

## Baptism of Our Lord

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10 AM - St. Matthew and First Trinity Online Worship



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## **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

## **WORSHIPPING FROM HOME**

As we gather together as the Body of Christ across time and space, we encourage you to create a sacred space in your home. Pull out a Bible, light a candle, fill a favorite bowl with water, set out a cross, lay out a cloth. Build a worshipful space that you can enter as we worship together virtually, and for you to return to throughout the week for prayer and devotions. If you have kids, enlist their creativity! A special message for them is included in the service, and we have provided children's worship materials for you to engage as a family at home. Peace be with you in this time of "social distancing" as we care for ourselves, one another, and the world through intentional practice.

Please prepare bread and wine or grape juice for our celebration of Holy Communion.

## **ONE MISSION—TWO LOCATIONS**

St. Matthew and First Trinity, while two independent congregations, have chosen to act and function together. For many years, we have seen ourselves as two congregations sharing a common mission, including common worship, fellowship, and service. Now, with opportunities for renewal and reengagement in Southwest, in addition to those with our established ministries in Judiciary Square/Penn Quarter, we see ourselves as one faith community with one mission, now in two locations.

Guided by our confession of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and by Christ's calling to Christian unity, we are First Trinity and St. Matthew – a unified faith community with missional sites in both NW and SW DC from which we can live into the one mission to which God has called us.

In living into this vision, we will adopt a unified approach to mission and ministry between the two locations, but will adapt to the particular mission and ministry needs and opportunities presented by the neighborhoods surrounding each location.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

<b>Preaching and Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Producer</b>	Don Titzman
<b>Cantor</b>	Stefan Brodd
<b>Baritone</b>	Christopher Cherry

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please remember to mute your microphone when you are not speaking and during the musical portions of the service to ensure we can all hear and understand the person who is speaking and leading the music.*

*We encourage you to use social media during the worship service to foster a sense of connection and community. Consider posting pictures of your worship space at home or your responses to the service. Tag us by including @StMatthewsDC or @FirstTrinityDC in Facebook posts, @FtTrinityDC or @StMatthewDC in tweets, and @stmatthewdc or @firsttrinitydc on Instagram.*

## WELCOME

Cantor: Welcome to the shared ministry between First Trinity and St. Matthew congregations. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. Let us pray. God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

## PRELUDE

Improvisation on *King's Lynn*

Rachel Trelstad Porter

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*(A brief silence.)*

Pastor: Holy God,

People: **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

Pastor: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

People: **Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

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;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

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;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill;  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

## GREETING

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

**People:** And also with you.

KYRIE

Russian Orthodox

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Cameroon

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5

**Leader:** A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

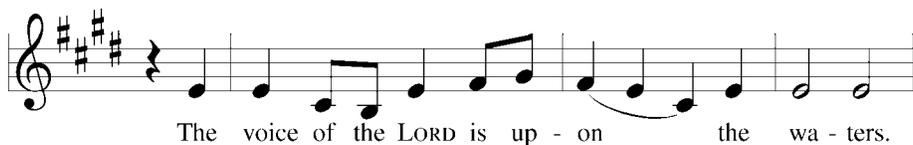
**Leader:** Word of God, word of life.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 29

Robert Hobby

**People:**



**Cantor:** Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. **Refrain**  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare. **Refrain**

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And in the temple of the LORD  
 all are crying, "Glory!"  
 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
 the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.  
 The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. **Refrain**

**SECOND READING** Acts 19:1-7

Leader: A reading from Acts.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Leader: Word of God, word of life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle Halle Hallelujah

Caribbean

People:

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Cantor: I am the light of the world says the Lord. Walk in the light of life.  
 All who follow my words shall have life indeed.

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People:

Botswanan Traditional

Glo - ry to you, O Lord. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Botswanan Traditional

Praise to you, O Christ. Praise to you, O Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ. Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

Pastor Margrethe Kleiber

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune  
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## NICENE CREED

**Pastor:** Through our baptism into Christ, we are made God's people. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**People:** 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 and the Son, 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition concludes with:*

Leader: let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you, both at home and on screen.*

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

We encourage everyone to make a donation to support our ongoing ministry for First Trinity and St Matthew. You can donate online to St Matthew ([bit.ly/StMatthewDonate](https://bit.ly/StMatthewDonate)) or First Trinity ([bit.ly/FirstTrinityDonate](https://bit.ly/FirstTrinityDonate)). Or you can send a check by mail to St Matthew, 222 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20024, or to First Trinity, 309 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. You can also Give-by-Text - text the amount you wish to give to First Trinity (844-982-2713) or St. Matthew (202-760-2730). The first time you do this you will need to sign up, afterwards it's automatic.

