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SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

Second Sunday of Advent: December 4, 2022

Parish Information: December 4, 2022

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

Parish Staff

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	Director of Deaf Ministry & Part-time Parochial Vicar
James Rocks	Permanent Deacon (retired)
Leo Howitz	Permanent Deacon
Patricia Lipperini PhD	Director of Faith Formation & Safe Environment
Kate Chmelko	Director of Music
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Stephanie Campbell	Administrative Assistant
Rosemary Fearon	Office Volunteer
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM—3PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.
The office is closed from 12 to 1 each day for lunch.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH

50 Emerald Ave., Westmont

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM— American Sign Language and Voice Interpreted for the hearing

ST. JOHN CHURCH

809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday : Sept.-June 9:30 AM (**Live streamed**), 11 AM

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays: Holy Saviour: 10AM to 8PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

RCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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Prayer Requests

Dear Lord, we ask you to turn their weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for all those listed here. Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch. As you heal and renew your servants, Lord, may they be blessed and praise you. This we ask especially for our parishioners and our friends.

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister.

Those serving in the military:	Ensign Patrick J. McKernan, USN
Colin Bakey, USN	Johnny A. Santiago, USA
Eric Bakey, USA	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaletti, RN,
Guardian Alex Coutinho, US	USAF
Space Force	Ens. Patrick McKernan, USN
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Army,	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Those who are sick:	Marlene Keen	Elise Principato
Hilda Amme	William Kinee	Christopher Pronio
Rowan Anderson	Ali Kite	Christian Reynolds
Nancy Barone	Flavia Lagnan	Lawrence Rich
Esther Benson	Noah Lagnan	Katherine Richmond
Bernadette Burke	David Leva	Jacob Rivera
Jean Marie Chapman	Cassidy Lovett	Jaxson Rivera
Ed Charlton	Jay Mancini	Dennis Siwak
Theresa Charlton	Steve Mannix	Constance
Declan Costello	Annie Martella	Steinhagen
Anthony Corrado	Rick McAlexander	John Tomik
John Gray	Matthew McCann	Vivienne Vesper
Mike Gunning	Bernice Novicki	Steven VuiMermet
David Hammond	Robert O'Malley	Julie Wegryn
Violet Harden	Allison O'Malley	Art Yost
Bill Hower	Laura Paradisio	Margaret
Teresa Jermyn	Judith Pattison	Zimmerman

Adoration Schedule

- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 10AM - 8PM
- Silent Adoration 10AM –7PM
- Rosary & Benediction 7PM—8PM
- Come spend some quiet time with the Lord during the day.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 3

4:00 Celebration of the Baptism of William Dante Wittmer
r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish

Sunday, December 4

8:00 Wallace & Joseph Families r/b the Family
Emma Stafford's sister r/b Precy D'Souza

9:30 Fr. Joseph Capella r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise Lovallo
Deceased members of the Santa Maria Council K. of C.
r/b Santa Maria Council
Gerald Banmiller r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise LoVallo

11:00 Bill Carter r/b his Family
Rev. A. I. Cataubo, O.P. r/b the Kline Family
Jim Lafferty r/b his Family
Nicholas Paoline r/b his Mother

Monday, December 5

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
7PM (HS) Jerome Sheehan r/b his family

Thursday, December 8

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Friday, December 9

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Saturday, December 10

4:00 Cynthia Contino r/b the Faust Family
Celebration of the baptism of Juliette Isabelle Becica
r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

Sunday, December 11

8:00 Carmen Agatha Guerriero r/b the Family
Deceased Members of D'Souza & Pinto Families r/b the
D'Souza Family

9:30 Marjorie Manniz Gadren r/b Peter & Elena Hill
Gerald Mullen, Sr. r/b the Family
Louis DeAngelo r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

11:00 Mary Quinn r/b the Kline Family
Donna McKeegan Carmello r/b Ed Dodd & Deb
Robertson
Jack Veasy r/b Jack & Mary Jo Tsikitas

