

Save the Date(s)!



“Pancakes and Prayers”

Evening Prayer (abridged) and a *virtual* pancake supper.

Mardi Gras, Tuesday Feb 16 at 5:00.

Bring your own pancakes and maple syrup!



Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer

A service of Evening Prayer to mark the beginning of our Lenten Pilgrimage.

Wednesday Feb 17 at 7PM

(Zoom) Vestry Meetings!

Monday, February 8th, 10:00 am St. Thomas, Noyan

Monday, February 8th, 1:00 pm St. George's, Clarenceville

Monday, February 15th, 10:00 am Grace Church, Sutton

Thursday, February 18th, 7:00 pm St. Thomas, Rougemont

Friday, February 19th, 1:00 pm St. Paul's, Mansonville

Monday, February 22nd, 7:00 pm Stanbridge East,
Frelighsburg and Pigeon Hill

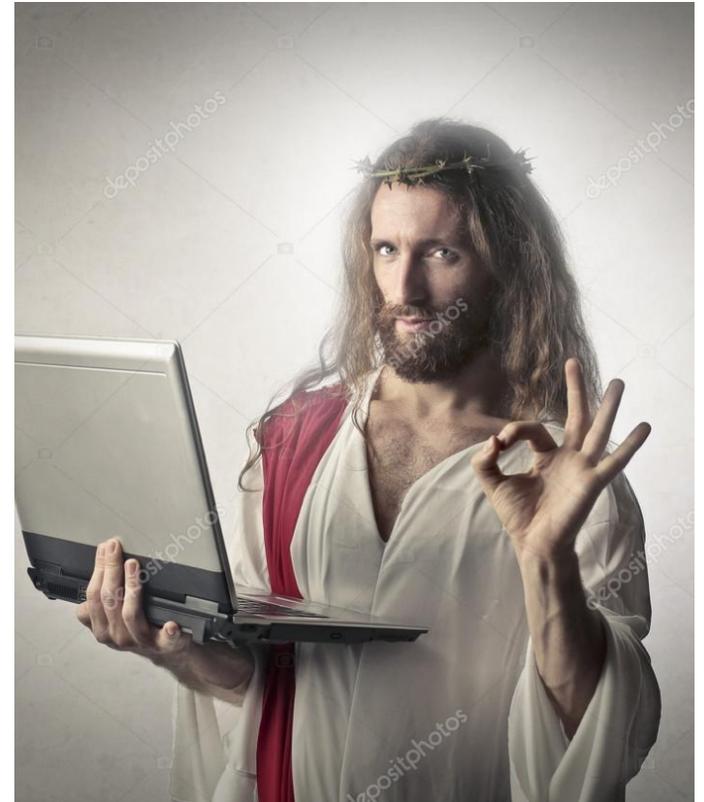
Tuesday, February 23rd, 9:30 am Parish of Brome

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2:00 pm St. James, Foster and St.
Luke's, Waterloo

Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 10:00 am Trinity Church, Cowansville

Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 2:00 pm St. Martin's, Otterburn Park

Thursday, February 25th, 7:00 pm St. George's, Granby



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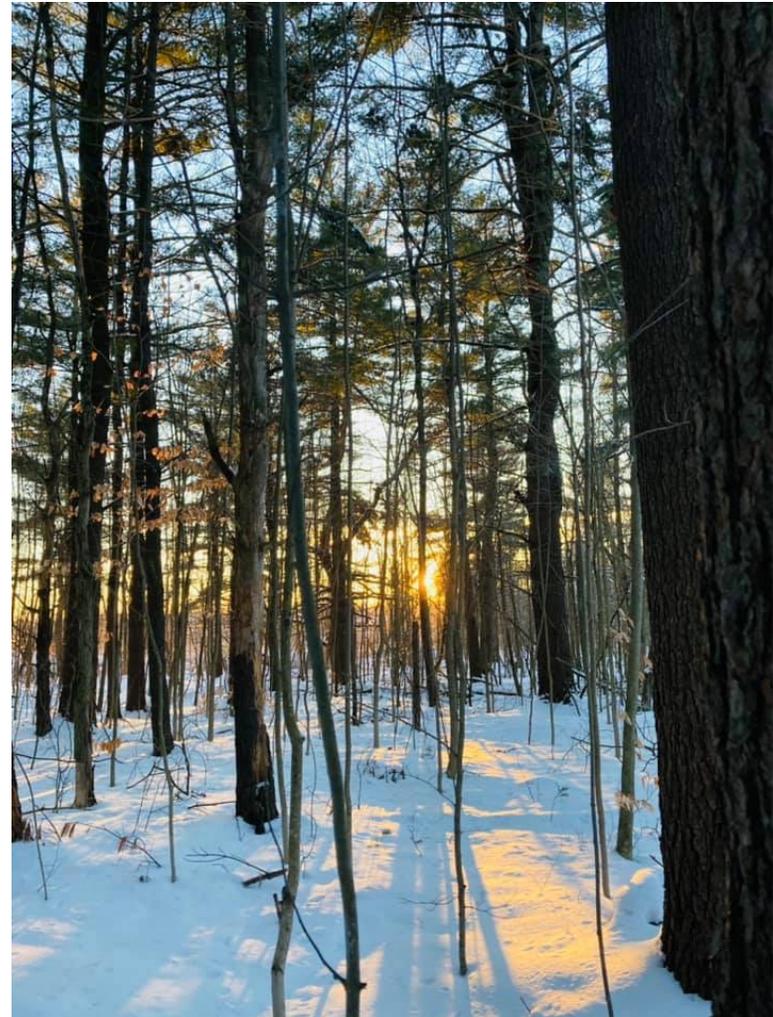
A Service of Morning Prayer for
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (7 Feb 2021)

