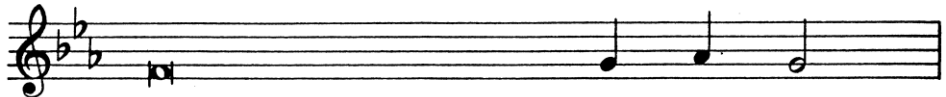
**All: In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

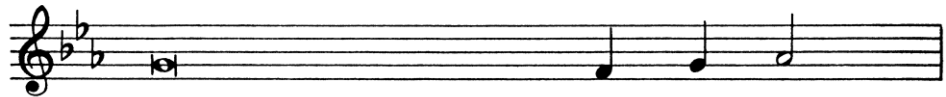
### HYMN OF MORNING PRAISE



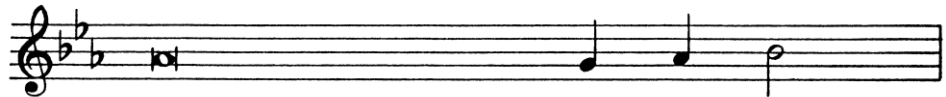
L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



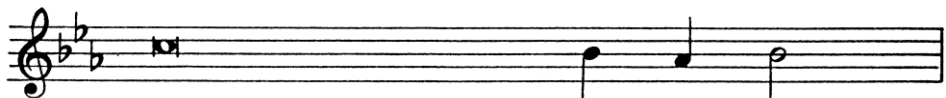
All: the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



L: Abide with us, for it is morning;



All: This new day is your cre - ation;



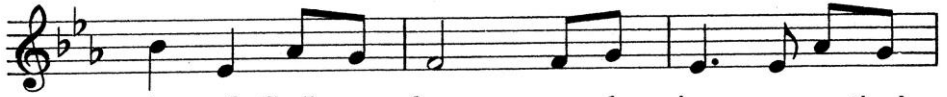
L: Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



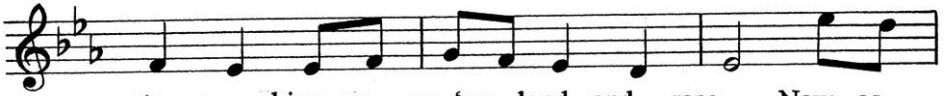
All: and shine within your peo-ple here. —



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



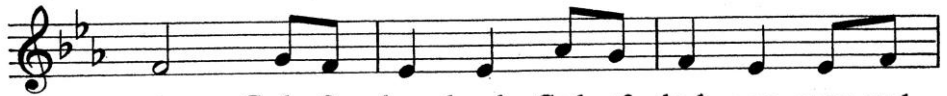
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



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: God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

All: Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “*Here I Am to Worship / O Worship the King*”

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**WORD**

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

R: 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?**

R: 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.**

R: We know you are speaking,

**All: so we are listening.**

R: The first reading is from First Corinthians, chapter twelve, beginning with the first verse.

**READING:** *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

Now dear sisters and brothers, I want to instruct you on the matter of spiritual gifts. Remember how, when you were still nonbelievers, you were drawn to mute idols and led astray by them?

It is for this reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, “Curse Jesus”; by the same token, no one can say, “Jesus Christ reigns supreme,” unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

R: Word of God, word of light.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

*All:*

My — soul pro - claims your  
 great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
 you, You have looked with love on your  
*fine last time*  
 ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your jus - tice strong your love,  
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,  
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

*P:* The holy Gospel according to John.

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

**GOSPEL:** *John 2:1-11*

Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration.

At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine." Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim. "Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer." They did as they were instructed.

The caterer tasted the water—which had been turned into wine—without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a

lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!"

Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him. After this Jesus went down to Capernaum with his mother, brothers and sisters, and disciples. They stayed there a few days.

*P: The Gospel of our Messiah.*

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

Be Seated

**CHILDREN'S TIME** – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

**HYMN:** “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*” vs. 1,2



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Be Seated

# MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

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## MEAL

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L: As we gaze on the lights of the Epiphany season, may we remember the Light that draws near.

**All: Like those wise travelers from the East, let us bring gifts and treasures to honor Christ, the Light of the World.**

### OFFERING

Please Stand

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All

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

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing 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: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. 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: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**All: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to our Redeemer.**

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator, in whose image we are made.

