

Sunday, February 8, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



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## PRELUDE

## GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\ddagger$  one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in  $\ddagger$  Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Children's church: kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade gathers in the chapel.*

## GATHERING HYMN

**"Rise, Shine, You People!"**

**ELW 665**

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 58:1-9-12

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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 want God on their side. <sup>3</sup>“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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>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? <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." <sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

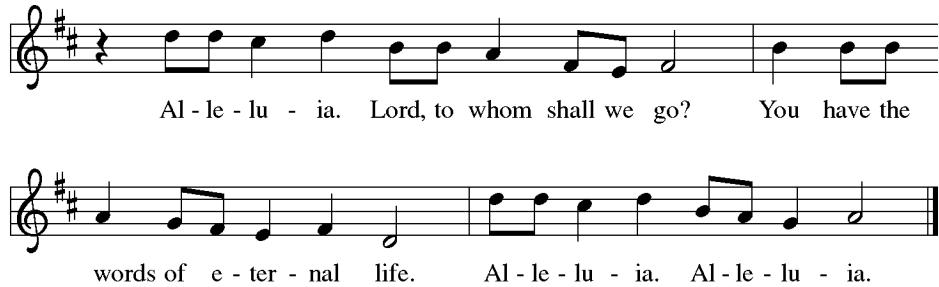
<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>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 being destroyed. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup>and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>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"— <sup>10</sup>God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human 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. <sup>12</sup>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. [<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.]

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"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. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In 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. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, 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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

"When God's Light is Real"

Pastor Rudy

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Gather Us In"

**ELW 532**

## APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: 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. 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

AM: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

*Response to each petition:* AM: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

AM: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING HYMN

**"Christ, Be Our Light"**

**ELW 715**

*Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

AM: 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 us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are as follows:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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**

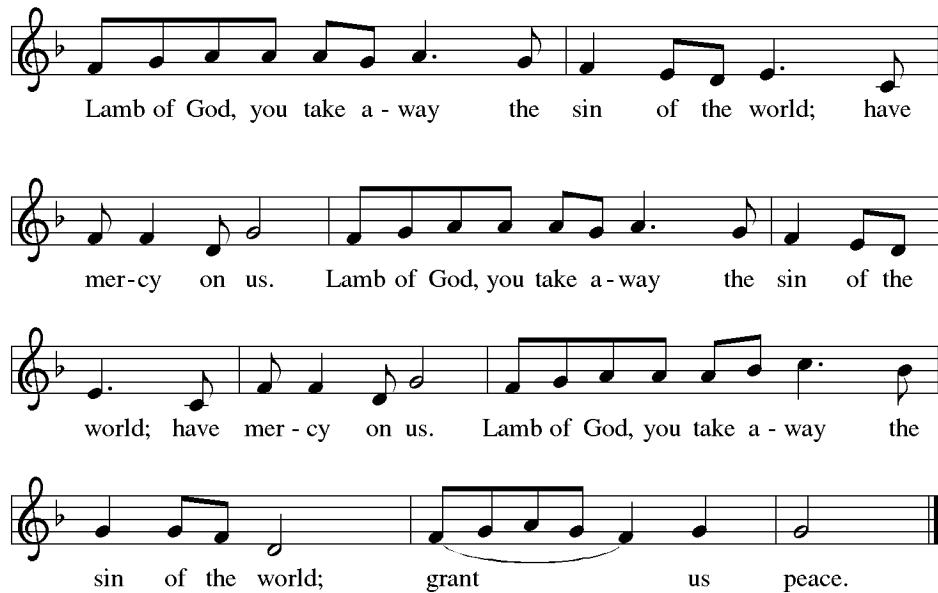
P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

### **COMMUNION**

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

### **AGNUS DEI**

### **"Lamb of God"**



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.

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"  
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"**

**ELW 873  
ELW 553**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

AM: Let us pray.

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 beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  $\pm$  bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**"We are Marching in the Light"**

**ELW 866**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Musician:** Edward Workmon, organ

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, February 8, 2026: Preaching:** Pastor Rudy; **Presiding,** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Bill Salt, Bill Elley, **NEEDED**, Rissa Springs, Linda Salt; **Reader:** Keith Vinyard; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; **A/V Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Sharon Herbold; **Safety Attendants:** Joe Kane, Charles Jobe; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, February 15, 2026: Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Lory Alves; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Fran Vineyard, Lix Witten Janelle Leon-Weinman, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** **NEEDED**, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Sheila English, Dave English; **A/V Tech:** Luke Leon-Weinman; **Council Greeter:** Rissa Springs; **Safety Attendants:** Joe Kane, Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies

## **EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE?** Submit a brief, yet detailed description of your event to [info@elcsequin.org](mailto:info@elcsequin.org) on Mondays for consideration in the Weekly News and bulletin.

