

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, February 5, 2023**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 5*

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Six*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)**

## Gather Us In



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



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



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



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



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

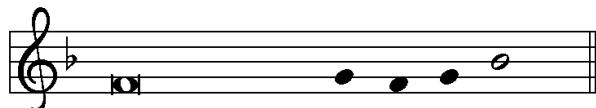


we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

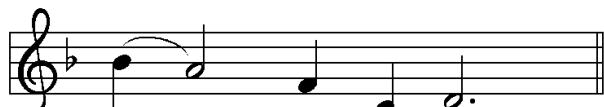
### GREETING (ELW p. 165)

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

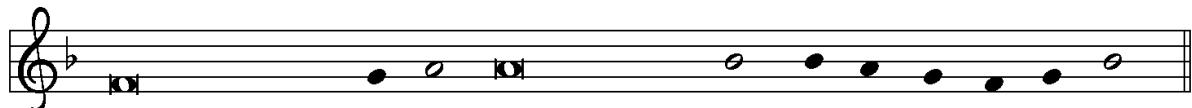
### KYRIE (ELW p. 165)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



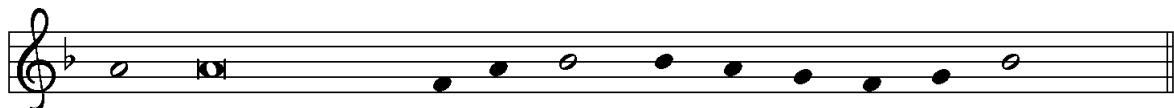
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



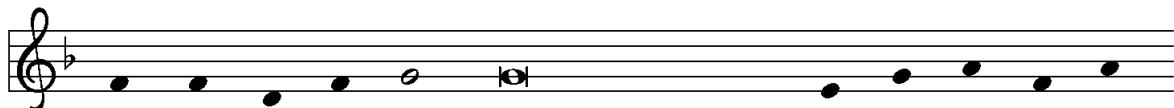
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



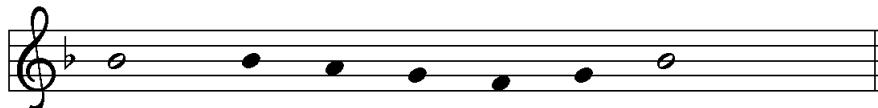
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



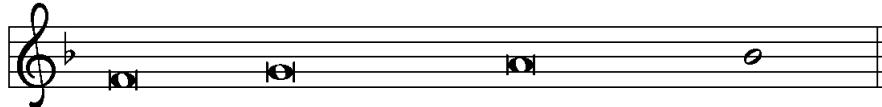
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 167)

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 170)

Let us pray.

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

**Amen.**

## **CHOIR For the Troubles and the Sufferings (ACS 1051)**

*For the troubles and the suff'rings of the world,  
God, we call upon your mercy:  
the whole creation's laboring in pain!  
Lend an ear to the rising cry for help  
from oppressed and hopeless people:  
Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!  
We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice,  
to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!  
We pray for pow'r, the pow'r that will sustain your people's witness:  
until your kingdom comes. Kyrie eleison!*

*(repeated)*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!  
    Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
    to the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
    and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
    and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
    they delight to draw near to God.  
<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
    Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
    and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
    and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
    will not make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
    a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

Light     shines     in     the     dark - ness     for     the     up - right.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup>God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup>in the land;**  
**the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup>will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup>in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup>last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup>for the upright;**  
**the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion. R**



<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- lous in lending  
and to manage their af- fairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For they will nev- er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any l evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting l in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and l will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- l on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands l fast forever;  
they will hold up their l head with honor. R

