

Sunday, February 1, 2026  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



**PRELUDE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ 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 ☩ 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**      **"As We Gather at Your Table"**      **ELW 522**

**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**



Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

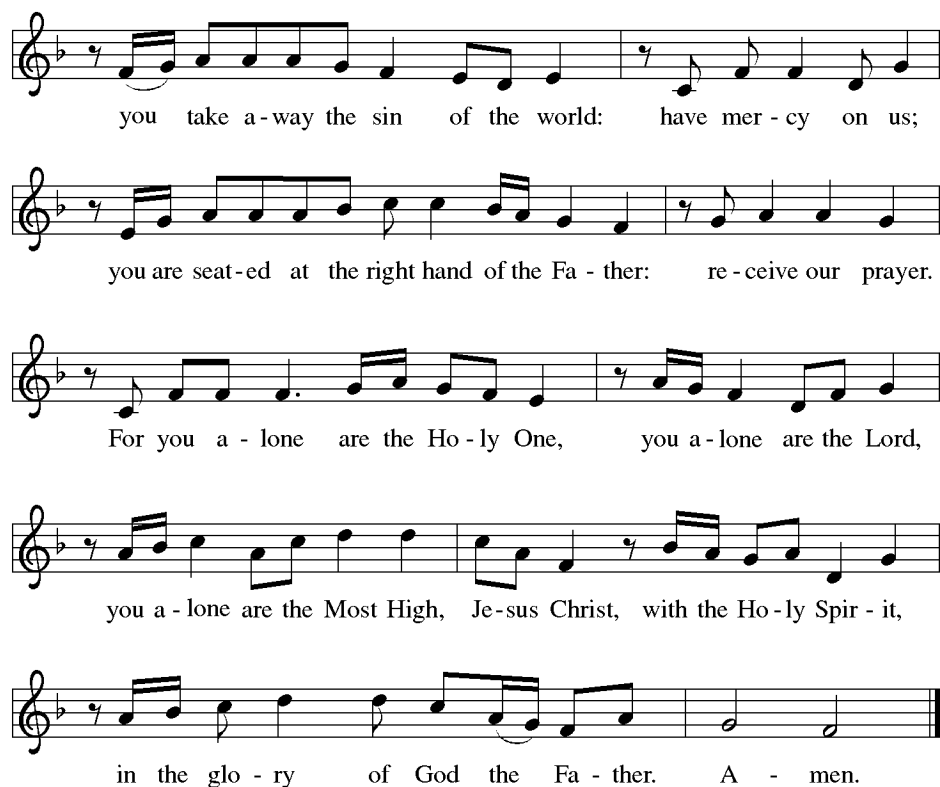
Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: 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.**

## WORD

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:1-8

L: A reading from Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>"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? <sup>7</sup>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?" <sup>8</sup>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?

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he began to speak and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they

will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> 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.

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

**SERMON**

"The Beautiful Foolishness of the Kingdom"

Pastor Marcus

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Let Streams of Living Justice"**

**ELW 710**

**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: God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries.

*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**

**"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"**

**ELW 651**

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

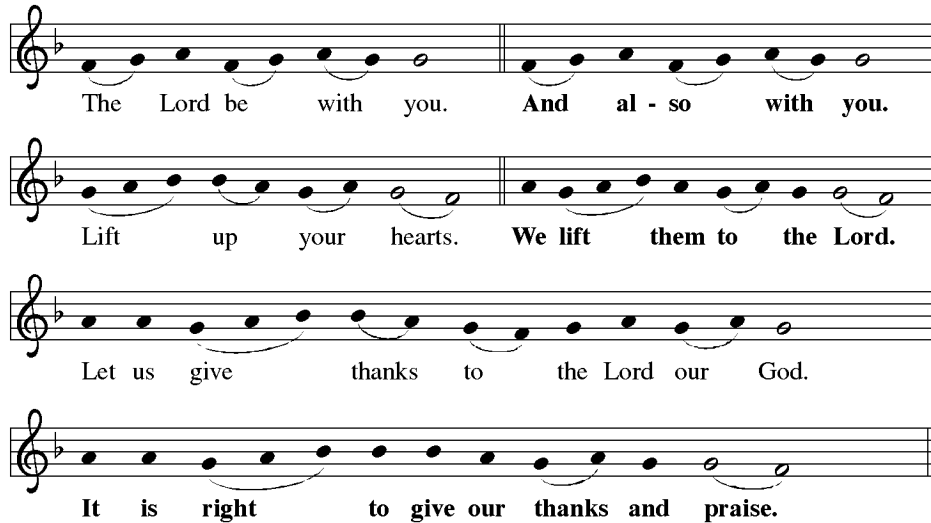
## OFFERING PRAYER

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



## 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"



## COMMUNION HYMNS

### "The Sprit Sends Us Forth to Serve" "To Be Your Presence"

ELW 551

ELW 546

## 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 ☩ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

ELW 669

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Musician:** Edward Workmon, organ