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Improvisation on *King's Lynn*

Marshall S. Barnhouse III

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Leader:** Let us pray. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.  
**People:** Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

El Salvador

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The first staff has lyrics: "P:The Lord — be — with you. C:And al - so with — you." The second staff has lyrics: "P:Lift up — your — hearts. — C:We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has lyrics: "P:Let us give our thanks and praise un - to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has lyrics: "C:It is right to give our praise, our thanks and praise to God." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

P:The Lord — be — with you. C:And al - so with — you.

P:Lift up — your — hearts. — C:We lift them to the Lord.

P:Let us give our thanks and praise un - to the Lord our God.

C:It is right to give our praise, our thanks and praise to God.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

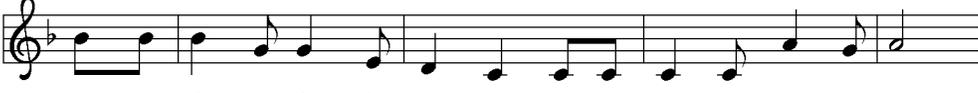
**Pastor:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations, in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People:**

*Refrain/Estrillo*



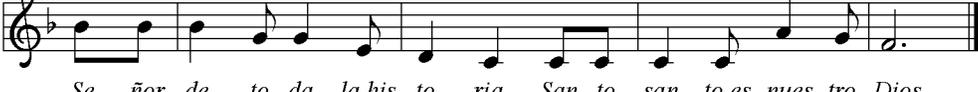
San - to, *es* nues - tro Dios,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



Se - ñor de to - da la tie - rra. San - to, san - to, *es* nues - tro Dios.  
God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



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Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,

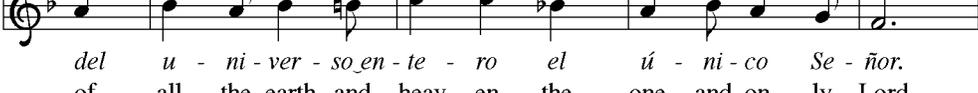


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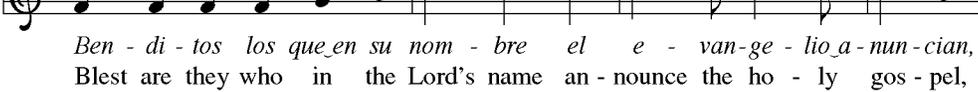
Se - ñor de to - da la his - to - ria. San - to, san - to, *es* nues - tro Dios.  
God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



Que a - com - pa - ña a nues - tro pue - blo, que vi - ve en nues - tras lu - chas,  
Who ac - com - pa - nies our peo - ple, who lives with - in our strug - gles,

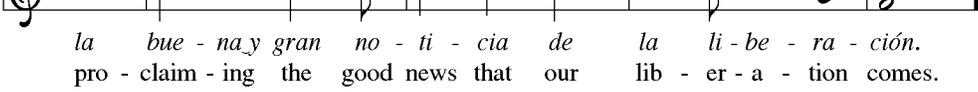


del u - ni - ver - so en - te - ro el ú - ni - co Se - ñor.  
of all the earth and heav - en the one and on - ly Lord.



Ben - di - tos los que en su nom - bre el e - van - ge - lio a - nun - cian,  
Blest are they who in the Lord's name an - nounce the ho - ly gos - pel,

*Refrain/Estrillo*



la bue - na y gran no - ti - cia de la li - be - ra - ción.  
pro - claim - ing the good news that our lib - er - a - tion comes.

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Pastor: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. 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.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say "Amen"!

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say "Amen"!

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**People:**



## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**People: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

## LAMB OF GOD

Phillipines

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. O Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

*At this time commune those who are with you and wish to receive and/or yourself with the words, "The Body of Christ Given for you/me." Then with the wine/juice the "Blood of Christ shed for you/me." If you have a child at home who is not receiving communion, or you do not wish to receive at this time, mark the sign of the cross on their/your forehead while saying, "May you/I always know how much Jesus loves you/me."*

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system shows the beginning of the hymn, and the second system shows the end of the hymn, marked with a double bar line.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## BLESSING

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**People:** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Leader:** Let us pray. Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter  
✠ keep you in peace.

**People:** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### Crashing Waters at Creation

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed onthrough,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age — chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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## SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*You are welcome to stay on the Zoom call after the service to greet one another.*