



A      E      D      A      Bm      D#m7(b5)      E      A      D      A      Esus      E7      A  
 G#      F#      E      D      D      C#      C#

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear God,  
 You made us in your image, you call all of creation good,  
 yet we still try to divide people into "us" and "them."

You send us Jesus, the Prince of Peace, you show us how to love one another, yet we say and do hurtful things.

You feed us with our daily bread, you invite us to share what we can, yet we try to hold on to gifts meant for all.

Forgive us, we pray, for failing to learn and do what you have tried to teach us.

Open our eyes, hearts and hands to your ways of care and kindness. This we ask as children made in your image, safe in your love, and showered by your blessings.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 766, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#248 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Chord symbols for the first system: Db, Gb/Db, Ab, Db/F, Gb, Db/F, Ebm7, Ab, Db, Bbm, Gb, Db/F, Fm

Chord symbols for the second system: Ebm/Gb, Ab7, Bbm, Gb, Db, Ab7/Eb, Fm, Fm7, Gb, Ab, Gb/Bb, Ab

Lyrics:  
1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to be with  
Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

Db  $\frac{Gb}{Db}$  Db  $\frac{Ab}{C}$  Ab Bbm Eb Ab Db Fm Gb  $\frac{Ab}{Gb}$   $\frac{Db}{F}$  Gb

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Db Ab Bbm  $\frac{Ab}{C}$  Dbsus Db  $\frac{Ab}{C}$  Bbm  $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$  Ab Ebm  $\frac{Ab}{Gb}$

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

$\frac{Db}{F}$  Fm  $\frac{Ebm}{Gb}$   $\frac{Bbm}{F}$  Eb Ab Db Bbm  $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$  Ab Bbm Gb Ab7 Db

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

WORDS and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson (1934-)  
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HOUSTON  
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## SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Page 2, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

## \*HYMN OF APPROACH

#232 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

WORDS: *Liturgy of St. James*, 4th c.; adapt. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)  
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th c.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

PICARDY  
 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Unison

Dm

Dm Em7(b5)

Bb

Bb

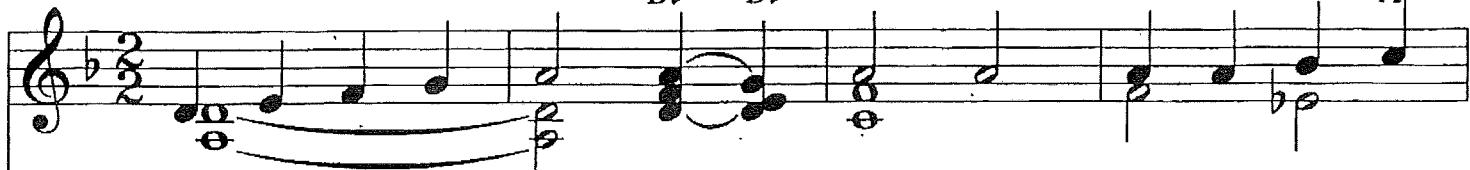
F

Dm

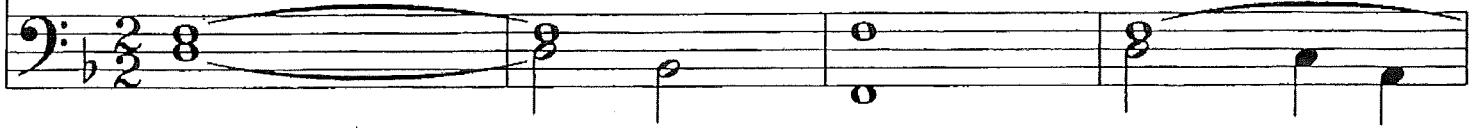
Cm7

F7

A



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with



Bb

Em7(b5)

Bb

A

Bb

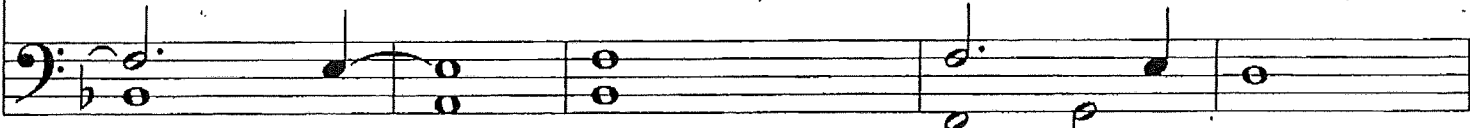
F

Gm7 Gm6

Dm



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,



Dm

Cm7

F7

A

Bb

C

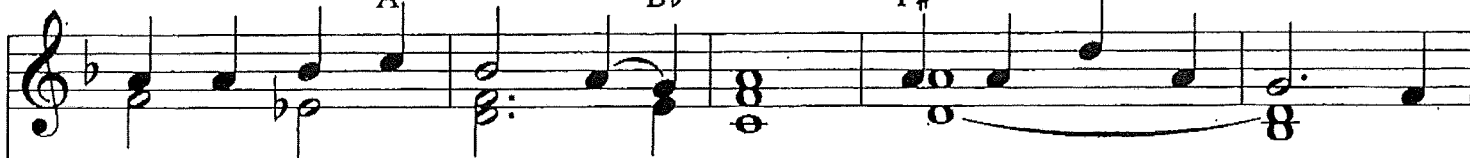
Bb

F

D

F#

Gm



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the  
 from the realms of end - less day, that the powers of hell may  
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"

## GATHERING AT THE TABLE

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (from the Iona Community)

**We believe in God who chose a wandering people for God's own, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others, called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.**

**We believe in Jesus who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached that God loves Syrians, attracted to God's cause Greeks and Romans, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, had his mind changed by a Phoenician, and his cross shouldered by an African; and ascended above his native land that he might be present in every place.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost proved that heaven had no favoured mother-tongue, who in the baptism of an Ethiopian denied racism a foothold in faith, and who in the ancient world founded churches across cultures.**

**We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus, yet we affirm that God may choose to show God's face in different guises, for the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church and the love of God is beyond our understanding. We therefore celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and that, as in Jesus, God's surprise surpasses all human expectations.**

**The Bread**

**The Cup**

*All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate*

# CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## Offertory

Our Father

D. Haas

## \*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

## \*Prayer of Gratitude

## \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#236 As With Gladness

DIX

G D7/A G D/F# G C/E D7/F# G C D/C G/B C

1 As with gladness men of old did the guid - ing  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the

G/D D G D7/A G D/F# G C/E D7/F# G

star be - hold; as with joy they hailed its light,  
man - ger bed, there to bend the knee be - fore  
rude and bare, so may we with ho - ly joy,  
nar - row way; and when - earth - ly things are past,

C    D/C    G/B    C    G/D    D    G    D/F#    G

lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, so, most gra - cious  
 him whom heaven and earth a - dore, so, may we with  
 pure and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost - liest  
 bring our ran - somed souls at last where they need no

D/F#    D7    G    C    D/C    G/B    C/E    G/D    D7    G

Lord, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see.  
 will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.  
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heaven - ly King.  
 star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

WORDS: William C. Dix (1837-1898), alt.  
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

DIX  
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**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

**\*POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Fanfare II in C

P. Fey

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Worship Leading - Christina Ward, Rev. Amanda Strain;

Scripture Reading - Sandra Beckman, Ken Badley;

Guest Organist - Marco Adria;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

*As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council

