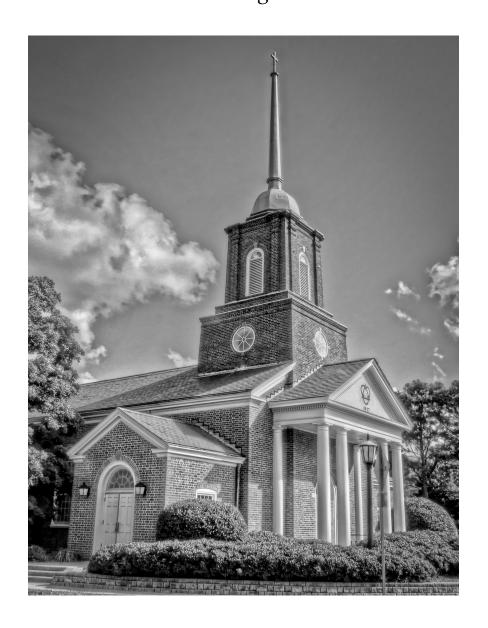
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
10:00 AM Worship Service • January 29, 2023
Setting 1



Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are an <u>all inclusive</u> congregation. Join us for a riveting worship service.

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in E-flat Major

Alexandre Guilmant

GATHERING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

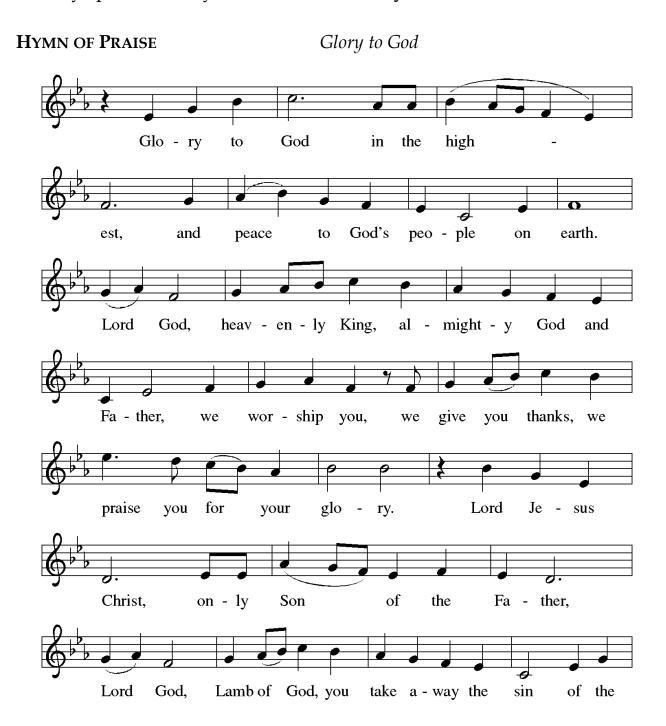
We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:
"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see

the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: MICAH 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (read responsively)

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

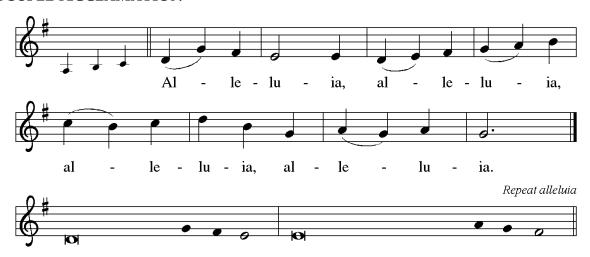
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs

and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Rejoice | and be glad for your reward is | great in heaven

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[&]quot;Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

[&]quot;Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

[&]quot;Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be

filled.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Tina Melusky

SERMON Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 to the dead.

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

[&]quot;Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

[&]quot;Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[&]quot;Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[&]quot;Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings; shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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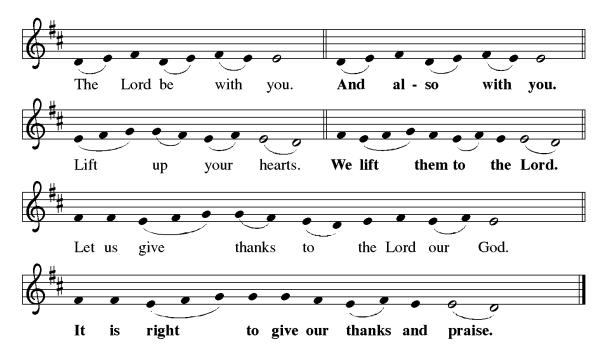
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

