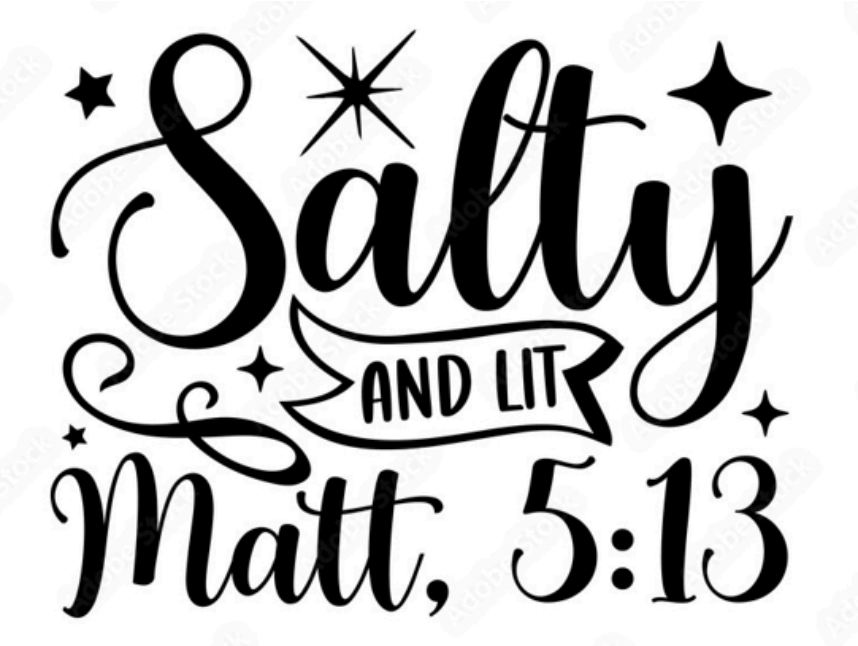
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 8, 2026 10:00 AM

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



Welcome! We are glad you are here. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. If you are interested in learning about the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's, brochures are available on the shelf in the Narthex (Foyer).

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You will be given a piece of bread, and you may either consume it and drink from the chalice or dip your bread into the chalice of wine (intinction). You can always choose to receive communion in one kind only by receiving the bread and then crossing your arms over your chest when offered the wine. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – simply notify the priest. Please notify an usher if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to you at your seat. ***Note: Communion will be at the rail, you may stand or kneel.***

Children are welcome in Worship!

A Nursery is also available for ages 2 months to 5 years from 9:45AM to 11:30 AM.

(Nursery is located across from the doors to the sanctuary).

Coloring pages & Clipboards with crayons are available in a basket by the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

Congregation responses are bolded.

Introduction: Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

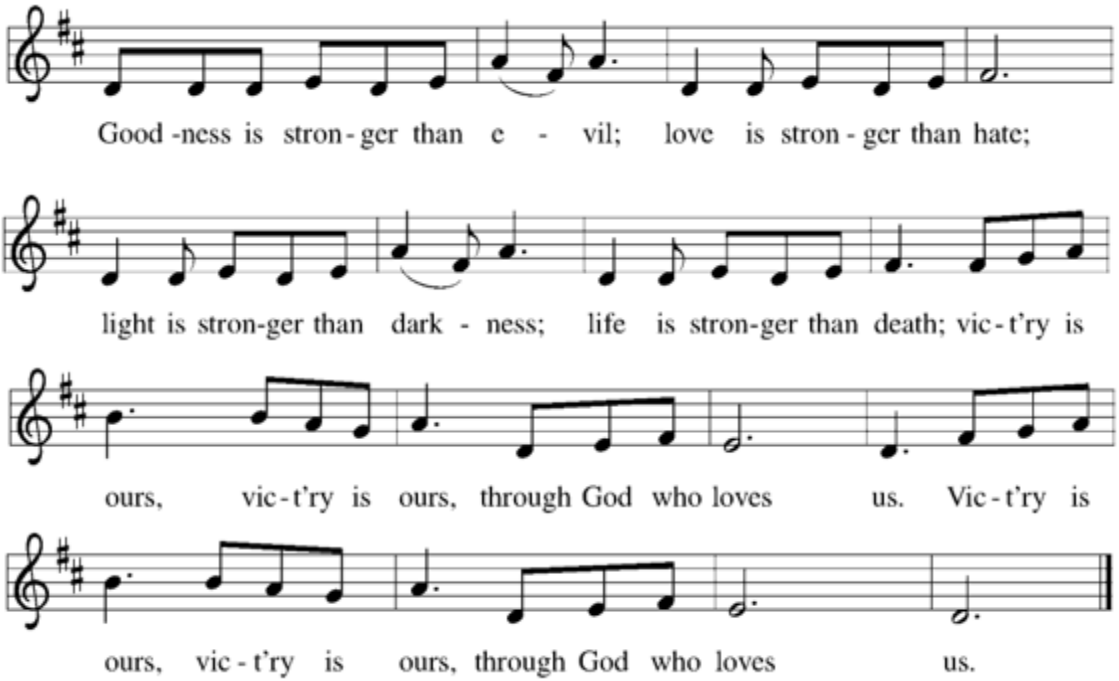
Please remain seated.