### **SUNDAY STUDIES:**

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Winter Study: "Light, Life, Salvation."
- **JOY CLASS:** Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets one Sunday a month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **THE DISCIPLES CLASS** (Family Life Center): 9:00am Jan 11 – Feb 15. "Lord of the Rings and the Parables of Jesus" led by Paul Sims.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry volunteers lead our PK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, and return as we share the peace.

- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers on Sundays with our church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, and Spirit of Joy - at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5pm, dinner for everyone at 5pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 5:30-6:30pm. Contact [Hannah@elcsequin.org](mailto:Hannah@elcsequin.org) for more info.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets **Sunday, February 22** at 11:45 in the WMR.

#### **WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:**

**Line Dancing with Handsome Rob** (Fellowship Hall): Mondays at 2:00pm  
**Chair Yoga with Gina** (Family Life Center): Wednesdays at 9:00am  
**3C: Community-Connection-Conversation** (Church Lawn): Tuesdays at 7:30am  
**The Wired Word** (Family Life Center): Tuesdays at 8:45am  
**Sweet Hour of Prayer** (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am  
**Pathways to Healing Grief Support** (Family Life Center): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 2:00pm  
**Caregiver Café** (Family Life Center): 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00pm  
**Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00pm  
**Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30am  
**Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00pm

**WELCOME SCOUTS!** Scout Sunday is today! Cub Scout Pack 107 celebrates its 16<sup>th</sup> year at Emanuel's and Troop 12 completes their 2<sup>nd</sup> year! It is our privilege to recognize those involved in the ministry and welcome them to Emanuel's.

**MAC & CHEESE FOOD DRIVE** for the Christian Cupboard is February 1-March 1. Our Outreach & Service Team is aiming for 500 pounds! Collection boxes are in the Narthex and Mountain Street entrances.

**LET'S MARDI GRAS!** Our annual Mardi Gras celebration is **Tuesday, February 17** with a pancake supper at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall followed by games, a costume contest and pancake eating contest, masks, beads, photographs, and merriment for the whole family. Brush off last year's mask, create your own costume, and come hungry. It's time to party!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is **February 18 ASHES-TO-GO** will be outside the church on Gonzales Street from Noon to 1pm. Pastors and staff from our Compass Cooperative will distribute ashes and give blessings to passers-by who may not have time to attend our evening service. **WORSHIP** with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB** is dining out on **Thursday, February 19** at 11:30. We will meet at El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant for our monthly luncheon in the private bar area. RSVP by Monday, February 16 to let Donna Simmons know if you are coming, [donna@elcsequin.org](mailto:donna@elcsequin.org). Guests welcome!

**PUB THEOLOGY** is now on tap every month! Join us on the **third Thursday, February 19**, at 5:30 PM at the Seguin Brewing Company, 111 W. Gonzales St., for "Beer, Conversation & God." All perspectives welcome. Come and go as you wish.

**COUPLES & FRIENDS NIGHT OUT** will be at Santikos in Cibolo on **Saturday, February 21** at 6:30pm. We are ready to strike, sip, and socialize at the bowling alley. Novices and experts are welcome! Let Pastor Marcus and Kristen know you are coming so lanes can be reserved for everyone.

**LENTEN EVENING DINNER CHURCH** is **Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25** "By Faith: A Midweek Lenten Series," centers each gathering on this question, "What is faith?" The text from Hebrews 11:1 defines it in this way: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Our evening begins at 6pm with a communal meal. There is always a place for you at the table.

**EGGAPALOOZA 2026** is preparing for its fourth year, and we are so excited to see this outreach ministry grow! We have grown every single year and this year, we will "hide" 40,000 eggs, solidifying our place as one of the largest, all abilities egg hunts in Texas. In order to pull off this wonderful and monumental weekend, we need your help. We will need hands all across TLU's Bulldog Stadium so please join us and find a place to plug in. Follow this link to sign-up: <https://tinyurl.com/eggapaloozavolunteers>.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar on the Level 2 hallway. Fees and submission forms are in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

## EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

**President**, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*

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Bill Salt, *Education Team*

Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*

Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

### ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT

March date to be determined

**5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room**

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Stay tuned for details.

## EMANUEL'S STAFF

**Senior Pastor**, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, [pastormarcus@elcsequin.org](mailto:pastormarcus@elcsequin.org)

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**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

**GIVING AT EMANUEL'S:** Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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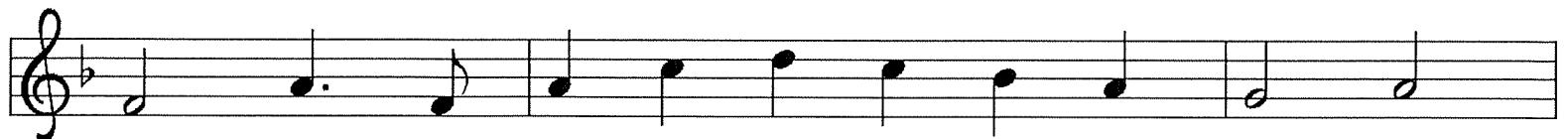
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# Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