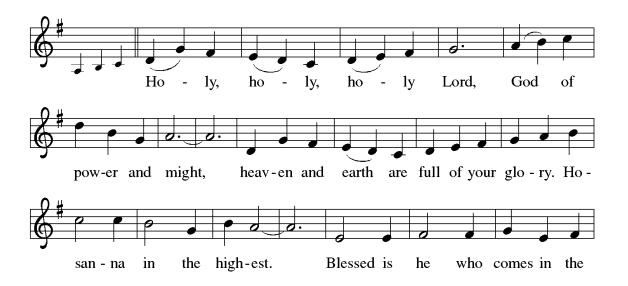


PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

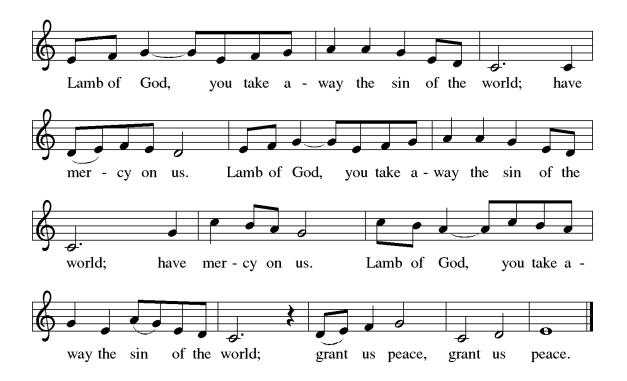
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

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Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life WALTON

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The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence ENGELBERG

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the law of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Engelberg

Robert A. Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Trinity Scholarship Forms available:</u> Scholarship forms are available on the youth bulletin board and online. **Applications are due May 1st** and may be **mailed or turned in to the office** in person. You may give them to Kathy Stevens, Anne Obara, or any member of the committee (Sandy Lunsford, Charlotte Duff, Jacob Wessler, or Al Lebold). Please note: **Applications must be fully complete** or they cannot be considered. Please contact Kathy Stevens if you have any questions. Tip: Don't wait until the last minute! References are part of the application and those take time.

<u>Bible 365!</u>!: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. Here is a list for the next four week's readings: Week 5: Exodus 1-21, Week 6: Exodus 22-40, Week 7: Luke, Week 8: John.

<u>Thanks!</u> Thanks to all our members, young and old alike, who so beautifully colored, painted, markered and glittered the Chrismon ornaments for our Advent tree! We hope you had an opportunity to see and enjoy the completed tree in all its glory!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u>: On <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 31</u>, there will be a Bible Study from **10:30 to 11:30 am**. Pastor Tina will send out a Zoom invitation.

<u>PORT</u>: Trinity will be serving those in need of shelter and food at **New Beech Grove Baptist Church**, on Beechmont Drive, in the Denbigh section of Newport News, on **Monday**, **February 20**. Please see the sign up sheet sent out via Constant Contact this past week for the list of workers and donated food that are needed. Thanks to those who have already signed up.

COMMUNITY

<u>Sine Nomine and St Mark Lutheran Church</u>. . . . are delighted to present pianist Beckett Behel in concert **LATER TODAY at 4:00 PM**. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 757-898-4395. Sine Nomine Presents | St Mark Online (smlconline.org).

YOUTH

<u>Sunday School for Youth Group</u>: Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Hidden Figures*.

Souper Bowl Party: The Youth Group and family members will meet on Sunday, February 12 at 6 PM at the Rummel house for an evening of food and fun watching the Super Bowl. We will provide pizza and drinks. Please bring your favorite super bowl side dish, appetizer or dessert. Your admittance fee to the party is one canned good per person. All food collected will be donated to THRIVE. It is a school night, so we will conclude our evening after the half time show in order to get all the kiddos to bed in time. Please sign up on Facebook if you plan to attend. Looking forward to a fun evening!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit): Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; Recovery At Home: Bonnie Carlson.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family and Chloe Koenig, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; friends and family of Donna Gauthier, requested by Laura Davis; Shirley Krause, requested by Anne Obara; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

Greenery has been presented to the Glory of God.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer Shawn Murphy

