

# Service of Worship

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 02, 2025



Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church! Our hope today is that you will experience God's love in Word, Sacrament, and Song through the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. Everything you need for today's worship service is printed in this bulletin.

This community welcomes you – wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Are you visiting? Come back again! Are you looking for a church home? All are invited to become part of the Advent community. If you join us in person or on our Facebook livestream; if you are here for an hour, a season, or a lifetime, you are welcome at Advent. The church may be cozy, but the table is long. There's a place for you here!

Need more information about who and what we are? Fill out a green contact/prayer card, add a comment on Facebook, email the church, or visit our website - [www.adventlc.us](http://www.adventlc.us) - or make an appointment with Pastor Alex. We'd love to know how we can be in ministry together!

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

We keep the following persons in prayer



*Douglas M. Bennett* (brother of Shelley Bennett)

*David Church* (friend of Advent)

*Lisa Lynn Curtis* (cousin of Pr. Alex)

*Elizabeth Farr* (friend of the Jairrels)

*David Hoffman* (member)

*Ellie Holsopple* (member)

*Marilyn Horner* (friend of Nancy Jairrels)

*Roxie Jairrels* (member)

*Rev. Patricia Johnson* (friend of the Stalls)

*Jenny Jones* (friend of the Falksens)

*Kathryn "Kate" Juhl* (member)

*Laura Oelrichs* (mother of Rhonda Rose)

*Rev. Elizabeth Platz* (first woman in North America ordained  
by a Lutheran church body)

*Wayne Theye* (friend of the Falksens)

*Susan Toth* (member)

*Becky Wilfinger* (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

# GATHERING

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**PRELUDE**

**Canon in D**

**J. Pachelbel**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Water is poured into the font as a reminder of God's ever flowing stream of grace and forgiveness.  
All may make the sign of the cross (signified with this ✠), the sign marked at baptism.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful God,

**C** **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

**P** God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**C** **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Shine, Jesus, Shine**

**ELW 671**

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter).

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

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## 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

WOV Setting 5



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

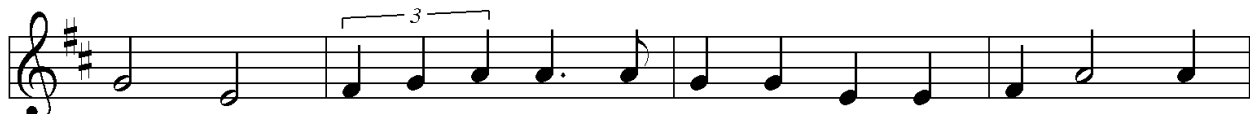
WOV Setting 5



**G** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



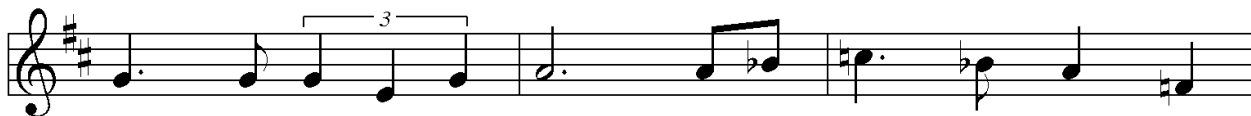
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



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.



**☪** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. (*Pause for a moment of silent prayer.*) Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Reader A reading from Jeremiah

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,  
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMS: Psalm 71:1-6

*(Assisting minister reads light print; congregation reads bold.)*

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup> **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since I was young.

<sup>6</sup> **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been  
my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Reader A reading from 1st Corinthians

<sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

<sup>13:1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

## THE GOSPEL HYMN

WOV Setting 5

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?





Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

<sup>21</sup> Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Alex Stall, Jr.**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are comfortable to proclaim the word of God in song.*

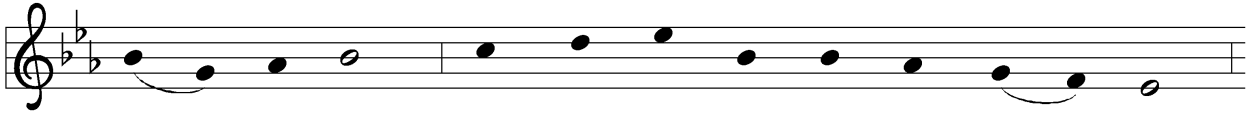
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Of the Father’s Love Begotten**  
*(Please see graphic next page)*

**ELW 295**



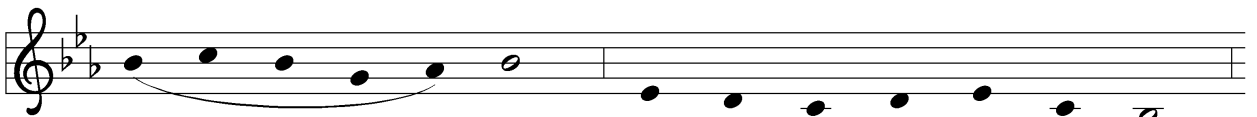
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
pect - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
si - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
min - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry





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

C **Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

*Offering the peace of Christ is far more than a handshake and a greeting to someone you haven't seen since last Sunday. It is the embodiment of conflicts forgiven, wars ended, even death destroyed. Jesus's resurrection offers true peace.*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a gesture of peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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### MEAL

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

### OFFERING

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

**T. Albrecht**

*The Offering represents a shift in our worship time. We change from a time of hearing and learning God's Word, to a time of action. We share of our time and resources – and our very selves. We recognize God's grace in our lives and respond with our offerings. All are invited to respond to God with joyful hearts by giving regularly or tithing (giving proportionally) by placing your gifts in the collection plate, or by making electronic donations using our website at [www.adventlc.us](http://www.adventlc.us) (look for the "Giving" option on the home page). We also use Simply Giving for regular, automatic electronic donations. Please reach out to the church office for the necessary forms! In whatever way you support Advent, know that we are thankful for your faithfulness and trust in God.*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

### OFFERTORY

**Let the Vineyards**

**WOV Setting 5**



**Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of**



**bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were**



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

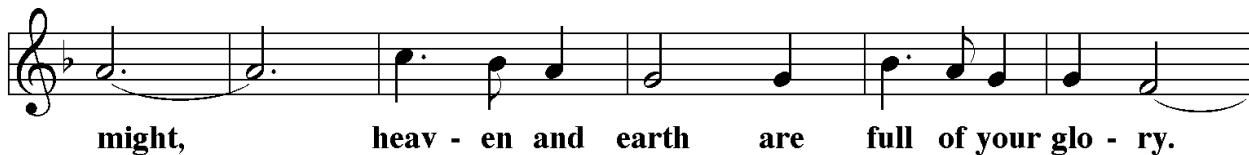
*As the table is prepared, the assisting minister leads the prayer.*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Life up your hearts  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 those you love, but guided them 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

*All are welcome at the Lord's Supper here at Advent. Wine and white grape juice are available by individual cup. Gluten-free communion hosts are also available upon request. If you do not com-*

*mune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. We ask that you please maintain a safe distance as we commune. Hand sanitizer is available at the usher's stand.*

**P** Come now to the Lord's Supper, for all is ready!

*Please remain standing as you are comfortable.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**WOV Setting 5**



**☩ 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, grant us peace.**

*Please be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**Taste and See**

**ELW 493**

*Refrain*

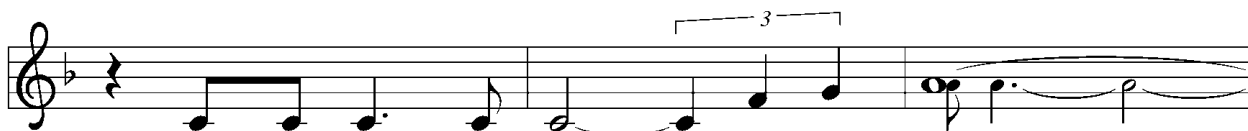


**Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,**



**taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.**





1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.  
 3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo - ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
 I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

*Refrain*



for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

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*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
 C Amen.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**WOV Setting 5**

*(See graphic next page)*

**☩** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

*Please be seated.*

## SENDING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

### BLESSING: KEEP YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN

P Keep your eyes wide open,  
your hands willing,  
your hearts generous,  
your ears attentive,  
your senses awake,  
your feet light,  
your hope alive,  
and your faith on fire.

Go and shine wherever you may be.  
Go and embrace with tenderness all of life  
with its sorrows and joys.

P Go and know what divinity expects  
and what your siblings seek.  
May the creative force bless you.  
May the divine solidarity sustain you ✚,  
and may you be encouraged and enveloped by  
the tender breath that brings freedom.

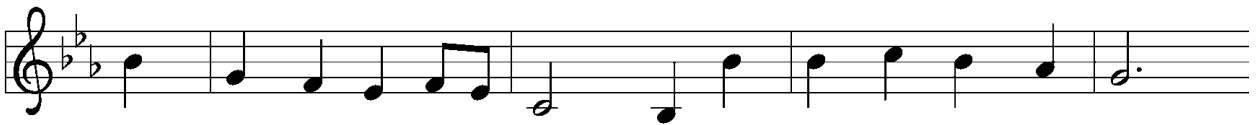
C **Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

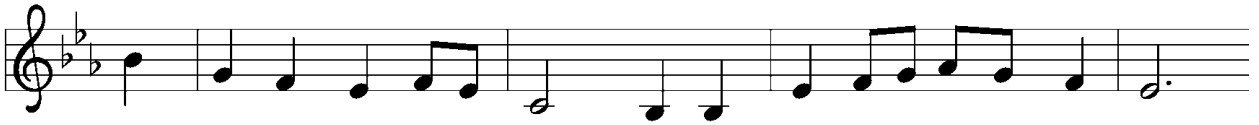
**O Lord Let Now Your Servant**  
*(Please see graphic next page)*

**ELW 313**





1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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## DISMISSAL

P This service has ended. Our service continues!

A Go in peace. Glory to the God who is known in the dark and the light

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTUDE

## Prelude in F

J.S. Bach