Sanctuary Candle



The sanctuary candle will be burned this week in memory of:

St. John: Frank Barbato r/b his sister Margaret

Second Sunday of Advent: December 4, 2022

The Gift of Advent

Pat Lipperini

For many years now our parish has marked the beginning of Advent with a special evening celebration. Families of all sizes and ages gather to share a potluck meal, do crafts, make their own Advent wreaths and in general, learn about the Advent season. Two weeks ago, we celebrated such an evening, with over 90 people. Imagine, all those people in the same room thinking about Advent!

Our present culture makes it difficult to include Advent in our Christmas celebrations. There is such a rush to bring on Christmas, with Christmas decorations for sale well before Halloween. I understand that retailers anticipate each holiday, but there is something off putting when you are looking for purple and green Halloween lights and all you can find are snowmen.

Our world seems to be always on the lookout for the next thing because that next thing might be just what will finally make us happy. This constant search points to our deepest reality: we have a longing built so deep inside of us—a longing for stability, health, peace, intimacy—an original longing we have carried from birth. The lights and decorations of all the holidays through the year mark that longing. We decorate in hopes that these celebrations will help fill the ache (sometimes vague, sometimes acute) we all feel.

That is why Advent is such a gift. Our church “officially” establishes a season of longing, in recognition that we all want and need something more in our lives. But unlike all the other holiday seasons, Advent directs us towards the answer to our longing—Jesus. As St. Augustine so aptly notes, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” Our Church gives us four weeks to come to terms, as it were, with our built-in need for God. It gives us four weeks to work on the doors of our hearts so that we can allow God to enter and fill those spaces that lights and garland can’t affect.

There are easy ways to keep a space for Advent in our homes, even as the decorations and Christmas trees start to take over the house. Place a Nativity set in a prominent location, perhaps with a small votive candle lit in the evenings. Even though our present culture seems to want to turn Christmas into a winter holiday with snowflakes as the main vibe, Christians should always proclaim Christ as the reason for the season. Make and use an Advent wreath. The light and accompanying prayers truly set a tone of patience and waiting, a needed counter to those traffic jams and long lines at the mall.

By carving out a little time to think about Advent, we are pressing against that giant wave of festivities ahead of us. We are saying, slow down, let’s appreciate, let’s reflect, let’s remember why we put ornaments on the tree. Christmas will come and it will be lovely. But let’s make it more meaningful by “doing” Advent too.





*Participate in Electronic Giving.
It's Simple ... Safe ... Convenient.*

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW": follow the prompts.

November 20: \$7,195.00

November 27: \$6,565.00

**Electronic Givers— September \$17,065.00
from 136 givers**

NEW WAY TO GIVE!
**Scan this QR code with your smartphone for
easy, secure on-line giving.**



*Thank you for your continued generosity to the
support of our parish!*

December 10-11

MASS	LECTORS	EM'S	SACRISTANS
4:00	S. Campbell	Deacon Leo Preach	S. Campbell
8:00	L. Franck	Deacon Rocks Preach	R. Fearon
9:30	J. Wiener	M. Rausch	M. Mercer
11:00	B. Pascal	Deacon Leo Preach	L. Roseboro- Brown

Advent Mass – Cemetery Visitation

In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, we will hold a special mass at Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum on Wednesday, December 7th, at 10:00 AM. We encourage our families to visit all of our cemeteries and mausoleums and pray for their dearly departed loved ones. This mass and future Christmastide masses held at other diocesan-managed cemeteries are listed on our website. We, the staff of South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries, wish you a joyous Advent Season.

Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly assist you.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Building and Maintenance

Part time Employment Opportunity
20+ hours in a four day week

General Job Description:

- Maintain parish buildings.
- Perform custodial duties/minor repairs
- “Handyman” experience required
- Manage service contractors
- Recognize facility issues.
- Be available off-hours occasionally if needed

Contact Tom Hauber at :
tomhauber1@gmail.com or
215-783-8554

Haddon Twp. Boys Soccer Team

Congratulations to the Haddon Twp. High School Boys' soccer team for winning the New Jersey State Championship. Each and every boy on the team contributed to winning this award and we are proud of you!



Weekly Tip: Caring fore Our Common Home

As much as 95 percent of clothes, shoes and linens thrown in the garbage could be reused or recycled. A number of local organizations will accept all clothes (except those that are wet, mildewed or contaminated with hazardous materials) — even damaged or mismatched items. To learn where you can take these items, see www.earth911.com

Special Collection Next Weekend Retired Religious

The second collection next weekend will be for the retired religious. May of us were well-educated by these dedicated men and women and have reaped spiritual as well as academic benefits from their words, teaching, and example. You are always so generous to this special collection and the religious men and women who receive assistance from this collection are very grateful.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Trees

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Christmas Giving Trees are displayed in both churches. This year there are three choices for gifts. Tags identify the organizations and/or people who will receive gifts.

All gifts need to be returned on or before Tuesday, December 13.

1st Way -a counseling and referral service for young mothers: Gifts for infants (*unwrapped*)

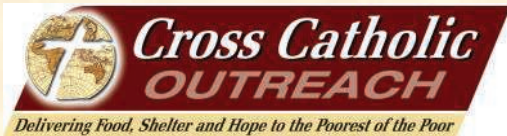
- **Catholic Charities**-gifts distributed to individuals from infants to age 18 years old (*unwrapped*)
- **Angel Tree**-provides specific gifts requested for children of prisoners (*wrapped*)

* **Tags must be securely attached to all gifts.**

* **Do not wrap gifts for 1st Way and Catholic Charities.**

* **Wrap gifts that go to Angel Tree.**

For those who would like to donate but are not yet going to church, you can either pick up a tag at the parish office or bring your gift to the parish office with a home-made tag specifying which group gets your donated gift.



Cross Catholic Mission Appeal

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting Msgr. Andrew Martin who represents Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay people working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.

Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic Ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach please go to **CrossCatholic.org/outreach**, text BLESSINGS to 474747, or scan this QR code.

Many of you will remember Msgr. Martin from his time spent at Holy Saviour. Please be sure to say "hi" to him after Mass.

Office of Ministry with the Deaf and Disabilities

We believe that every child of God is uniquely created and inherently worthy of love, and so as we love him we also love all others. (John 13:34-35)

Special Needs Mass

Holy Savior Church in Westmont (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish) celebrates a separate Sunday afternoon Special Needs Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month, especially for families with special needs children and adults.

This particular mass is sensory-friendly, a loving and open environment of acceptance and understanding allowing special needs families the opportunity to attend mass together.

4th Sunday each month, 12:30PM (subject to change...Please call to confirm)

Holy Savior Church
50 Emerald Avenue
Westmont, NJ 08108
(GPS: use Haddon Township)

Masses of Welcome and Inclusion Schedule

Every Sunday

11:00AM Mass at Holy Savior Church
(St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish)
50 Emerald Avenue
Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church.

2nd Weekend of the Month

St. Andrew the Apostle
27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road
Gibbsboro, NJ
Mainstream Mass Saturday, 4:30pm Mass

Holy Eucharist Parish
344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
Mainstream Mass Sunday (Oct. - Apr.) 9:45AM

For more information, please contact Fr/ Hugh Bradley at hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.