**All: To the Creator of all, we give thanks and praise.**

## THE EUCHARIST

*P: We give you thanks, O God, for making your love evident since the very beginning of time when you spoke the word which replaced chaos with life-giving light.*

**All: A light which has nurtured generations of people, and plants and creatures, great and small.**

*P: And so you spoke the Word. Through your love for the world the Word became flesh and lived among us full of grace and truth. The angels caroled glory to you in the highest heavens and peace to all people on earth, and we join with them and with all people to praise your holy name:*

**All: Holy Lord, God of endless love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who was born that we might have life. Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.**

*P: Holy God, as the travelers with their treasures were overwhelmed with joy on finding Jesus, so we also are overwhelmed on finding out the depth of his love for us. For Jesus showed just how beloved we are to him, by loving us and giving himself for us. On that night when he gave himself up for us, as he sat at the table and broke bread with his friends, he said: 'Take and eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Remember me each time you do this.'*

*After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said:*

*'Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you—the beginning of a new relationship with God.'*

*Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.*

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

*P: Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, O God, that we may experience the presence of the Word-made-flesh—Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him—living out his ministry in the world today and every day. This we pray in Jesus' name.*

**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 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**

*P: Follow the star to the table of grace.*

**All: Here we find gifts beyond price.**

*P: Follow the star to the table of blessing.*

**All: Here we find strength for the journey.**

*P: Follow the star to the table of peace.*

**All: Here we find rest and refreshment.**

*P: Follow the star to the table of Christ.*

**All: Here we find light and love.**



## Be Seated

The Ushers will invite you forward to communion  
after the Lamb of God is sung.

### LAMB OF GOD

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

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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

### **For communion at the altar rail:**

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

# COMMUNION HYMN: "What Feast of Love"



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



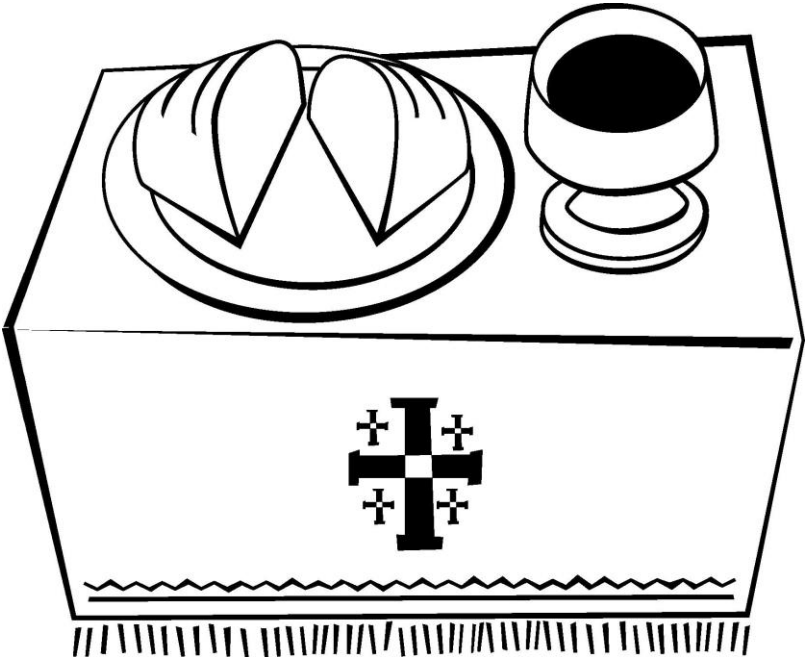
What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



## COMMUNION HYMN: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

**All:** Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**L:** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day.

**All:** As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

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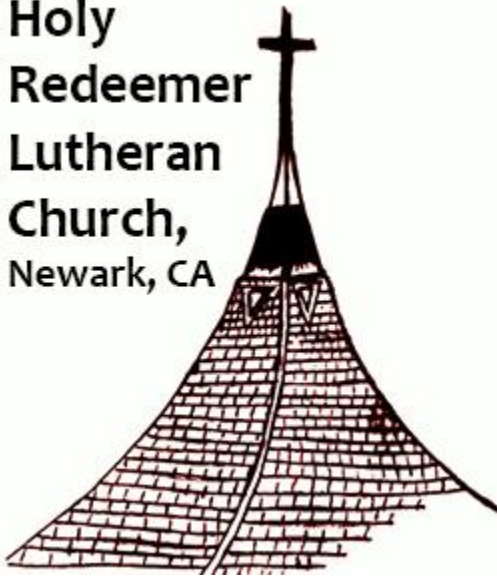
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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM HOLY REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Holy  
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Lutheran  
Church,  
Newark, CA**

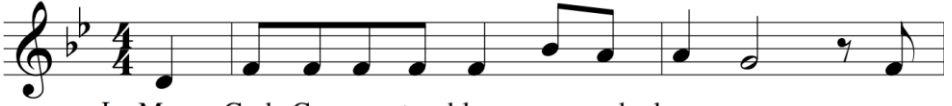


Please Stand

# FINAL BLESSING



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



L: 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.



# SENDING HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me" vs. 1,5



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



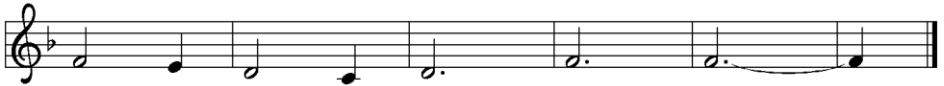
know and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

## SENDING

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

All: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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