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Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

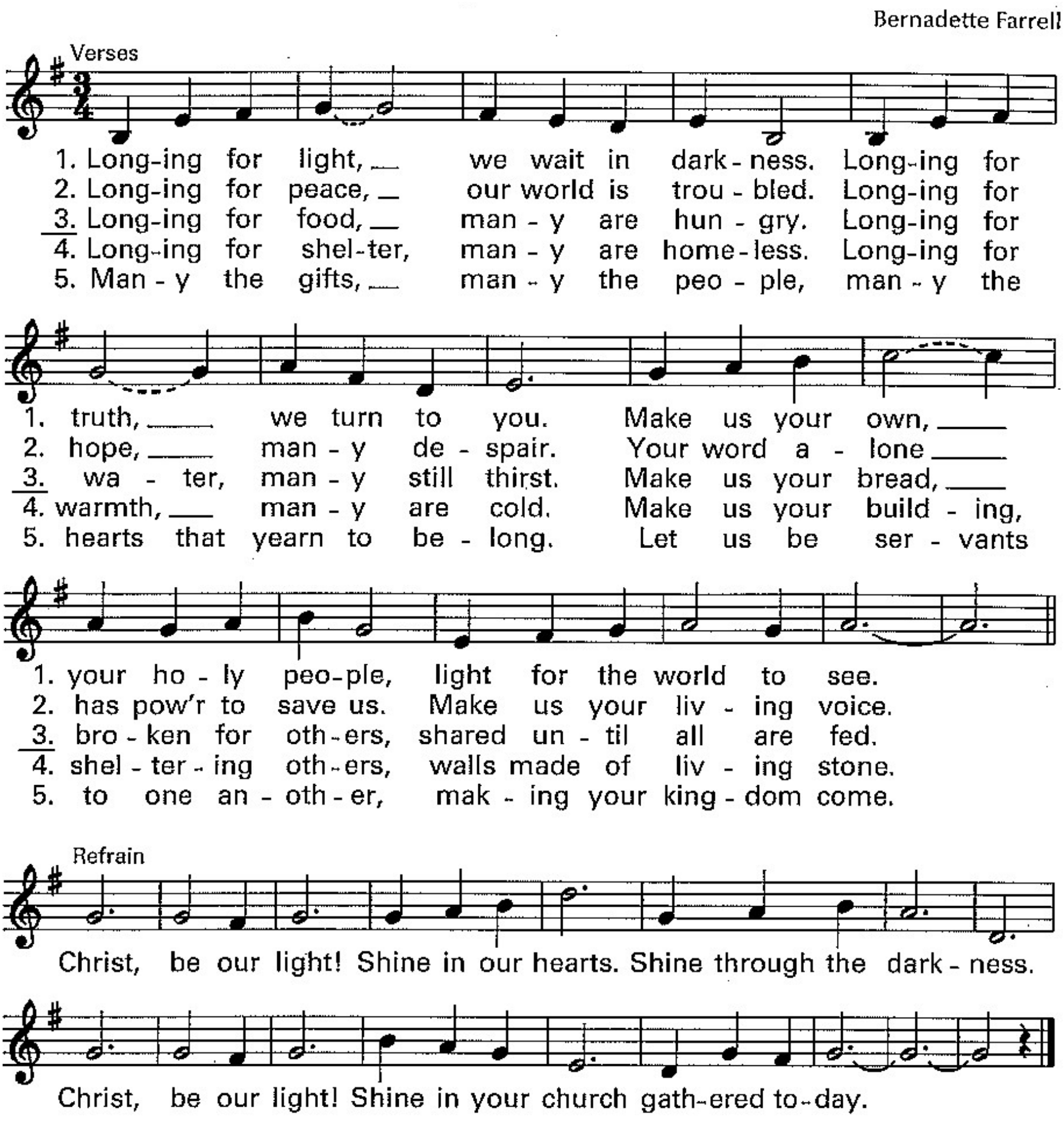
P Holy God,

C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationships with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn — "Christ Be Our Light"



