

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 30, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Traditional, arr. David Warin Solomons) - Nate

Opening Sentences - Kathy

Hymn 78: "Christ Is the World's True Light" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Kathy

Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Candle of Hope - Nate and Amy

Anthem: "What Are the Signs?" (Bates G. Burt and Alfred Burt) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Text: What are the signs of the morning, God who created the light? Speak thru the gloom that enfolds us, when breaks the dawn /on our sight? When comes the end of our night? These be the tokens of promise, one is a bright star above, one a poor child in a manger, symbols of faith and of love, hope comes with faith and with love.

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) - Pastor Mark

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 - DeeAnn

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. " For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Sermon: "PIPE DREAM OR HOPEFUL PATH?" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 142: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 406 (v. 2; no refrain): "Prayer of St. Francis" - DeeAnn et al.

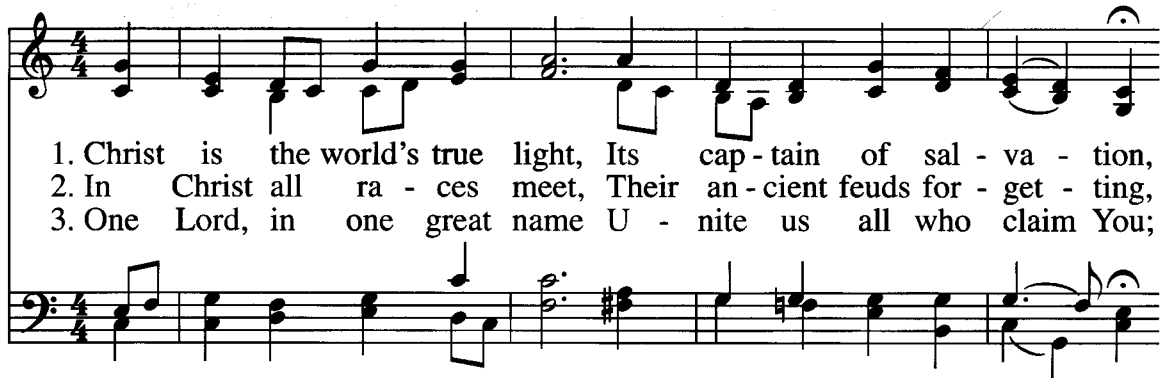
Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Greet One Another - All

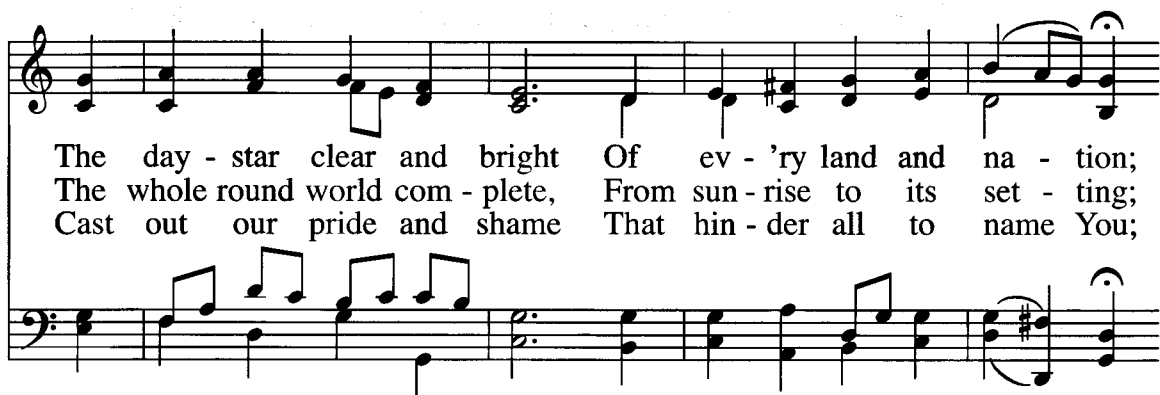
Participants: Rev. Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Kathy Farnum, Nate and Amy Jones, Chancel Choir

