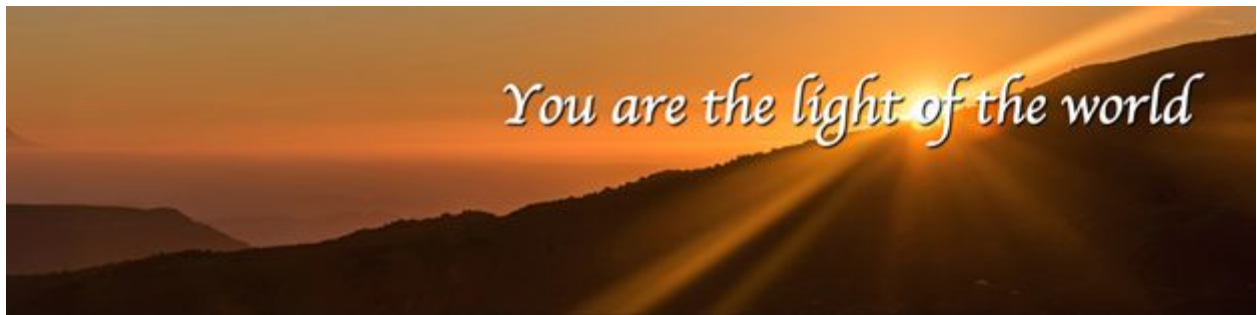




**The 38th Convention of
The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth
November 14, 2020**



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The Holy Eucharist

The 38th Convention of the Diocese of Fort Worth

November 14, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

Hosted by St. Luke's in the Meadow Episcopal Church

The people's responses are in bold.

The Entrance Rite

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 542

Christ, is the world's true light GW Briggs P.11 worship leaflet

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE • S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**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 away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,

**you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

The Word of God

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless, we pray, with the Spirit's grace and presence, people of God here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of the One who loves us and gave everything for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 60:1-6, 9**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the Lord your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11 (*Read in unison*)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.**
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

THE SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

LECTURA DE LA SEGUNDA CARTA DE PABLO A LOS CORINTIOS

1 Por lo tanto, ya que Dios, en su misericordia, nos ha dado este nuevo ministerio, nunca nos damos por vencidos.
2 Rechazamos todas las acciones vergonzosas y los métodos turbios. No tratamos de engañar a nadie ni de distorsionar la palabra de Dios. Decimos la verdad delante de Dios, y todos los que son sinceros lo saben bien.
3 Si la Buena Noticia que predicamos está escondida detrás de un velo, solo está oculta de la gente que se pierde.
4 El dios de este mundo, ha cegado la mente de los que no creen. Son incapaces de ver la gloriosa luz de la Buena Noticia. No entienden este mensaje acerca de la gloria de Cristo, quien es la imagen exacta de Dios.
5 Como ven, no andamos predicando acerca de nosotros mismos. Predicamos que Jesucristo es Señor, y nosotros somos siervos de ustedes por causa de Jesús.
6 Pues Dios, quien dijo: «Que haya luz en la oscuridad», hizo que esta luz brille en nuestro corazón para que podamos conocer la gloria de Dios que se ve en el rostro de Jesucristo.

Esta es la palabra de Dios para el pueblo de Dios

Gracias a Dios

The people stand as able at the introduction of the hymn.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Franzman P.12 worship leaflet

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:14-16).

Glory to you, O Christ.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

THE BISHOP’S ADDRESS TO CONVENTION

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer

A moment for silent reflection follows the address.

THE NICENE CREED

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LITANY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

(adapted from the Episcopal Office of Governmental Relations)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Friends: God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honor those vows and pray for our nation, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others (*please add your requests in this moment of silence*)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.*** (BCP p. 823)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,

**while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while benefiting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*
An offering is received to support Episcopal Relief & Development [Online Giving](#)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS• S-125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel as able, then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed virgin Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

All **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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

If you have a consecrated host at home, please join us in sharing communion at this time.

If you do not have a consecrated host at home, join us by sharing spiritual communion with the following prayer.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The people stand as able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

