



Sunday, March 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and

glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er one, we pray you, bring us

moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God,

All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

All: Amen.

Song of Praise

This is the Feast



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lector Blessing

Pastor: Let us pray,...Gracious God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Send your Holy Spirit upon Drew Emerson as he proclaims the word, so that all who receive it will no longer dwell in the shadows, but will have the light of life. **Amen.**



The First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Lector: Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

A reading from the first book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

- Lector: The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- All: **The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**
- Lector: Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.
- All: **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- Lector: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.
- All: **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them,**
- Lector: you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
- All: **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- Lector: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.



The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

- Lector: In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

- Lector: The Word of the Lord.
- All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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.



The Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Pastor: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

Pastor: Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

“Come To The River”

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (grand staff), and guitar chords written above the vocal line. The lyrics are: "Come, O come, come to the river flowing from the body of Christ. We'll go down, deep in the water, but in the Lord we shall arise." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, slurs, and triplets. A bracket labeled "1-5 to Verses" is placed above the final measure of the third system.

System 1: Chords: F, Bb/F, F, C, C/E, F. Lyrics: Come, O come, come to the riv - er

System 2: Chords: Bb, C, Dm, G7, Bb/C, F, Bb/F, F. Lyrics: flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ. We'll go down,

System 3: Chords: A7, Dm, Bb, F/A, Gm, F/C, Dm7, G7, Bb/C, F. Lyrics: deep in the wa - ter, but in the Lord we shall a - rise.



Anita Kagawor Dao, Elijah Dao, Lisa Gludie Dao,
Abraham Tolno Dao, Foromo Alain Loua, Jr.,
Ramatu Dolley, & Alfred Zlangose Dao

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Pastor: Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Anita, Elijah, Lisa, Abraham, Foromo, Ramatu and Alfred baptized?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: As you present the persons for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the Word of God and the Holy Supper, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people. Do you, parents and family, promise to help Anita, Elijah, Lisa, Abraham, Foromo, Ramatu and Alfred grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these persons and their family and pray for them in their new life with Christ?

All: We do.

Pastor: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: We do.

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Through water, you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you delivered us from the power of sin and death and set us free to live in you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this water and upon all who are washed in it, that they may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: *(The Pastor asks what name is being given for baptism)* _____ I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *(repeated for each person)*

All: Amen.

Pastor: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia. Alleluia!

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain them with the gift of your Holy Spirit: The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Anita, Elijah, Lisa, Abraham, Foromo, Ramatu and Alfred, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Service Leader:

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Through baptism, you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Hymn of Response

“Let all Things Now Living”



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the fore - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days,
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (*Silence is observed.*) Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Bring joy to the newly baptized members of Our Saviour Church and let their courage and trust in God encourage us all to deepen our own faith.

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

All: Amen.



Offering Hymn

"Standing on the Promises"

Swing

1. Stand-ing on the prom - is-es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges let His
 2. Stand-ing on the prom - is-es that can-not fail, When the howl - ing storms of doubt and
 3. Stand-ing on the prom - is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by
 4. Stand-ing on the prom - is-es I can-not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the

prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est I will shout and sing,
 fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 love's strong cord, O - ver-com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - iour, as my all in all,

CHORUS

Stand-ing on the prom - is-es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,

Stand-ing on the prom - is-es, stand-ing on the prom - is-es,

Stand-ing on the prom - is-es of God my Sav-iour; Stand - ing; stand - ing, I'm

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn :



Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Words of Institution

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



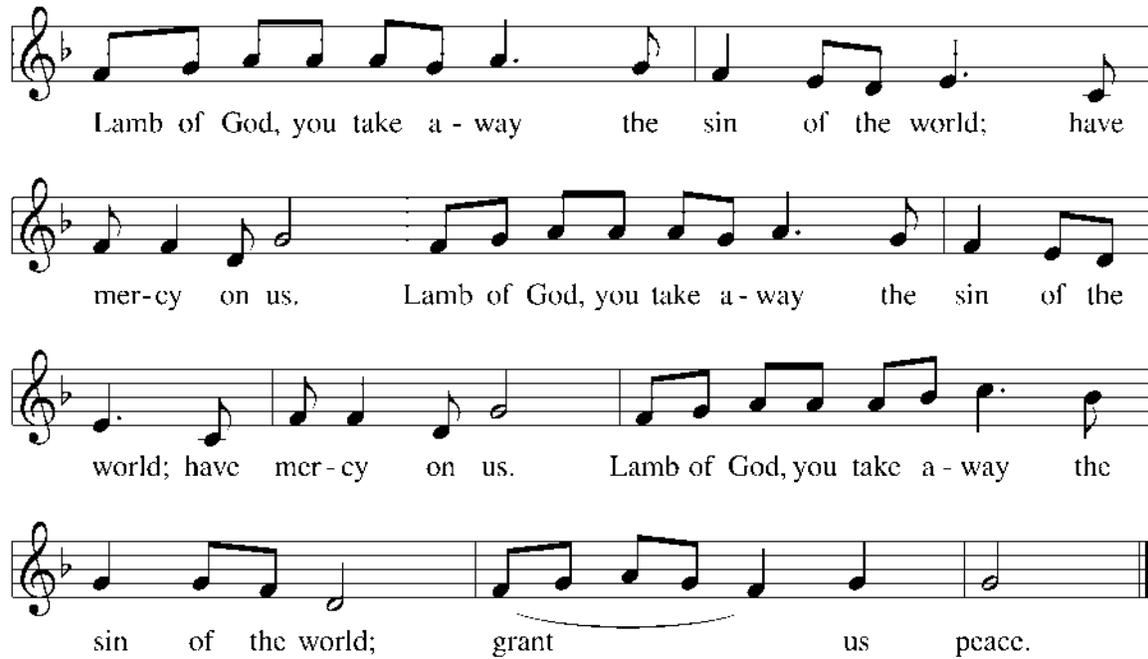
Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good.



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.

*Behold the lamb of God
who takes away the
sins of the world.*

John 1:29



Communion Anthem

“Jesus Take Us To the Mountain”

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James and John,
we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that Your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours You go matched to meet our deadliest For.

What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard?
Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word:
“Listen, listen, ev’ry one, This is my beloved Son!”

Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified,
where You shouted “It is finished!” where for all the world You died.
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly This was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld Your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

“Go Now In Peace”

Go now in
peace, Nev-er be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day.
Go now in faith, stead-fast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in
all you do. Go now in love, and show you be - lieve. Reach out to
oth-ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch-ing from a -
bove. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. _____

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray,...Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

All: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, Live in hope.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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