Christ Is the World's True Light

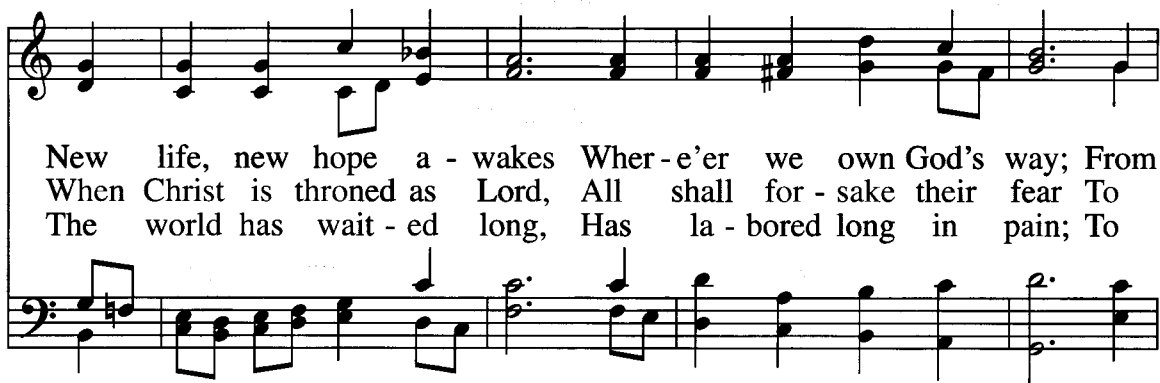
George W. Briggs, 1875-1959

Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1649-1701
Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750


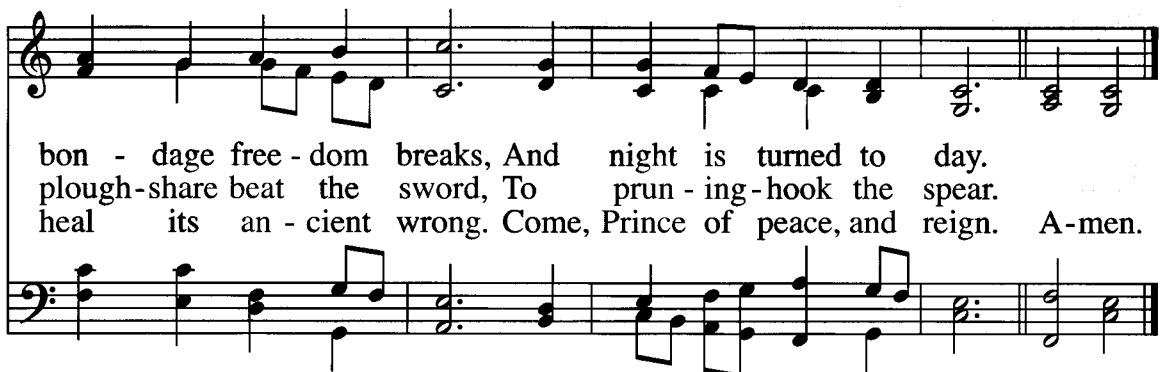
1. Christ is the world's true light, Its cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2. In Christ all ra - ces meet, Their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,
3. One Lord, in one great name U - nite us all who claim You;



The day - star clear and bright Of ev - 'ry land and na - tion;
The whole round world com - plete, From sun - rise to its set - ting;
Cast out our pride and shame That hin - der all to name You;



New life, new hope a - wakes Wher - e'er we own God's way; From
When Christ is throned as Lord, All shall for - sake their fear To
The world has wait - ed long, Has la - bored long in pain; To



bon - dage free - dom breaks, And night is turned to day.
plough-share beat the sword, To prun - ing-hook the spear.
heal its an - cient wrong. Come, Prince of peace, and reign. A-men.

