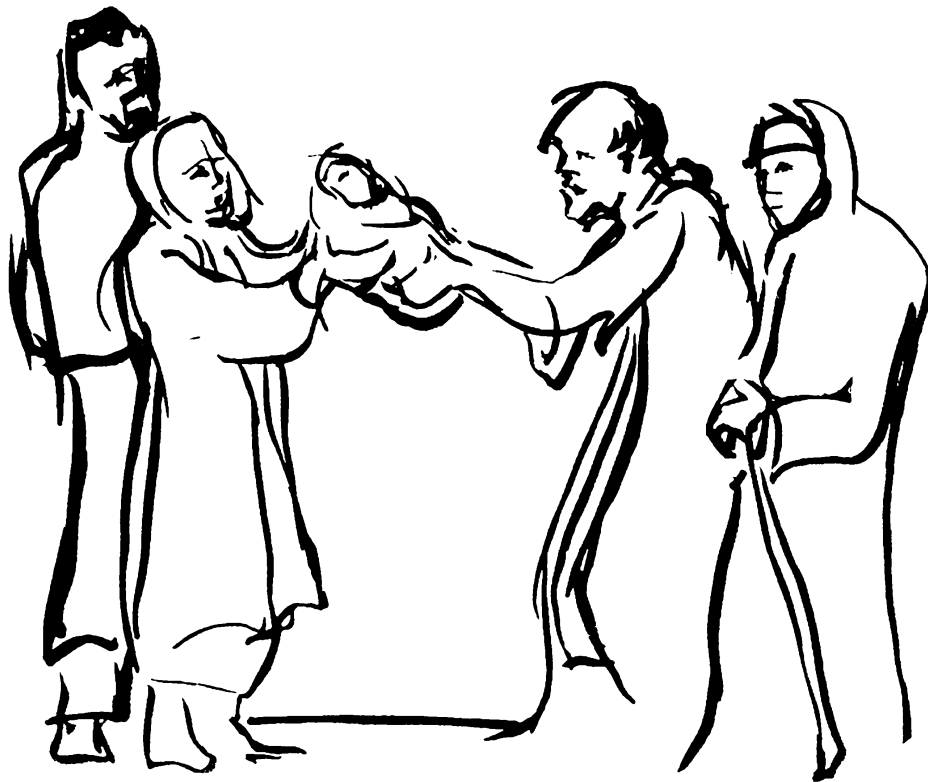


# Our Saviour

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## ❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

*Jesus Light of the World*

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Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
“Glory to the newborn king,” Jesus, the Light of the world.

### *Refrain:*

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. *(Refrain)*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. *(Refrain)*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. *(Refrain)*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**L** Almighty and ever-living God, your only begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **WORD**

### **Children's Message**

*Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".*

### **FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4**

A reading from Malachi.

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 24:7-10

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

L A reading from Hebrews

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

**Narrator:** <sup>22</sup>After Mary had observed the ceremonial days of *postpartum* purification required by Mosaic law, she and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present Him to the

Lord. <sup>23</sup> They were fulfilling the Lord's requirement that "every firstborn *Israelite* male will be dedicated to the Eternal One as holy."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>24</sup> They also offered the sacrifice required by the law of the Lord, "two turtledoves or two young pigeons."<sup>[b]</sup>

**Narrator:** <sup>25</sup> *While fulfilling these sacred obligations at the temple*, they encountered a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was a just and pious man, anticipating the liberation of Israel from her troubles. He was a man in touch with the Holy Spirit. <sup>26</sup> The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Anointed One. <sup>27</sup> The Spirit had led him to the temple that day, and there he saw the child Jesus in the arms of His parents, who were fulfilling their sacred obligations. <sup>28</sup> Simeon took Jesus into his arms and blessed God.

<sup>29</sup> **Simeon:** Now, Lord *and King*, You can let me, Your humble servant, die in peace.

<sup>30</sup> You promised me that I would see with my own eyes  
what I'm seeing now: Your freedom,

<sup>31</sup> Raised up in the presence of all peoples.

<sup>32</sup> He is the light who reveals Your message to the other nations,  
and He is the shining glory of Your *covenant* people, Israel.

**Narrator:** <sup>33</sup> His father and mother were stunned to hear Simeon say these things. <sup>34</sup> Simeon went on to bless them both, and to Mary in particular he gave predictions.

**Simeon:** Listen, this child will make many in Israel rise and fall. He will be a significant person whom many will oppose. <sup>35</sup> *In the end*, He will lay bare the secret thoughts of many hearts. And a sword will pierce even your own soul, Mary.

**Narrator:** <sup>36</sup> At that very moment, an elderly woman named Anna stepped forward. Anna was a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She had been married for seven years *before her husband died* <sup>37</sup> and a widow to her current age of 84 years. She was *deeply devoted to the Lord*, constantly in the temple, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> When she approached *Mary, Joseph, and*

*Jesus*, she began speaking out thanks to God, and she continued spreading the word about Jesus to all those who shared her hope for the rescue of Jerusalem.

**Narrator:** <sup>39</sup> After fulfilling their sacred duties according to the law of the Lord, Mary and Joseph returned *with Jesus* to their own city of Nazareth in the province of Galilee. <sup>40</sup> There Jesus grew up, maturing in physical strength and increasing in wisdom, and the grace of God rested on Him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day**

***Better is One Day***

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

***Refrain:***

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

***Refrain***

My heart and flesh cry out to You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.

***Refrain***

## Prayers of the People

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

Prayer Song

*Silent Night*

Verse 4

Silent night, holy night;  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

*The prayers conclude with:*

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

*The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.*

❧ MEAL ❧

## Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

*Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at [www.oslc-warrenton.org](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org) by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!*

## Offertory

## *What Feast of Love*

ELW 487, Verse 2

What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

C **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another  
and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.**

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Sharing Holy Communion**

*All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.*

## Communion Hymn

## *Look Up Child*

Where are You now when darkness seems to win?  
Where are You now when the world is crumbling?

### *Chorus:*

Oh, I, I,  
I hear You say, I hear You say:  
Look up, child. Hey!  
Look up, child. Hey!

Where are You now when all I feel is doubt?  
Where are You now when I can't figure it out?

### *(Chorus)*

You're not threatened by the war;  
You're not shaken by the storm.  
I know You're in control.  
Even in our suffering,  
Even when it can't be seen,  
I know You're in control. *(Chorus)*

## Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## ✻ SENDING ✻

### Blessing

L Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

**Sending Song**    *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*  
(set to: Praise, My Soul)

**ELW 545**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
For your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reigh with you in endless day.

**Dismissal**

- L**    Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C**    Thanks be to God.

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**Thanksgiving at the Table:** *With One Voice*