Prelude

Pastoral Welcome

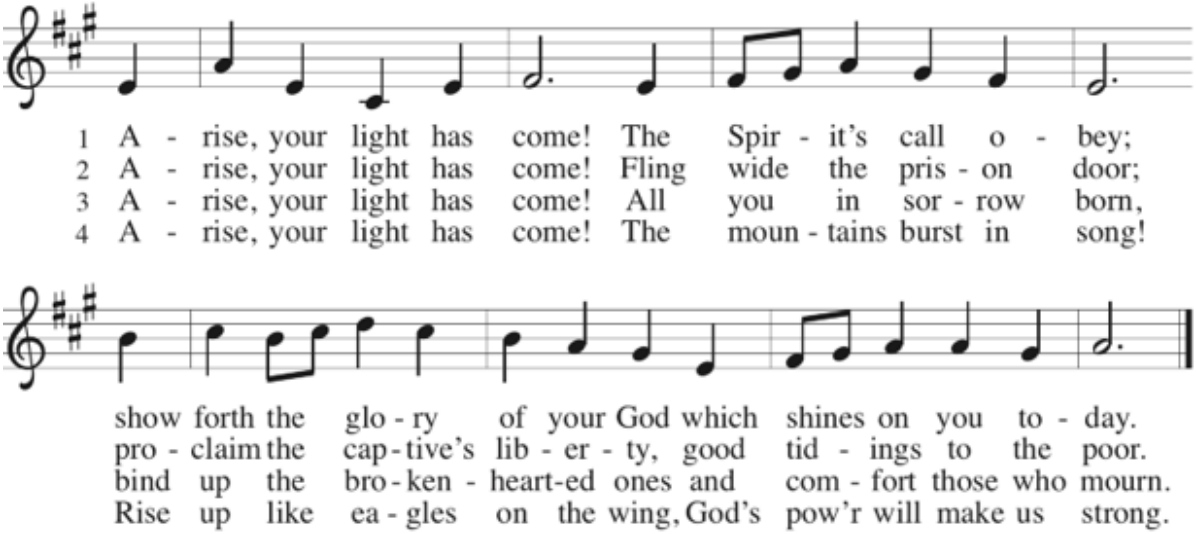
Please stand and turn to face the cross as it processes.
You may bow as the cross passes you, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

Processional Hymn **Goodness is Stronger Than Evil** ***Sung twice***



Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ☩.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise **Arise, Your Light Has Come!**



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Dismissal for Faith Formation

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

First Reading **Isaiah 58:1-12**

A Reading from the book of Isaiah

[1]Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.
[2]Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
[3]"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
[4]Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
[5]Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

[6]Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
[7]Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
[8]Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
[9]Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
[10]if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
[11]The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
[12]Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 112:1-9
[1]Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!
[2]Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
[3]Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
[4]Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
[5]It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
[6]For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
[7]They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
[8]Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
[9]They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

[1]When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to
you in lofty words or wisdom. [2]For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus
Christ, and him crucified. [3]And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much
trembling. [4]My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but
with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5]so that your faith might rest not on human
wisdom but on the power of God.