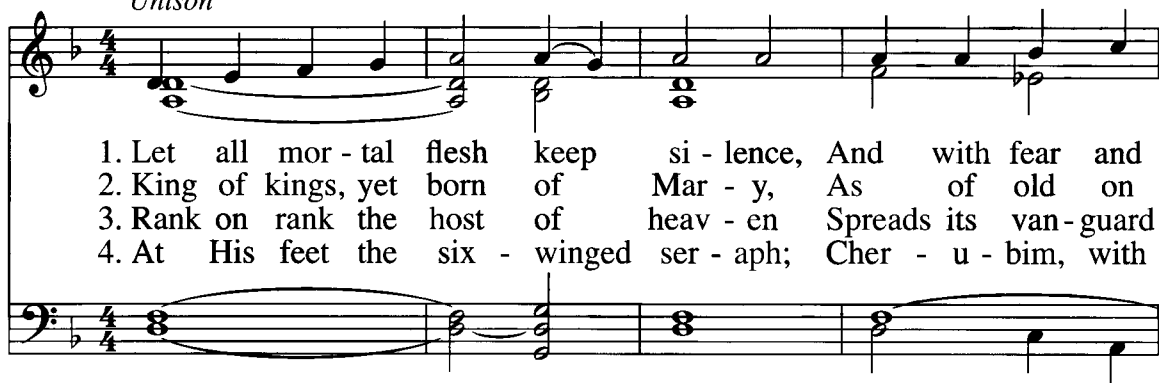
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Liturgy of St. James

Trans. by Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885

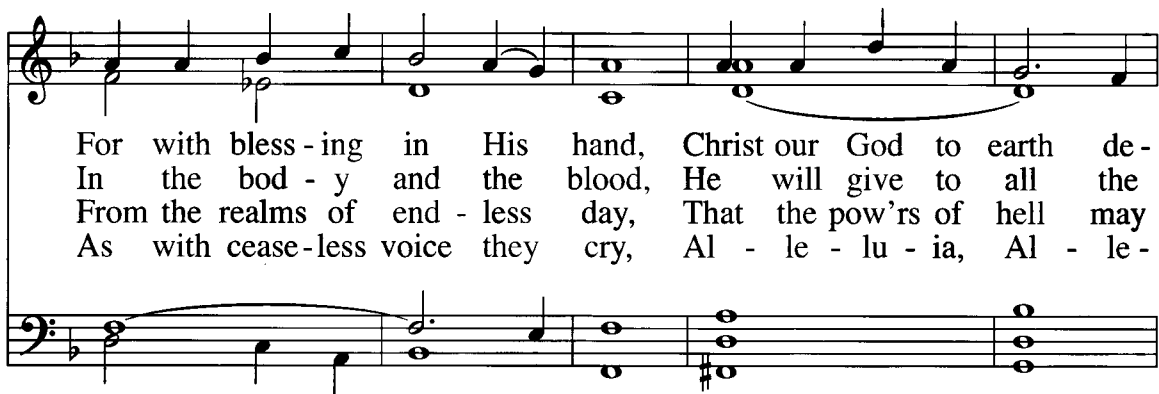
Traditional French Carol

Unison


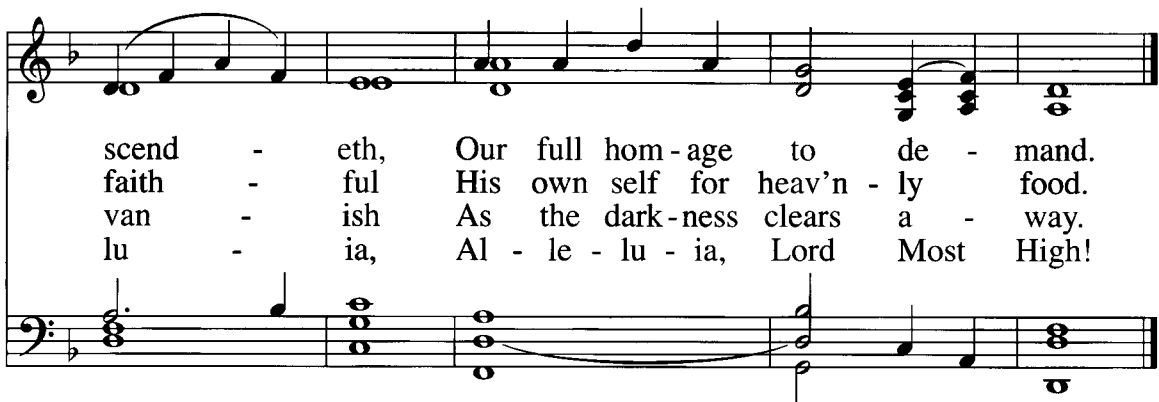
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van-guard
 4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim, with



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,



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 pow'rs 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 heav'n - ly food.
 van - ish As the dark-ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!