A Prayer for Community

In the beginning, God commanded the light to shine out of darkness. That same light shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate this season.

May our time together of music, prayer and scripture reading, kindle Christ's light within us, warm us in our fellowship, and send us out renewed and refreshed for service; may we become beacons of truth and compassion, hope and peace, to the world that God so loves.

Arise! Shine! For our light has come!



Hymn 393: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God
only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from
our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and
silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are
fountains of goodness and
love.

3. To all life thou givest, to
both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as
leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but
nought changeth thee.

4. Great Source of all glory
and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all
veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O
help us to see
'tis only the splendour of
light hideth thee.



Territorial Acknowledgment

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on the lands that we now call Canada; their relationship with the land was, and remains today, at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abanaki and Mohawk first peoples. We pray for a spirit of truth and genuine reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

**May the living Christ lead us
all on pathways of
reconciliation and peace.**

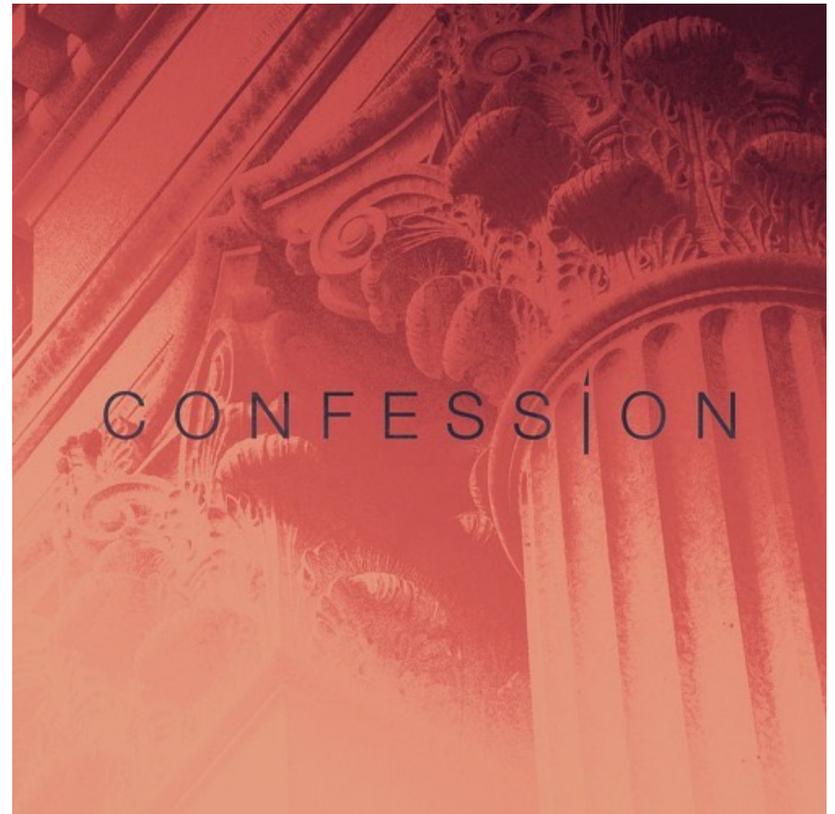


Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy:

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips,
**And our mouth shall proclaim
your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

May we become beacons of compassion,
hope, and peace to the world that God so
loves.