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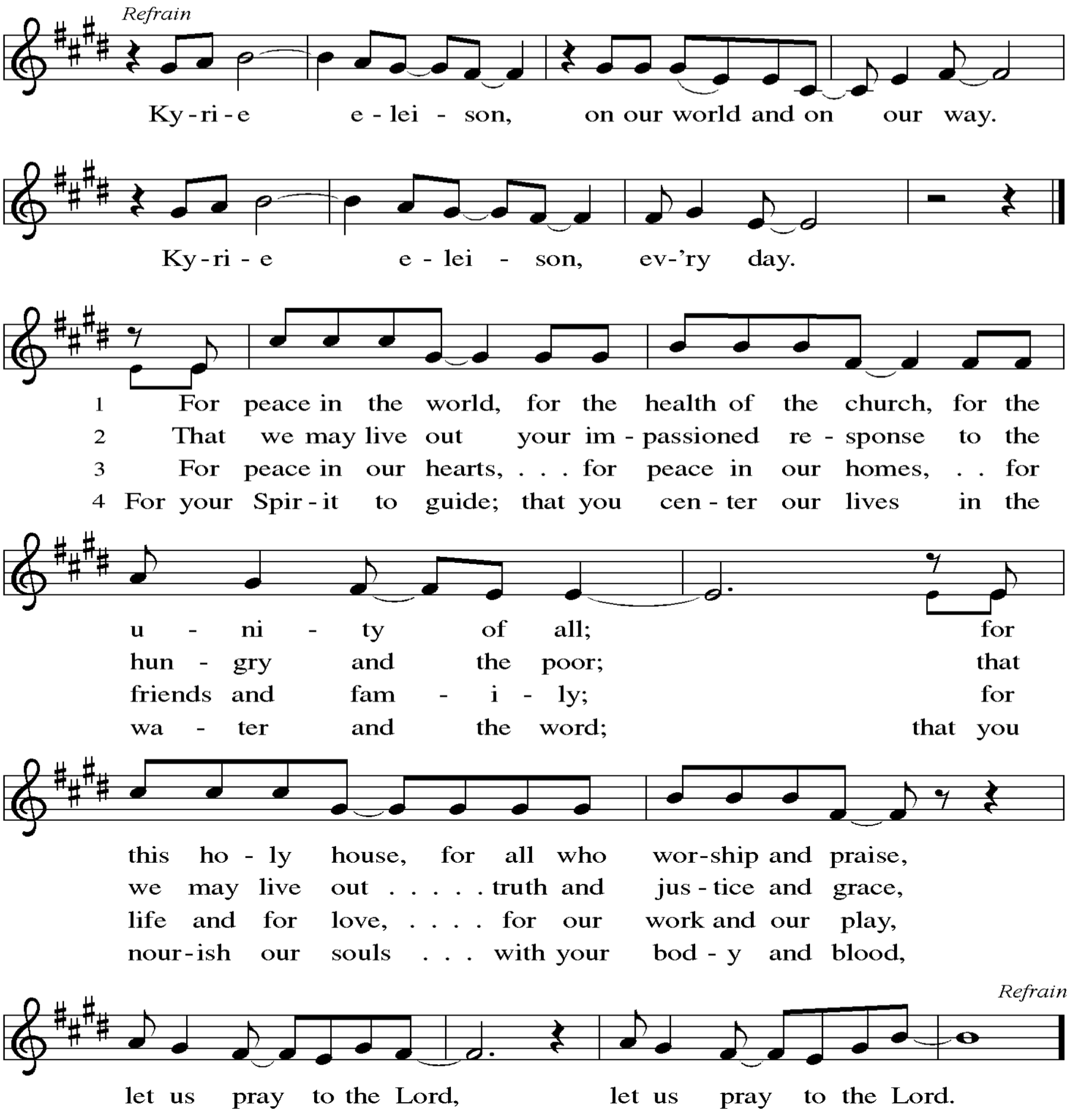
Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy)



Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 p. 765

A The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

The Holy Gospel
According to Matthew 25:14-30 p. 807
C Glory to you, O Lord.
the gospel is read
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.
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SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY "O Christ the Same" WOV 778

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:

2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,

3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:
who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.

for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 ✞

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Prayers of the Church

Pastor concludes each petition with: "God, in your mercy"

C ***"Hear our prayer."***

Pastor concludes with:

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C ***Amen*.**

Sharing of the Peace

If you are in our sanctuary please wave or give a peace sign to those around you. If you are worshiping online, please type a greeting of peace to others.

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If you wish to contribute to St. Stephen's ministry you can give electronically with the QR code on the blue folder in each aisle, place offerings in the offering box in the Narthex or mail your offerings to 7800 Erie St., Sylvania, OH 43560.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Words of Institution

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, forever and ever. Amen

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Communion:

All people who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to come and receive Christ's body and blood. Regardless of your church background or affiliation, you are welcome to come forward. We will begin with those seated on the pulpit side of the congregation then those seated on the keyboard side then those that are in the back section. You may come down the center aisle to receive the bread. Choose an individual cup (red is wine, white is grape juice) to receive and place your empty glass in the bowl as you return to your seat using the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to receive communion, but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and keep your hands at your sides.

Communion Hymn ***"Knowing You"***

All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this
Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord
Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found by You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness
Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord
Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die
Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord

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Sending Forth

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured.
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction

P The holy Trinity,
Father, ✞ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
C Amen.

Closing Song ***"Light of the World"***

Light of the world
Light of the world
Shine Your light on me
Light of the world
Hear my praise hear my song
From my heart I give
Oh Light of the world
By Your love I live
Shining bright oh Light of
the world

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Departure Bid

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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