Acolytes Andrew Rummel

Nathan Rummel

Lector Patricia McClelland

Ushers/Greeters John Lunsford

David Roselius

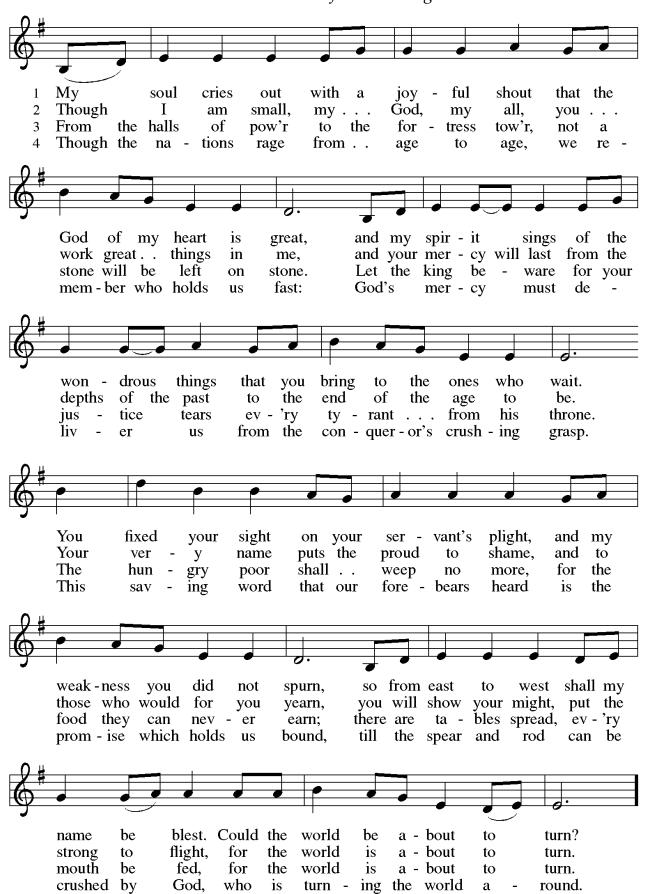
Altar Guild Karoline Ardis

Steve Quist

Camera/Livestream Chech & Greg Vicik



- 5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*





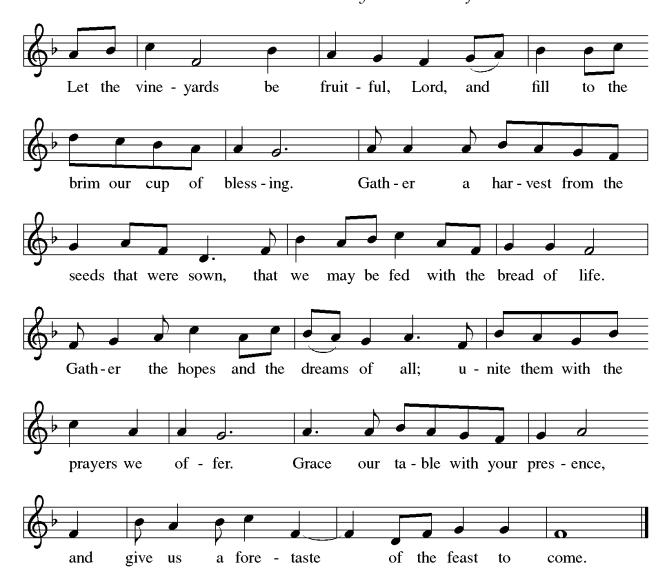
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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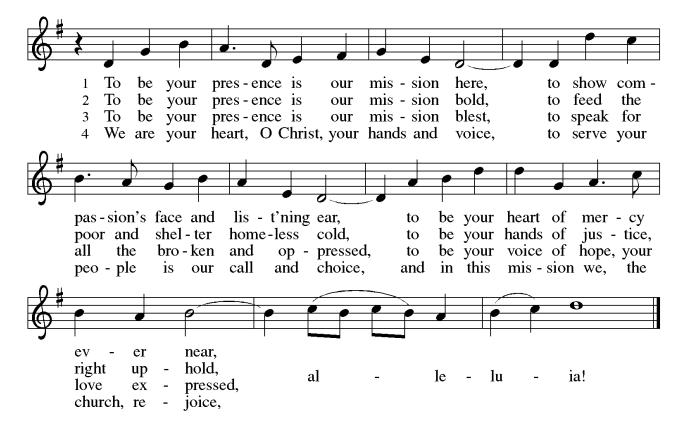
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

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