O come, let us worship. Alleluia!



Glory to God (#702)

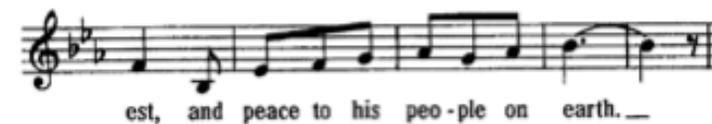
Refrain:

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.
(Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
(Refrain)

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
(Refrain)



Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.



Psalm 147

Response

v. 13

Sing praise to the Lord, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



Shout!

1 (Alleluia.)

How good it is to make music | for our God
how joyful to honour | him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the out | casts of Israel

3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up | all their wounds.

2 4 He counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and might | ty in power;
his wisdom is be | yond all telling.

3 6 The Lord lifts | up the poor,
but casts down the wicked | to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord | with thanksgiving;
make music to our God u | pon the lyre;

4 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain | for the earth;

9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to | serve our needs.

10 He gives the | beasts their food
and the young ravens | when they cry.

5 11 He takes no pleasure in the power | of a horse,
no delight in | human strength;

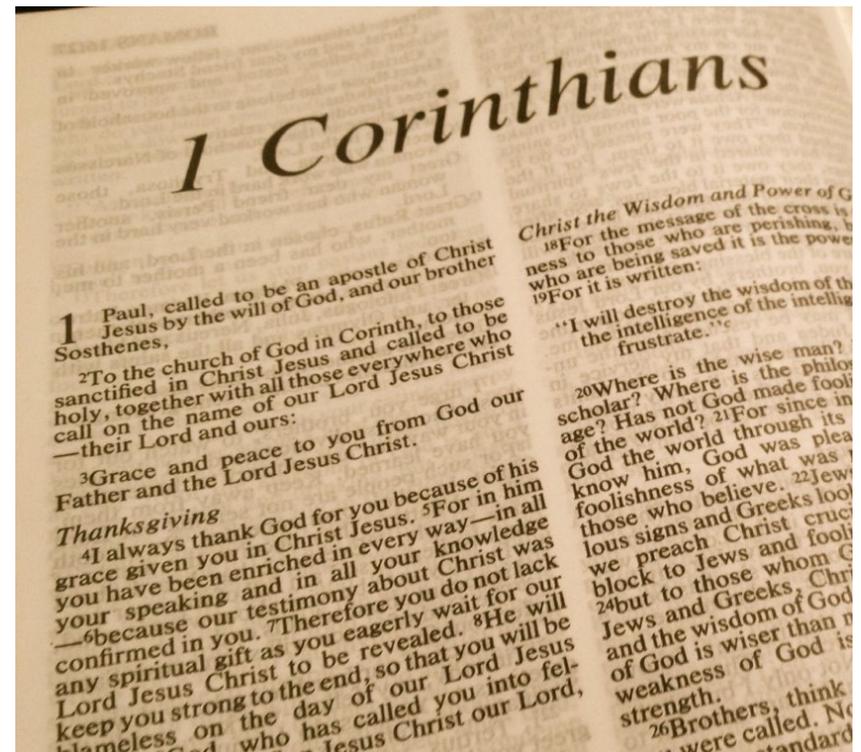
12 But the Lord delights in | those who fear him,
who put their trust in his | steadfast love.

Shout! Alleluia!

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.



Hymn 292: We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1. We cannot measure how you heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away,
The guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds,
Are present as it meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
The hurt we never hope to find,
The private agonies inside,
The memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need your help
And some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the
world
Are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
To mend the body, mind, and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain
And make your broken people whole.



Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.





The Sermon

Lay Reader Randy Gates

Confession of Faith

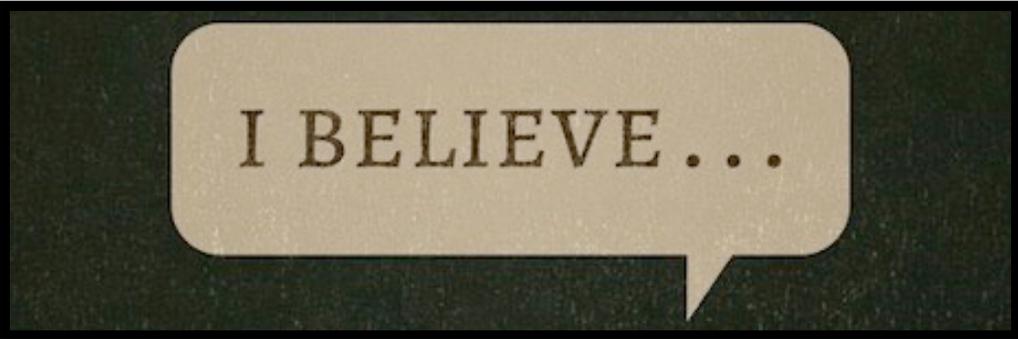
1. **We believe** in God the Father,
God Almighty by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary,
upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
'Till as judge he comes again.