[6]Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of
the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. [7]But we speak God's wisdom, secret and
hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. [8]None of the rulers of this age
understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. [9]But, as it is
written,

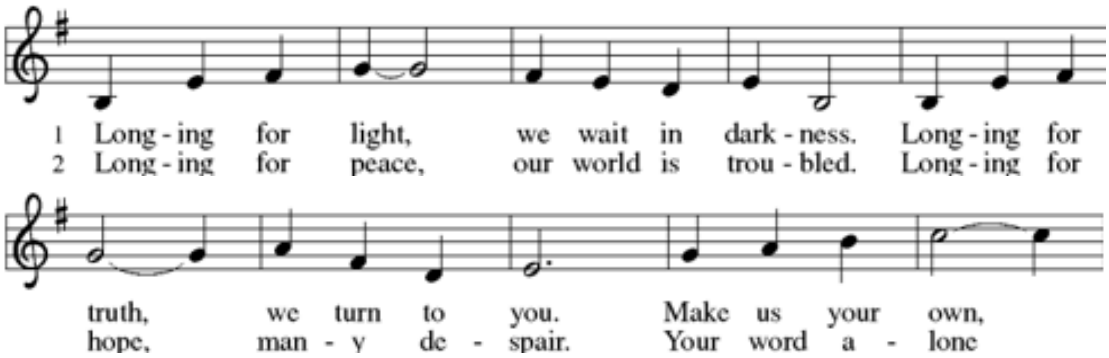
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

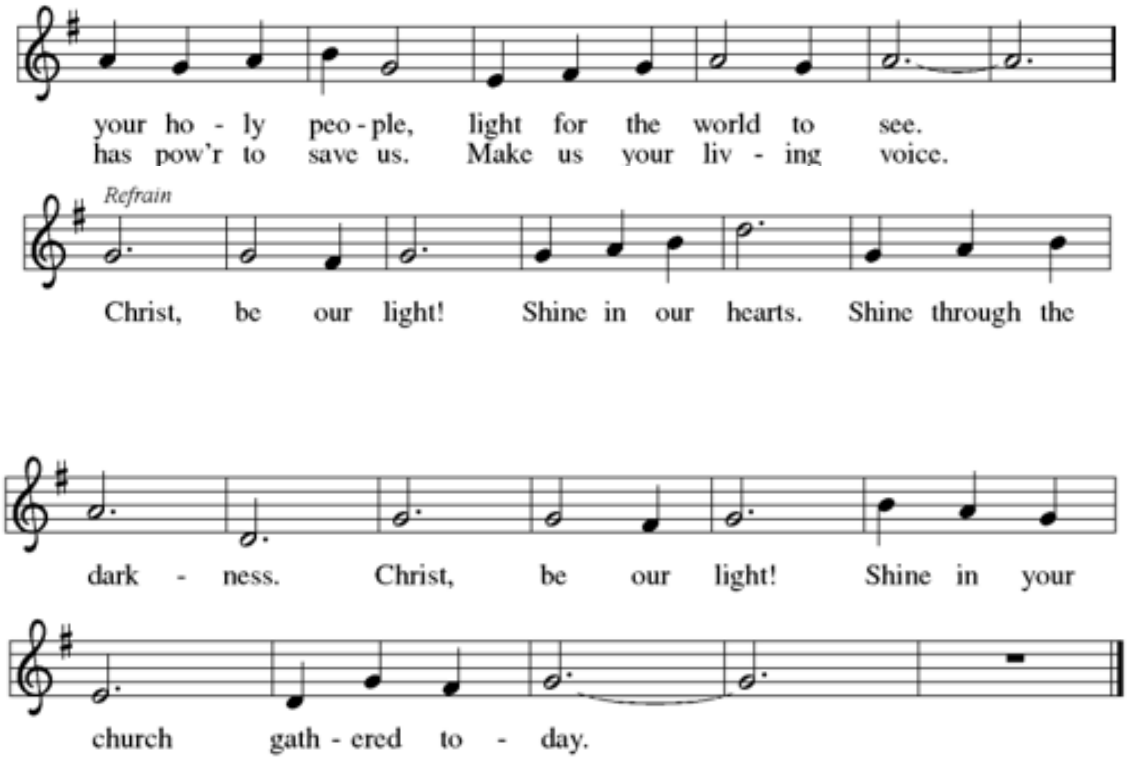
[10]these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything,
even the depths of God. [11]For what human being knows what is truly human except the
human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the
Spirit of God. [12]Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from
God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn **Christ Be Our Light** ***Vss 1-2***