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, February 1, 2026: Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Melissa Barbre; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Jeanne Palmer; **A/V Tech:** Kristen Bigott; **Council Greeter:** Natalia Almquist; **Safety Attendants:** Joe Kane, Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard

**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

## 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): 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 2:00pm

**Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9:30am

**Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00pm

**2025 GIVING STATEMENTS** have been emailed out to all those individuals who have an email address on file. If you require one be mailed or printed out for you, please email [jeni@elcsequin.org](mailto:jeni@elcsequin.org) or call the church office at 830-379-5046 ext 202 and we will happily honor your request.



**TLU SUNDAY** is a shared moment across three synods of Texas and Louisiana, to lift up Texas Lutheran University. Through prayer, awareness, and generosity, TLU invests in faith-centered education that prepares students to lead with purpose, serve with compassion, and live out their calling. Join us on **Sunday, February 1** and be part of shaping the next generation of leaders. Alumni, family, and friends are encouraged to wear TLU colors and bling!

**LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH** gathers after worship on **Sunday, February 1** at The Cowboy's Palace, 550 N TX-123, Suite #184, Seguin, TX. The Lutheran Lunch Bunch is a lively group of post-worship food enthusiasts who meet at a local restaurant on the first Sunday of every month.

**SWEETHEART SPAGHETTI SUPPER** fundraiser for Emanuel's Lutheran Day School is **Friday, February 6** from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and friends and share a delicious meal for a great cause. Each \$10 plate includes spaghetti, meat sauce, side salad, and garlic toast. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance and at the door.

**SCOUT SUNDAY** is **February 8**. Cub Scout Pack 107 celebrates its 16<sup>th</sup> year at Emanuel's and Troop 12 completes their 2<sup>nd</sup> year! They are excited about their growth and the opportunity to make a difference in our community. Scout Sunday is celebrated in honor of a Scout's "Duty to God" and their commitment to the Scout Law that says, "A Scout is Reverent." It is our privilege to recognize those involved in the ministry and welcome them to Emanuel's.

**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.

**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!

## **LENT AT EMANUEL'S**

**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.

**LENTEN EVENING DINNER CHURCH** is **Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25**

"By Faith: A Midweek Lenten Series," will center our time each Wednesday 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." This series will focus on the book of Hebrews, especially the eleventh chapter. Our first four weeks provide a journey through the faith of the Old Testament figures, especially Noah, Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites. Then, our fifth week, will bring us to Jesus, "the perfecter of our faith," and his path to the cross. Our evening will begin 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>.

**ALTAR FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCAST**  
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## EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

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**Vice President,** Sheila English, *Fellowship & Feast Team*

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Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Gather & Grow Team*

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@elcseguin.org](mailto:pastormarcus@elcseguin.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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## As We Gather at Your Table



- 1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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# Let Streams of Living Justice

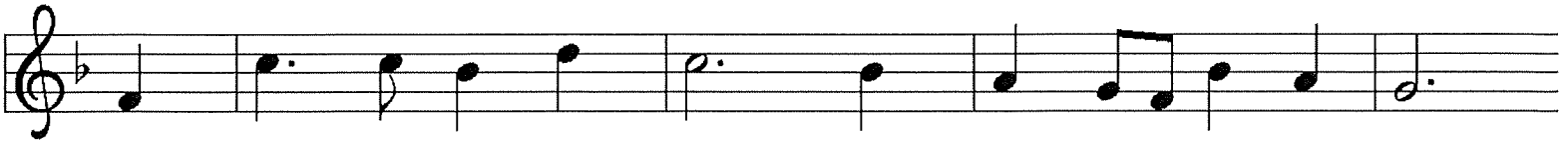
1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;  
give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.  
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,  
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.  
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;  
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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# Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

## *Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
 the love, the word, the tide.  
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
 with faith's bright songful voice!  
 Announce the gospel to the world  
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945  
 Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936  
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## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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# To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - joice,

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## Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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