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

<sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

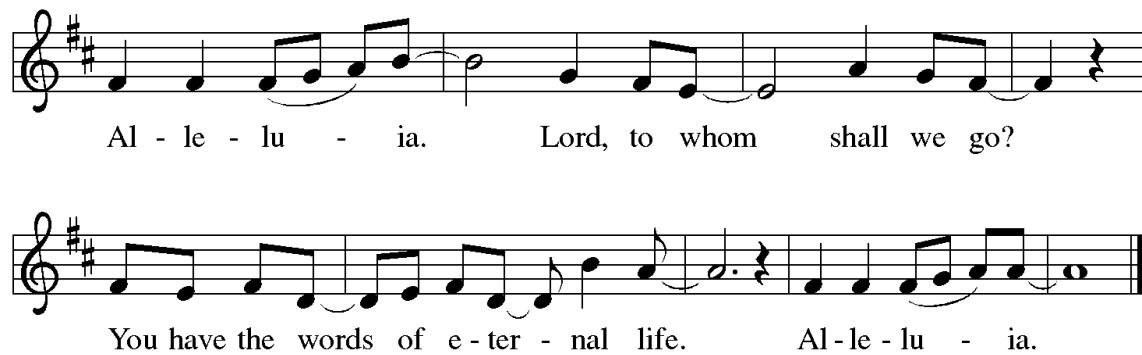
<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the

world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 171)



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." The second staff continues the melody with "Lord, to whom shall we go?" followed by a repeat sign and the lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life." The third staff concludes with "Al - le - lu - ia."

### GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## SERMON

**HYMN *Go, Make Disciples* (ELW 540)**

## Go, Make Disciples

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef and common time. The lyrics are placed below each staff:

- "Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach-ing them.
- Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.
- Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.
- Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're
- serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

**CREED (ELW p. 172)**

**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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice (*injustice such as systemic racism, church sanction of colonialism, church protection of sexual abusers may be named*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for (*the Martyrs of Japan and*) all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## PEACE (ELW p. 172)

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

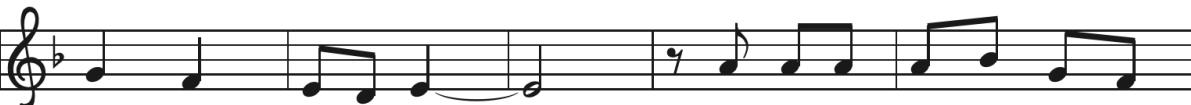
## HYMN *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* (ACS 1078)

### There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

*Refrain – All*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

*Leader or All*



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:  
2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:  
3 For heal - ing, for whole - ness, for new life:  
4 Lord, save us, take pit - y, light in our



hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:  
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:  
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:  
deep - est night. We call you; we wait:

*Refrain*



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

## DIALOGUE (ELW p. 172)

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.**

## PREFACE (ELW p. 173)

Empowering God, you established your creation like a watered garden,  
and when your people's hopes lay in ruins you answered their call  
and removed the yoke from among them.

you guided them continually and satisfied their needs in parched places.

In the death and resurrection of Christ

you repaired the breach between us and you

and opened the way of peace for all your people.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels,

and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 173)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 173)**

Eye has not seen nor ear heard, beckoning God,  
what you have prepared for those who love you.  
In Jesus you are the salt that preserves us with you forever,  
and you are the light that transforms the darkness of death.

On his last evening with the disciples  
your Son took the broken body and spilt blood of the cross  
and turned them into the glory of resurrection.

Come among us now and turn the brokenness of our lives  
and the spiltness of your world into the wonder of your new life.  
Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them for us  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Inspiring God, you instill in us the wisdom of your Son's cross,  
and you send us the spirit who searches the depths of your heart  
and the depths of ours.

Shape your people in the image of your Son to be repairers of the breach;  
send us to be beside those who cry, among any who are afflicted,  
alongside all whose foundations lie in ruins.

Bless your church that it may bear the marks of its risen and ascended Lord.  
Raise up saints to embody your truth in our midst,  
loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke,  
and let the oppressed go free, until the day when you are all in all,  
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 173)**

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

**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.**

## **COMMUNION (ELW p. 174)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

## **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 174)**

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.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION *Light Shone in Darkness* (ELW 307)

### Light Shone in Darkness

1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,  
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;  
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;

bath - ing in beau - ty na-ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav-en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan-ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,

cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING SONG *We Are Marching in the Light* (ELW 866)

### We Are Marching in the Light of God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

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