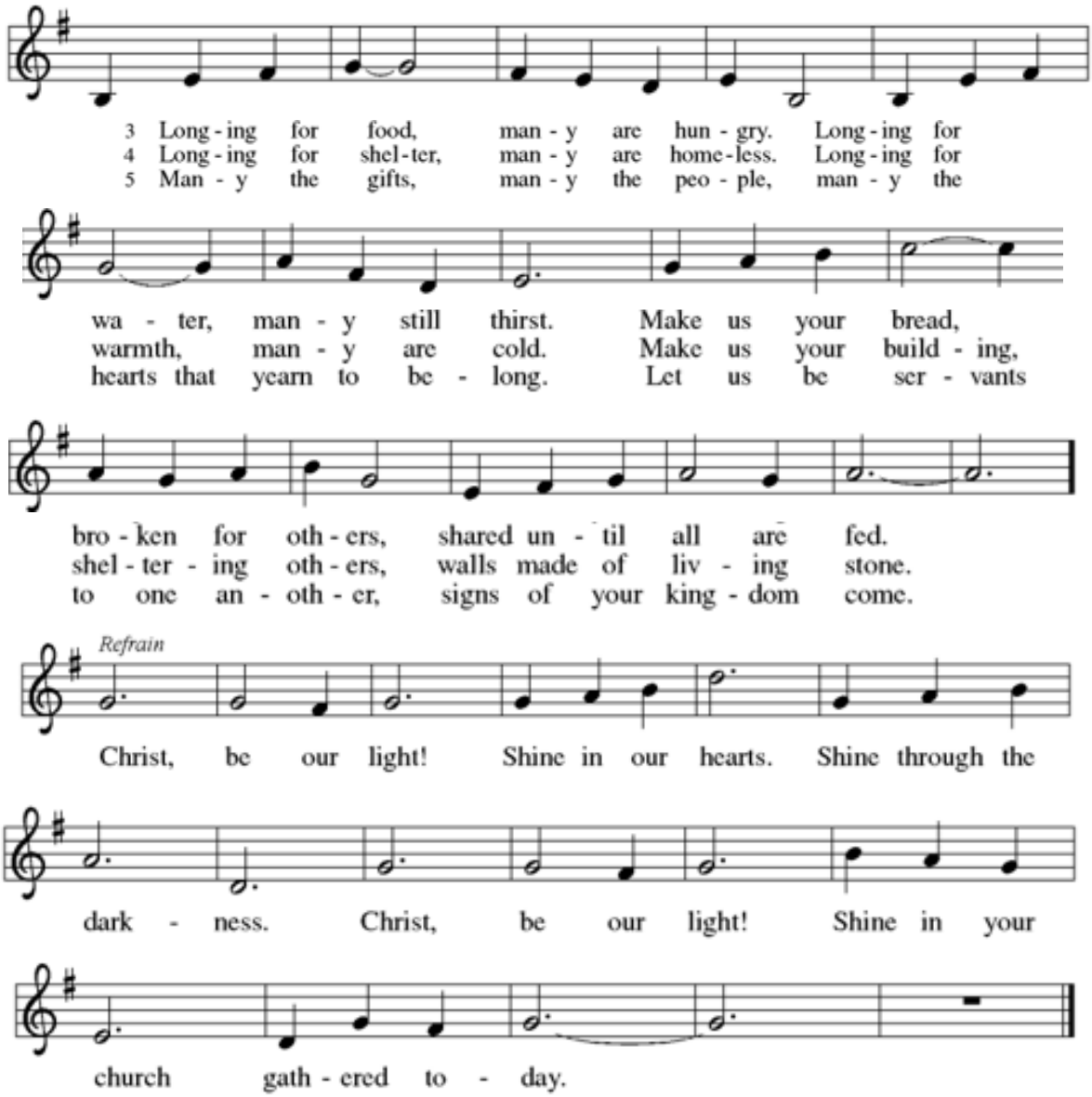


Gospel **Matthew 5:13-20**
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[Jesus said:] 13"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness
be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
14"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15No one after
lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all
in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your
good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to
abolish but to fulfill. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,
not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore,
whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same,
will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will
be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds
that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn **Christ Be Our Light** ***Vss 3-5***



Please be seated for the Sermon

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed (*EOW*)

WE BELIEVE in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing for the prayers.

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Let us pray, "Lord, hear our call, and answer us."

A brief silence is kept.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, shine your Holy Spirit through us that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Lord, hear our call,
And answer us.

Righteous God, you delight in justice and mercy: Loose the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Raise up compassionate leaders who care for the poor.

Lord, hear our call,
And answer us.

God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth.

Lord, hear our call,
And answer us.

In our own city, Great God, be the restorer of streets. Rebuild our ruined places. May all the people of this community live in security and peace.

Lord, hear our call,
And answer us.

Be present to all those who cry for help, O Holy One. We pray your healing will spring up quickly for those in need, *especially those we pray for now…..*

Lord, hear our call,
And answer us.