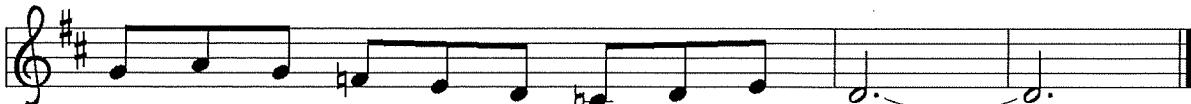
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

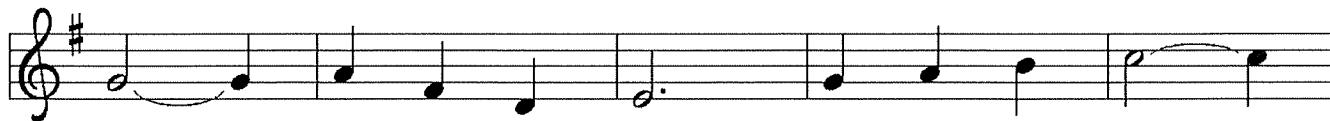
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# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

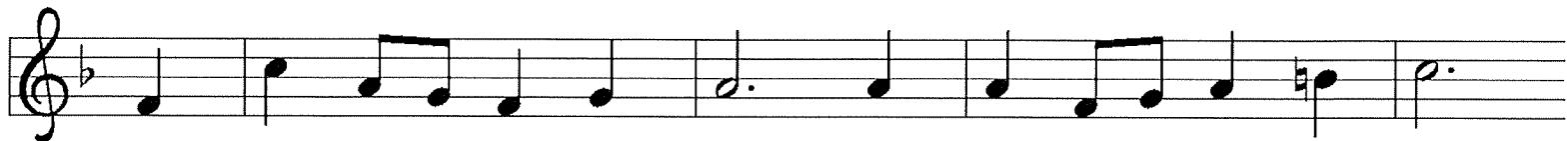
Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

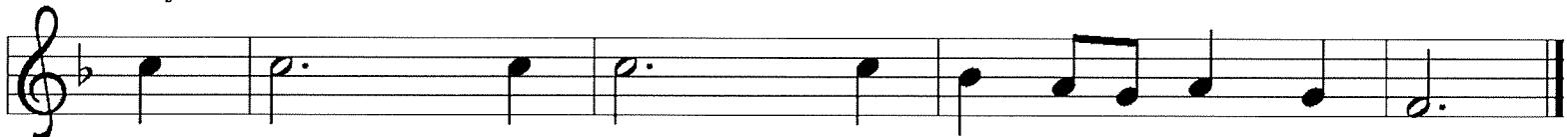


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

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*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.

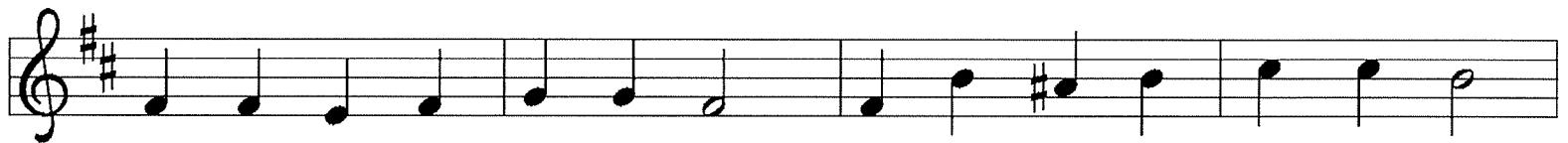
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

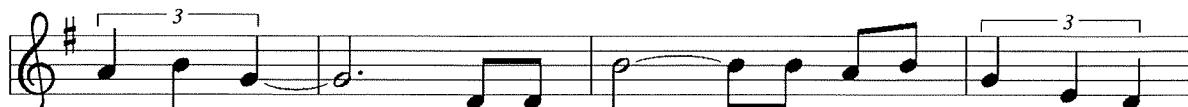
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# We Are Marching in the Light of God



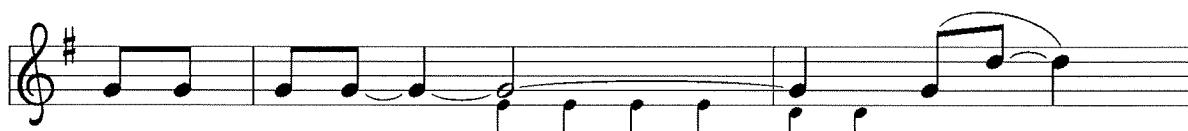
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'.* *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are marching in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are marching in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba* *(ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are marching (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are marching in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba* *(ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are marching (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are marching in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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