Knights of Columbus Information

- The Knights of Columbus will be holding an **Admission Degree** on Monday December 5th @ 8PM for all men who are 18 and over and are practicing Catholics. Candidates should report at 7:30PM to register. The ceremony will take place at the council home, 350 Chrystal Lake Ave, Haddon Twp. @ 8PM. Wives and family are invited to watch the ceremony. For more information, call John Erwin @ 856-524-2810.
- The Knights of Columbus will sell **Roses for Life** after Masses this weekend.
- "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest**
For students ages 5-14
Contact organizer Rolland Coutinho for an Entry Form:
Phone: 856-220-9989
Email: rcc1266@yahoo.com
- K. of C. Hoagie Sales:** December 10



Parish Christmas Prayer Tree Lighting

The Parish is having a celebration featuring Christmas music, caroling, hot chocolate, and a chance to **place *your own* special intention in an ornament and then on a Christmas Tree.** The lighting of the tree will be another highlight.

To make sure everyone can participate, we do this at each of our worship sites on two consecutive nights:

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30PM
Outside Holy Saviour Church
(immediately after conclusion of the 7:00 Mass)
Thursday, December 8 at 7:00PM
Outside St. John Church

The written special intentions will remain on the tree for everyone in the community to support one another in prayer through Advent and Christmas

PLEASE JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Vincent de Paul Society

One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number [856-858-1444](tel:856-858-1444). Often people are reluctant to ask for help, but should you know of anyone in our community in need of urgent assistance, please refer them to our number and let them know we are there to help.



Sandwich Making

Make at home and drop off only until further notice.

Please bring your already made sandwiches to Good Shepherd cafeteria on **Monday, December 19 at 7PM.** Someone will be there to accept your donation.

Sandwiches made in November: 1,110

Also received 8 bags of fruit, 1 carton water

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches

The Discussion Meeting will take place as scheduled:
3rd Tuesday, December 20 at 7PM in the Faith Formation Center.

Thank you for continuing to help the needy.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:
Mon. & Wed.:
10AM to 12 PM

Staples put into each bag:

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, condensed milk, cereal boxes

Lunch:

PB and jelly, tuna, mac & cheese, spam, chunky/regular soups

Dinner:

Pasta sauce, pasta, vegetables & beef stew, instant rice/potatoes, canned fruit

Gift cards from food stores, especially Aldi, are also appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



Dinners to Doorsteps

We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. **If you need help, please call Michelle.** Everything is strictly confidential. **More Info.:**

Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or email her at grandma-rose73@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Parish Events

Christmas Tree Lighting: Wednesday, December 7, after 7PM Mass, Holy Saviour; Thursday, December 8, 7PM, St. John .

Family Mass: Sunday, December 11, 11AM, St. John.

The Nazareth Academy High School Chorale will sing at 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 11. They will provide a concert after Mass in St. John Church. The choir is under the direction of our very talented Music Director, Kate Chmelko. Their singing is magnificent. We are grateful to Kate and her chorale for singing for us this Advent. *Free will offerings to benefit the chorale will be accepted.*

Advent Communal Penance Service:

Monday, December 12, 6:30PM, St. John Church
A number of visiting priests will be here to help with confessions.

Advent Parish Retreat: Wednesday, December 14, 7PM, St. John Church,

Speaker: Msgr. Joseph P. Malagrega



Confessions during Advent:

Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24: 3:00—3:45, in **BOTH Churches**

Christmas Masses, Dec. 24-25:

(Dec. 24): **4PM**—St. John; **5PM**—HS; **12Midnight**—SJ

(Dec. 25): **8AM**—Holy Saviour, **10AM**— St. John

(Dec. 25): **11AM:** Deaf Community—
Holy Saviour

New Years Mass, December 31-January 1:

Regular Weekend Schedule:

(Dec. 31): **4PM**— Holy Saviour

(Jan. 1): **8AM**— Holy Saviour

9:30AM —St. John **11AM** - St. John

11AM—Deaf Community— Holy Saviour

Feast of the Epiphany, January 8: Kate Chmelko's musicians will play at the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.



ADVENT RETREAT WITH MSGR. JOSEPH P. MALAGRECA

*Emmanuel: God Present to Us
in the Eucharist*



Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 7:00 pm
St. Teresa of Calcutta
809 Park Ave., Collingswood, NJ

Msgr. Joseph Malagrega was with us for our Lenten retreat last year. He is back with us "by popular demand". We are grateful that he could fit us into his busy schedule. We hope that everyone will be able to join us for this special preparation for Christmas.

