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Baptism of the Lord 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.
For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lamb of God

by Paris

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Brothers and sisters, we gather in the name of Jesus who shared in all of our humanity... including baptism.

P: We have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

L: We join with Christ in baptism and we are brought into full unity with all of God's children, recalling:

P: "There is no longer Jew of Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male or female for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

L: The Spirit of God anoints us for ministry through baptism, it makes us signs and vehicles of God's divine love. Through baptism we are accepted into the church and we begin our lives of faith through the Body of Christ.

P: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates our unity and God's unfailing Grace through our worship together

***OPENING HYMN NO. 355** (black hymnal) *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of heaven and earth, you tore open the heavens on the day of Jesus' baptism and then descended like a dove. We confess that we do not think about the implications of Jesus' baptism. We confess that to us it is a simple story that marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We admit that we do not place ourselves in the midst of the story that you have written and continue to write. We do not see what you see, and we miss the purpose of your sky shattering work. Yet you continue to call us by name, and you continue to love us. We admit that it's sometimes hard for us to believe that you would continue your work in us. We know that we have not lived according to your will and purpose for our lives. We know that we do not always shine your love and your peace into the world. We admit that we are sometimes far better at tearing apart the skies than we are at bringing the peace of a dove. God help us. Help us to be people who not only recognize your light, but help us also to be people who live in your light. Help us to bring that light to others in your name. Grant us your Grace and give us the strength to be your people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (Hymn No. 162, verse 3)

ALL SING: Came to earth for you and me, gave up life upon the tree;
there we saw God's love revealed, through that pain were healed. Lives
again in glory bright, lives again in power and might, our salvation now has
come, gift of God, the Human One!

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 354 (black hymnal)

God, When I Came Into This Life

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

8:00 AM~ Terry Barnes & Ivy Leach

10:30 AM~ Bob Katherman & Carrah Wagaman

COVENANT

L: Members of this household of faith...covenant with them.

ALL: We are grateful to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

HYMN NO. 539 (black hymnal)

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb of God

arr. Christopher

OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

by Atkinson

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 165 (black hymnal, v. 3)

Love Came Down at Christmas

ALL SING: Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 160** (black hymnal)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Lord God of Hosts

by Morley

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Isabella Kline's birthday by Mamaw Barb & Papaw Steve.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Cole Jesmer by Mamaw Barb & Papaw Steve.

8 AM Worship Tech: Ryan Neal & Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Ken Dunbar

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Robin & Carly Schriver; Tom, Sharon, & Rachel Mulligan

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Gen. 2:7; John 10:11-16

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987

1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped
 2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made
 3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
 4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

flame and hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of
 flesh, love cru - ci - fied, Teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering
 yond all thought's re - call, Fount of wis - dom, womb of
 vid - ed and di - verse, Deep - er than our minds can

proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love: Give to
 ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: In your
 mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: As you
 fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: Help us

those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing
 tend - ing may all pas - tors* learn and live a
 know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the
 in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

of your grace; Send them forth as bold
 shep - herd's care; Grant them cour - age and
 church ex - alts O - ver - see its life
 to pro - claim, That our min - is - tries

pos - tles to your church in ev - ery pl
 pas - sion shown through word and deed and pra
 fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its fa
 nit - ing may give glo - ry to your na

A gift from Carl P. Daw, Jr., to Episcopal colleague Jeffery Rowthorn for his consecration as bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Connecticut, this text calls on the Triune God to aid and bless the person being ordained in his or her ministry.

Tune: HYFRYDOL
Rowland H. Pr
Arr. Ralph Vaughan W
Alternate tune: JL

Great Work Has God Begun in You

Col. 2:6; Eph. 5:1

Carol Birkland, 1995

Great work has God be - gun in you, so let the Spir - it
In love, God calls you to this day, and gives you strength, these
A - round God's ta - ble cel - e - brate the end of bond - age,
Great work has God be - gun in you; take on God's love in

low through; The mark of Christ up - on your brow, bap -
tism says to say; Take up the faith that you were shown, and
love, and hate: A feast of love and vic - to - ry, the
you do, And may that love in you in - crease - now,

mal touch re - mem - ber now.
w, as - sured you are God's own.
of Christ who sets us free.
n God's bless - ing, go in peace.

and has served as director of Christian education in
United Church of Christ congregations, and has
taught curriculum. William P. Rowan's tune first
appeared in Together Met, Together Bound, a collection of his

Tune: VERBUM DEI L.M.
William P. Rowan, 1993
Alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

God, When I Came into This Life

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Fred Kaan, 1979

Isa. 43:1

1 God, when I came in - to this life, you
2 You give me free - dom to be - lieve; to -
3 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as -
4 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
5 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; To - day I come, com -
day I make my choice, And to the wor - ship
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, Let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: Feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
of the church I add my learn - ing voice.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

The musical setting for this text by contemporary poet Fred
Kaan is an Appalachian folk tune of possible British origin.
Annabel Morris Buchanan, an organist, music teacher, and
scholar of American hymnody, collected and arranged this
and other tunes in Folk Hymns of America, 1938.