We pray for the following parish families, Kevin Carroll; Joe & Brenda Cessna; Steve & Beth Chichester; Pastor Sally & Greg Cook; and Jan Cotterman. We also remember Matt Zaborniak, who is deployed in the Middle East until April. Keep him safe as he serves his country.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati and the Reparations Task Force.

Lord, hear our call,
And answer us.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love *as we pray especially for…*

Lord, hear our call,
And answer us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.
Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, ☩ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words..

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

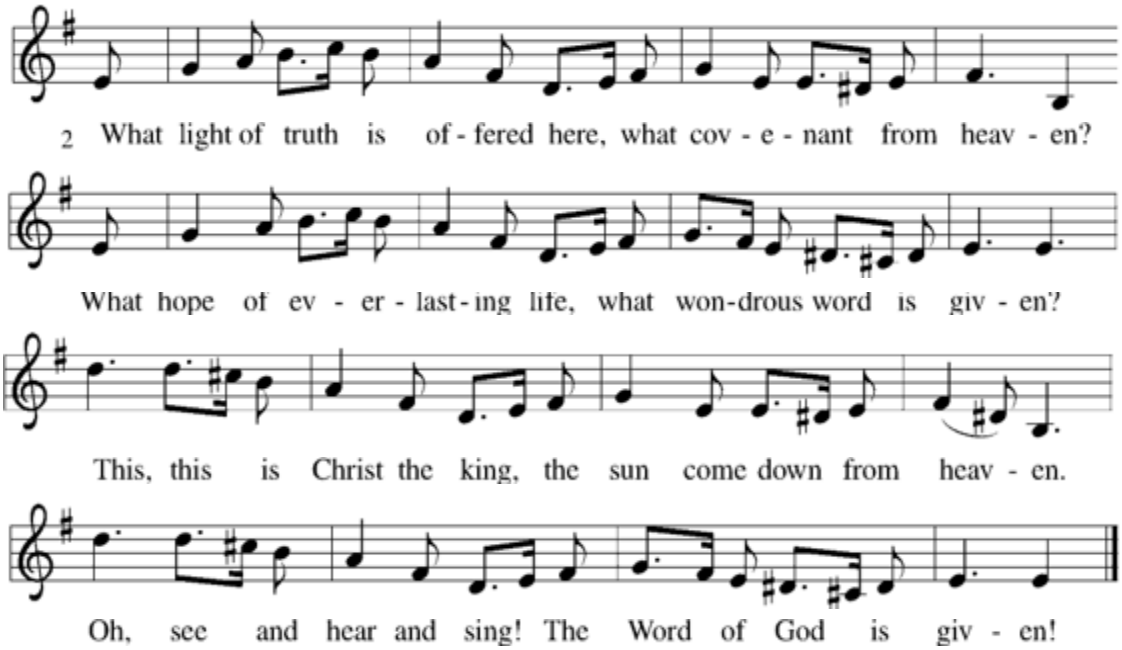
Offertory Sentence
The Celebrant says.
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offering
The offering is collected to support the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's.

Offertory Anthem Listen! God is Calling *Arr. Austin Lovelace*
Drums, Rob Barr

As the offering is brought forward, all stand and sing:

Offertory Hymn **What Feast of Love** ***Vs. 2***



Offering Prayer
Let us pray.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed the world with the Kingdom of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant 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:

Sanctus **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** *Mendelssohn*

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of hosts, by all adored.
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is he who now draws nigh
In the name of Christ our King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing.
With the heavenly host we sing
Highest praises to our King.

The People stand or kneel as able.

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.

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 St. Andrew and 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. **AMEN.**

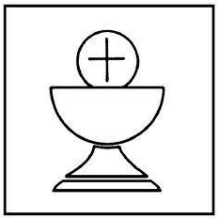
The Lord's Prayer

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

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,
forever and ever. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

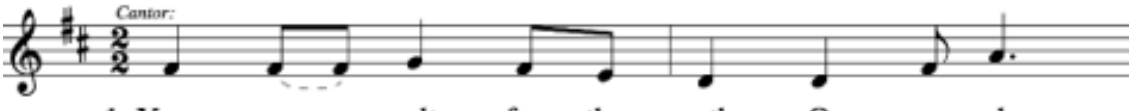
Invitation To Communion

The Celebrant says

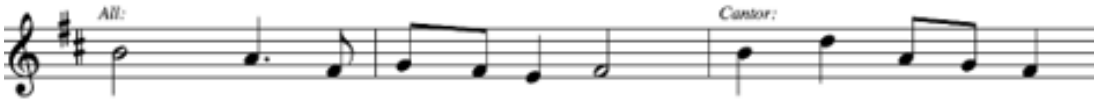
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Distribution