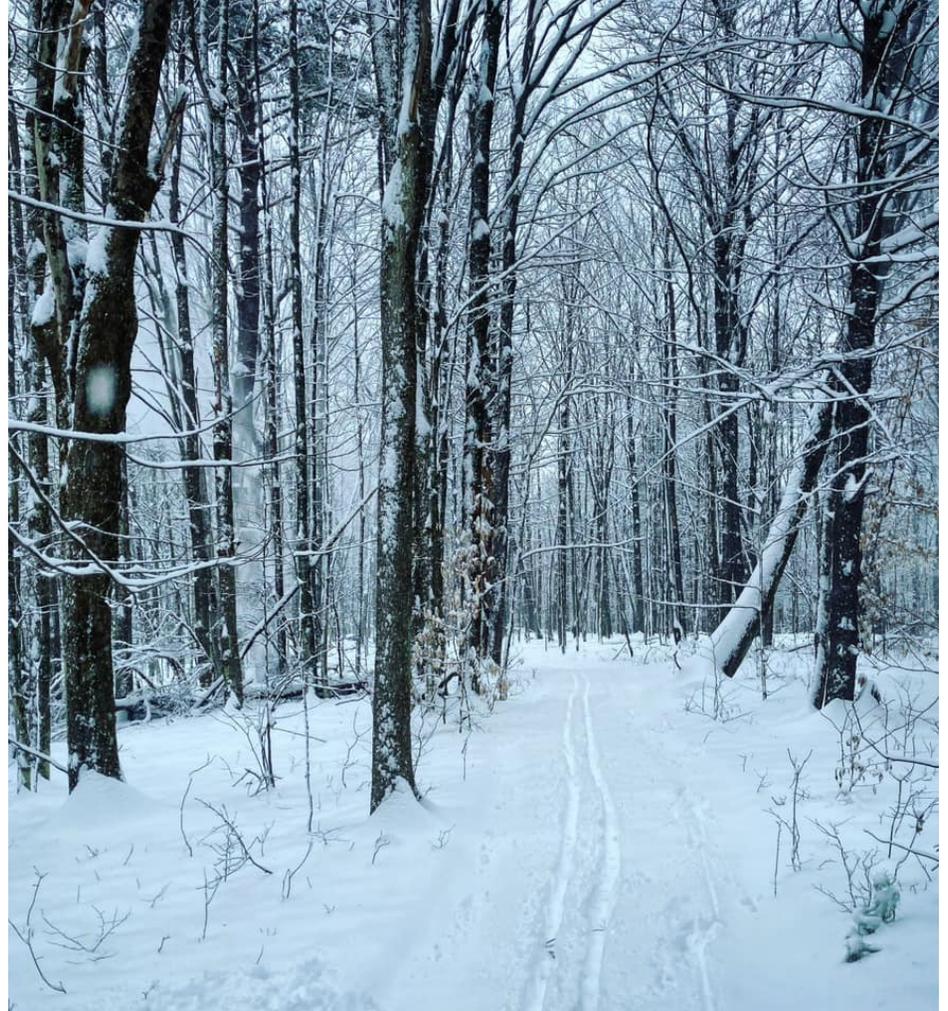
3. We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
Saints of God in one
communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.



I BELIEVE...

Prayers of the People

Led by Tom Edmonds,
Grace Church (Sutton)



The Collect of the Day

O God of light, your Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, so that we may offer our hands and hearts to do your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke of oppression and to silence evil tongues. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

Hymn 560: God, Whose Almighty Word

1. God, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

2. Saviour, who came to bring
On your redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Now for all humankind
Let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life giving, holy dove,
Speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace
And, in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!

4. Gracious and Holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light!

Blessing and Dismissal

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and evermore. **Amen.**

Be Christ's light in the world. Go forth in the name of Christ.

Amen. Alleluia!