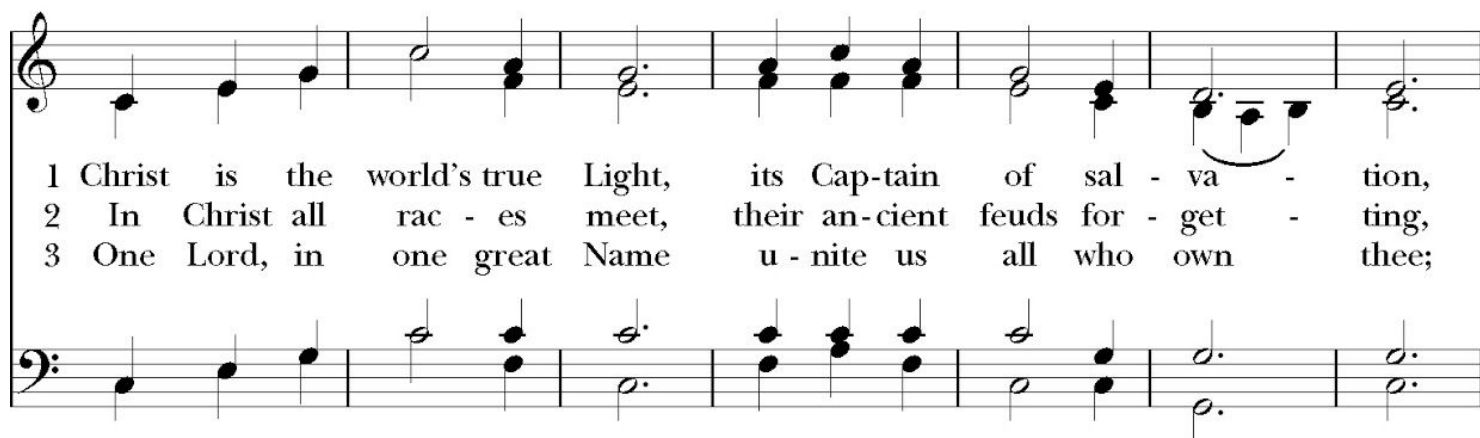
THE BLESSING

And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**


THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN *Siyahamba - We Are Marching* *Diocesan choir* *P, 13,14,15 worship leaflet*



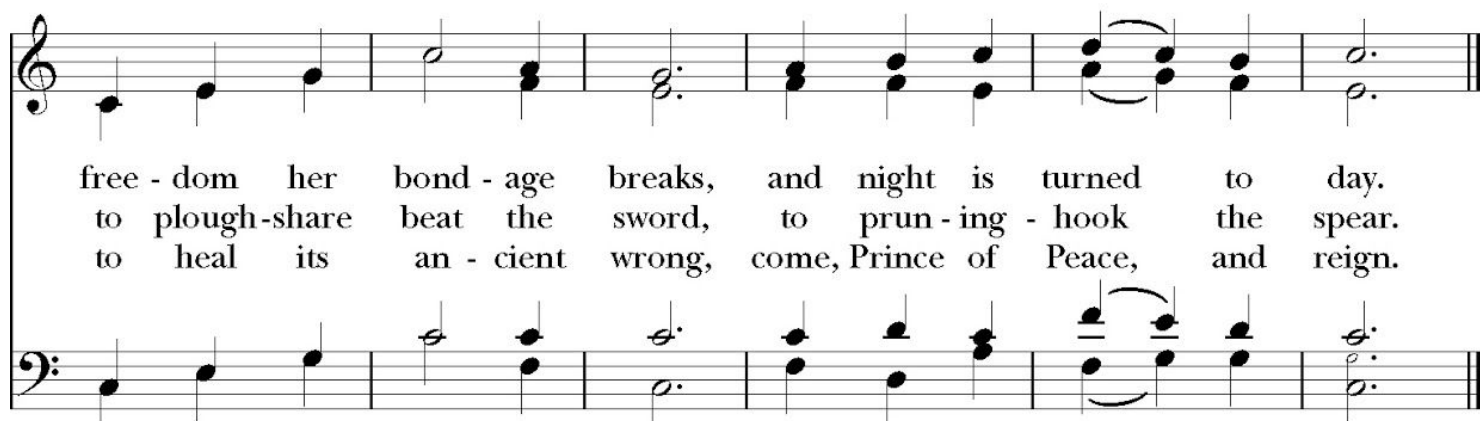
1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;



the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;



new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;



free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.



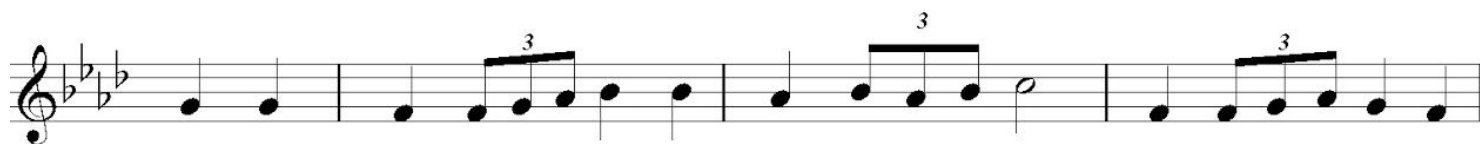
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

march - ing in the light of God, _____ We are march - ing in the
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. _____ Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
re - mos en la luz de Dios. _____ Mar - cha - re - mos en la

we are march - ing in the light of God. _____
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' _____
mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. _____

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the
nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -
luz de Dios mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de, la

we are march - ing in the light of God. _____
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. _____
mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. _____

We are march - ing
 Si - ya - ham - ba
 Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God.
 nyen' kwen - khos'.
 luz de Dios.

We are march - ing,
 Si - ya - ham - ba,
 Mar - cha - re - mos

march - ing, we are
 ham - ba, si - ya -
 re - mos mar - cha -

Oo we are march - ing in the light of God
 Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'
 Oo mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

march - ing,
 ham - ba,
 re - mos

march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the
 ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -
 re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de la

march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, God.
 ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

We are march - ing
 Si - ya - ham - ba
 Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God.
 nyen' kwen - khos'.
 luz de dios.

We are march - ing,
 Si - ya - ham - be,
 Mar - cha - re - mos,

march - ing we are
 ham - ba, si - ya -
 re - mos mar - cha -

Oo
 Oo
 Oo

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 re - mos re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz do Dios.