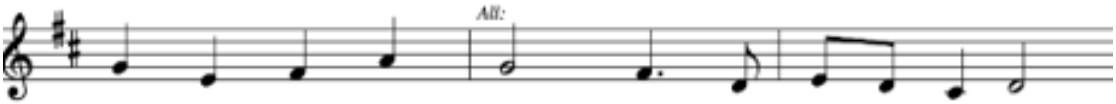
Communion Hymn **Bring Forth the Kingdom**



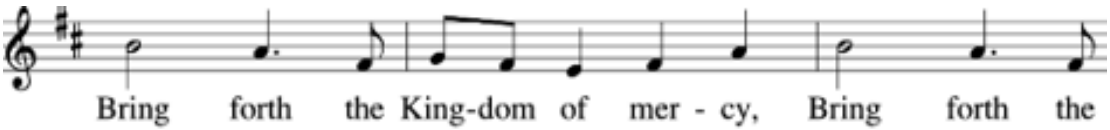
1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



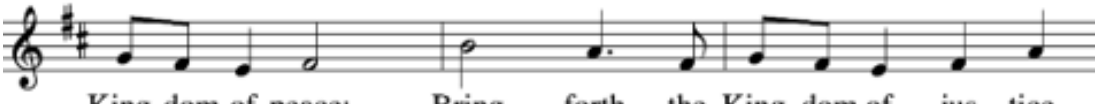
Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and



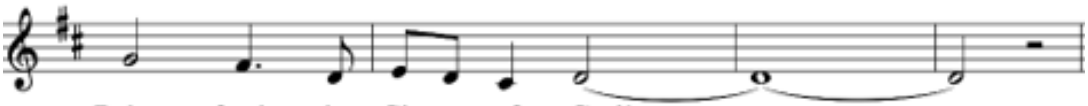
life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Communion Hymn **We Are**

Verse 1 **Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame**
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark

But that's not who we are
We are children of the day

Pre-Chorus **So wake up sleeper lift your head**
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus **We are the light of the world**
We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta we gotta we gotta
Let the light shine ***Repeat Chorus***

Verse 2 **We are called to spread the news**
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through ***Repeat Chorus***

Bridge **We are the light we are the light we are the light**
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light we are the light we are the light
Jesus You are the light You are the light
You are the light
We will lift You high and shine shine shine ***Repeat Chorus***

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the light of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you, ✠

now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song **We Are**

Chorus **We are the light of the world**
We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta we gotta we gotta
Let the light shine ***Repeat***

We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through ***Repeat Chorus***

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

	Serving Today	**Serving Next Week**
Celebrant & Preacher:	Pastor Sally Cook	The Rev. Susan M. Smith
Assisting Priest:	The Rev. Susan M. Smith	The Rev. Marie L. Mulford
Music Minister:	Eric Saupe	Eric Saupe
Crucifer:	Ishmael Wisseh	George Hawkins
Acolytes:	Weah Wisseh/Greg Stickney	Tunney King/Greg Stickney
Chalicists:	Weah Wisseh/Greg Stickney	Tunney King/Greg Stickney
Book Bearer:	Ella Heid	Elia Harmon
Bread Baker	Marie Mulford	Jeannie Griggs
Altar Guild:	Mary Fry/Beth Chichester	Mary Fry/Beth Chichester
Lectors:	Andy Taylor/Jim Thesing	John Segelken/Sharon Stickney
Greeters:	Mark Bonnes/Drew Shippy	Joe Cessna/Denise Ortiz
Prayer Chapel	Louise Young	Weah Wisseh
Audio/Video:	Greg Cook/Richard Hernandez	Keith Hays/Sianee Hawkins
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You're welcome if you're "just browsing" just woke up, or just got out of jail. **We don't care** if you're "cradle Episcopalian" or a "cafeteria Christian" or if you're not sure what to be or believe. **We don't care** if you have only seen the inside of a church through YouTube, think Hozier invented "Take me to church", or haven't been in church since your BFF from high school got married.

We extend a special welcome to those over 60 who haven't grown up yet, and to teenagers who think they're already grown up.

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We welcome vegetarians and junk-food aficionados.
We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.
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We welcome seekers, finders, tourists, wanderers, doubters, bleeding hearts…and you.

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