Tune: LAND OF REST C.M.
The Christian Harp, 1832
Harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938



Stand-ing at the fu-ture's thresh-old, grate-ful for God's guid-ing hand,
Midst the teem-ing cit-ies' mil-lions, wit-ness to God's bound-less love,
O - pen-heart-ed in ex - chang-es with the faith-ful not our own,
Build-ing jus-tice as the bul-wark of the peace that God would give,
Je - sus Christ, e - ter-nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,



sk - ing no pro - tect - ed strong-hold, called to be a pil - grim band,
ach-ing for each sys-tem's lost ones, seek-ing jus-tice with each move;
ust-ing God's way with these strang-ers not to leave the truth un-known,
ak - ing sac - ri - fice the hall - mark of the life we're called to live:
e would ask no spe-cial fa - vor, with the low-liest seek our place,



ek - ing ev - er for new vi-sion of the gos - pel for our day,
ant us cour-age, strength, and pa-tience to con-tend with vi - cious power,
in - ing them in shared en-deav-or where we have Christ's clear com-mand,
ant us, God, to bear our wit-ness to this peace in Christ, and move
ow the in - as - much of serv-ing, have your cross as our com-mand:

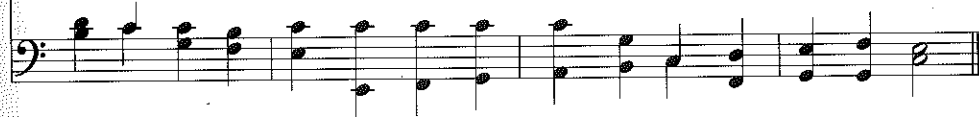


ory served as East and Southeast Asia secretary of
Church Board for World Ministries from 1957 to
hymn was written for the conclusion of the 175th
y of that board, and looked to the mission challenges
re. "Inasmuch" in stanza five is a reference to the
Jesus gives in Matthew 25:40.

Tune: LUXEOI 8.7.8.7.D.
Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)



We move for-ward in God's mis - sion with our faith to show the way.
Lead us for-ward in the faith that gives us hope in test - ing's hour.
We have faith that calls us ev - er toward this good earth's prom-ised land.
For-ward with our faith's own ac - cess to the life of hope and love.
Lead us in this faith un - swerv-ing for - ward as your pil - grim band.



1-16-00
2-13-00
10-7-01

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.



(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home
in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his
musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs
in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977

Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

(Jesus, the Light of the World)

John 8:12; 9:5

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.; adapt. George D. Elderkin; alt.



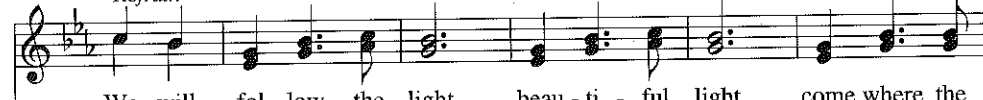
1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, Je-sus, the light of the world;
2 Joy-ful, all you saints a-rise, Je-sus, the light of the world;
3 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored, Je-sus, the light of the world;
4 Hail the Bear-er of God's peace! Je-sus, the light of the world;



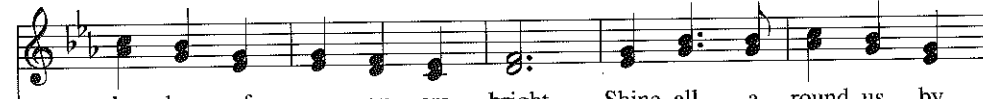
Glo-ry to the Christ-child bring, Je-sus, the light of the world.
Join the tri-umph of the skies, Je-sus, the light of the world.
Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Word, Je-sus, the light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the light of the world.



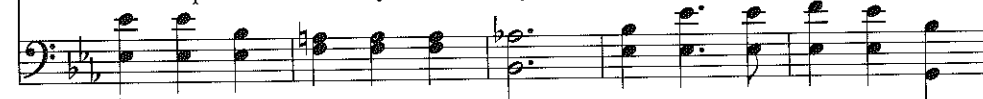
Refrain



We will fol-low the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the



dew-drops of mer-cy are bright, Shine all a-round us by



day and by night, Je-sus, the light of the world.

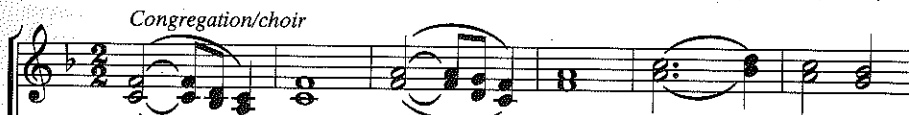


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Amen, Amen

African-American spiritual

Mark 3:7-10; Luke 2:7, 46-47; Ro



Congregation/choir

A - men, a - men, a - men, a -

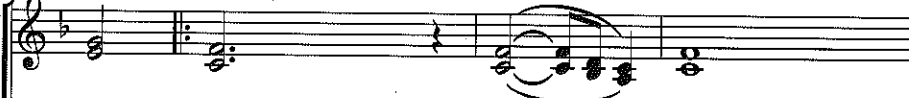


Solo



1 O see the lit-tle ba-by ly-ing in a man-
2 See Je-sus in the tem-ple talk-ing to the el-
3 See Je-sus at the sea-shore preach-ing to the peo-
4 See Je-sus on the cross . . . bear-ing all my sins
5 Yes, Je-sus died to save us, rose on Eas-ter morn-
6 We're sing-ing Al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is my Sav-

(Congregation/choir)



a - men! A - men,



on Christ-mas morn-ing. (2 See)
how they all mar-veled! (3 See)
— heal-ing all the sick ones! (4 See)
in bit-ter ag-o-ny! (5 Yes,)
and lives for-ev-er! (6 We're)
who lives for-ev-er!



a - men, a - men, a - men, a -