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club would like to invite all the men of the parish to join us for our next meeting on Monday, December 12th at 8 pm in McLaughlin Hall. For more information, please contact Josh Wiener (609-502-3539), or email us at stteresamensclub@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who helped with the recent Newton Lake cleanup. We appreciate your service in helping such a beautiful site being cared for and your efforts to clean up the environment.

LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith At Every Age

I want a laity, ... who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity — I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism... **Cardinal John Henry Newman**

Faith Formation Schedule

Classes held in Good Shepherd School

Sunday 9:30-10:45

Grades K-7

Dec 11, 18

Tuesday 3:30-4:45

Grades 1-7

Dec 6, 13, 20

Confirmation Prep (8th gr)

Sunday 6:30-8PM

Dec 4

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be Sunday Dec 11 at 11AM. We invite our 6th graders to participate as readers, singers, ushers, greeters.

Youth Choir Practice

Our Youth Choir is open to anyone from first grade through high school. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, we would love to have you participate. We will be singing at the Family Mass on Dec 11 and at the Christmas Eve 4PM mass.

Next Practice will be Wednesday December 7 at 7PM in Good Shepherd Cafeteria.



Advent Evening 2022





Call to Worship

Second Sunday of Advent: December 4, 2022

Entrance Hymn: "See How the Virgin Waits" *Breaking Bread* #55

SEE HOW THE VIRGIN WAITS

Slovak folk melody

1. See how the Vir - gin waits for him; Ma - ry in won - der
2. Gent - ly she hears the dis - tant breeze sway - ing the sil - ver
3. Now a new pat - tern on the loom; now a new pres - ence

1. waits for him. Shake off your slum - ber: come all full of
2. ol - ive trees. What is she think - ing as the sun is
3. in the room. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, all her love she's

1. won - der. Je - sus is com - ing as the Prince of Peace.
2. sink - ing, wait - ing the birth - day of her first - born Son?
3. keep - ing, wait - ing the com - ing of the Son of God.

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No Gloria During Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40: 1-11

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness

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a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

SECOND READING: Romans 15: 4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

CREED: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven.

**At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man", all bow.
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Waiting in Silence"

WAITING IN SILENCE

Carey Landry

1-5. Wait-ing in si - lence, wait-ing in hope; we are your

1. peo-ple, we long for you, Lord. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u -
 2. peo-ple, we trust in your love. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of
 3. peo-ple, Lord, we seek your truth. Wis-dom In - car - nate, teach us your
 4. peo-ple, we long for new life. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our
 5. peo-ple, our hearts thirst for you. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our

1. el, Come, Lord Je - sus,
 2. Peace, Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
 3. way; Show us the path of life, Ma-ra - na - tha!
 4. hearts. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
 5. midst. Make us your gar - den, Lord,

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COMMUNION HYMN: "Christ Be Our Light"

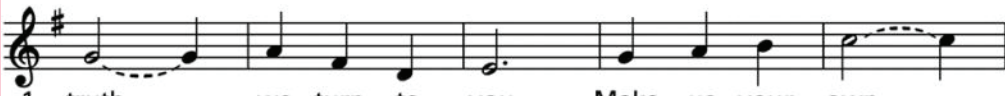
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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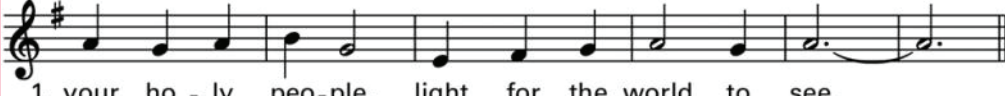
Verses



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



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

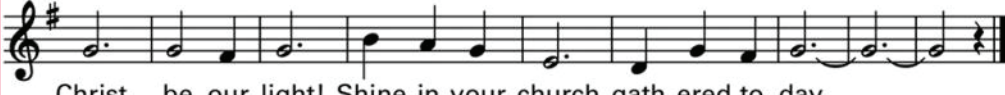


1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

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.

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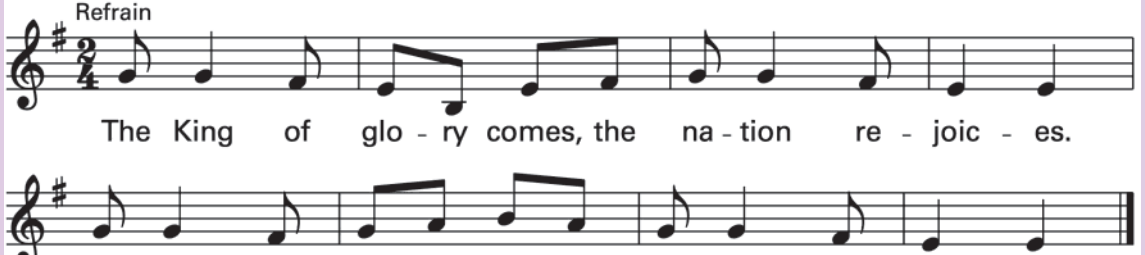


RECESSIONAL HYMN: "The King of Glory"

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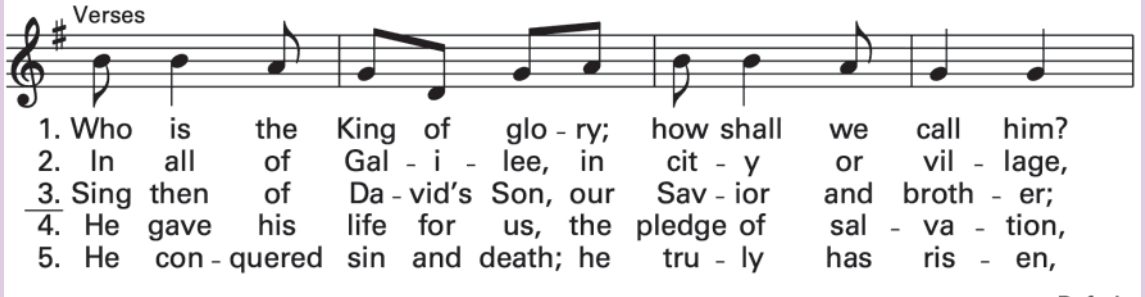
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The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

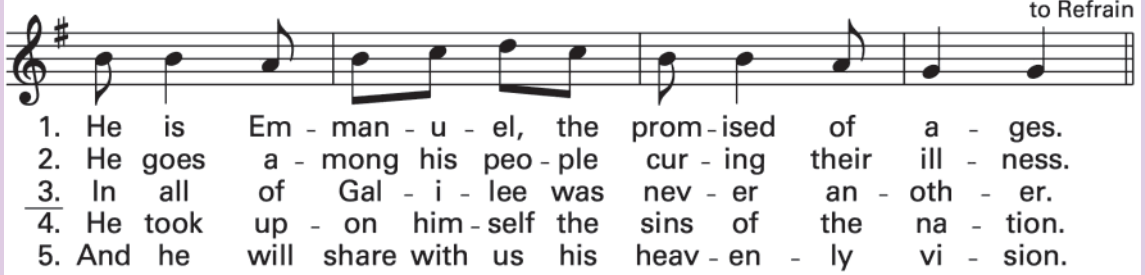
O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

Verses



1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

to Refrain



1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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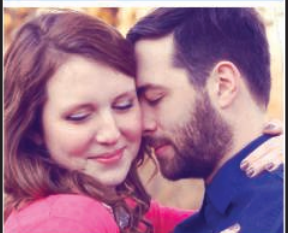


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