

# 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

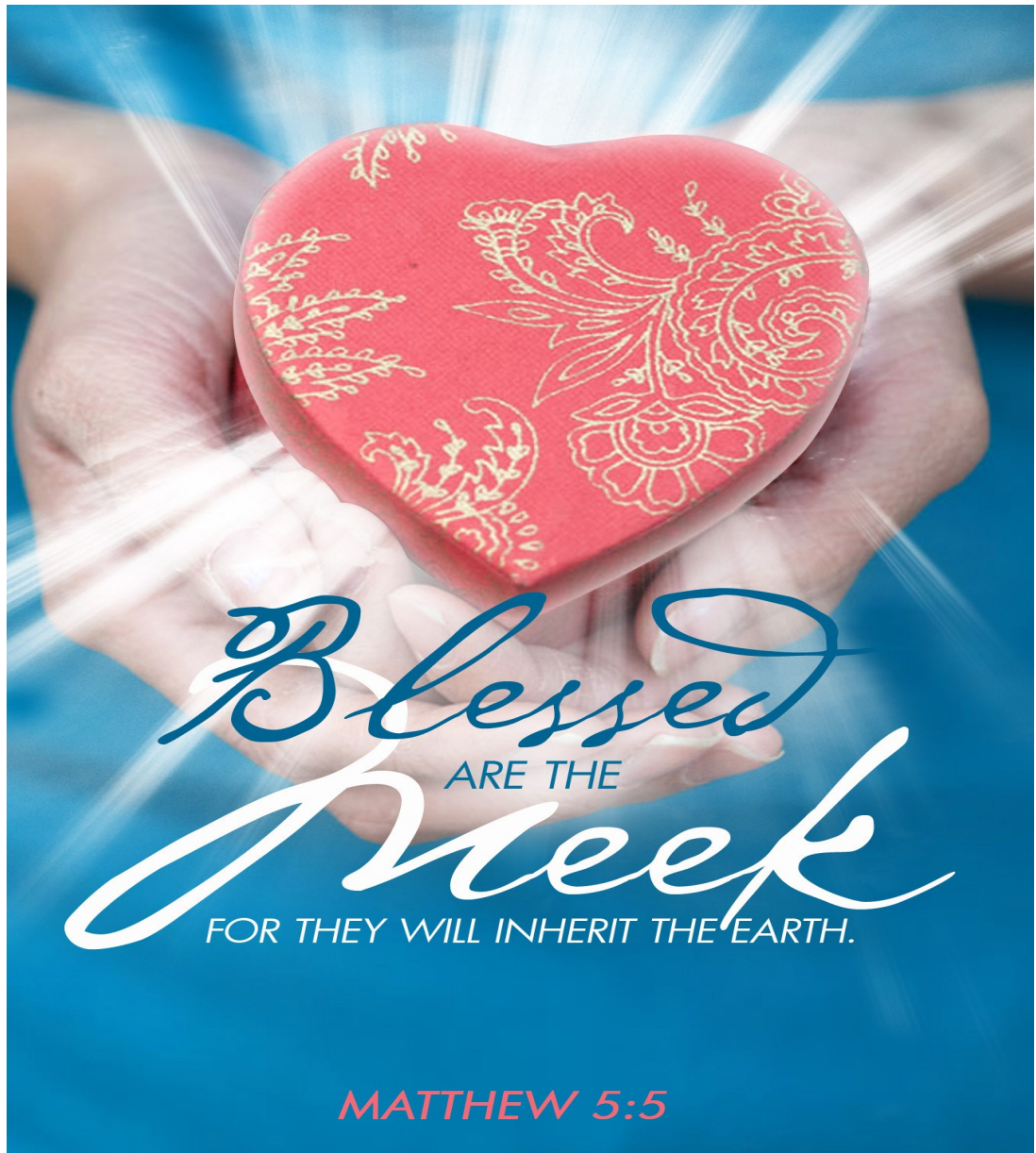
## SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples, FL 34113-2913

Pastor Jeff Unga (641) 529-2479 Office Phone: (239) 775-0696

Director for Discipleship, Mary Winsor - marywinsorsotg@gmail.com



**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER EPIPHANY**

# SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers*

**All Are Welcome!**

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 1, 2026, 9:30 A.M. Worship*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold** Indicates Congregation Joins In

## PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

### + GATHERING HYMN *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”* ELW #873 (vs 1-4)

A 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.**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

C **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 15** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to: **Matthew 5:1-12**

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Douglas Wahlberg

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY**      “*As We Gather at Your Table*”      **ELW #522**

**A** Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

+ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

A God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way especially Adele Fuchs, Aloise Olson, Barbara Carey, Brenda Charleston, Bruce Corson, Carey Yaros, Chris Carlson, Colleen Glackin, Craig, Dick Ford, Ellie and Sara & Andy Hundley, Erick Del Real, Janice, Kai, Lily Braumoeller, Manuela Schultz, Nadine Kelly, Nick & Anita Lehr, Nikki Wykstra, Patricia Lussky, Patty Musielak, Prudy Waters, Ron Yaros, Sue Popovich, Susan Schacht and Vickie Livingston; and the families of Alan Holm, Barbara Gega, John Krenz and Vernon Rasmussen. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A We pray in celebration with Michael Kleiber, Ardelle Berthe and Gary Spragg who are having birthdays; and Lawrence & Maryann Buettnner and Gary & Linda Salisbury having anniversaries this week.

**C receive our prayer.**

A God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**+ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

A The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## + OFFERTORY

We give an offering to show thanks for God's blessings, and to support the ministries of God's Church, near and far. Offering collection plates are available upon entry to the sanctuary before worship or as you leave after its conclusion. To give electronically just scan this code with your phone or visit our website home page: <http://www.sotgweb.org>.



## OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

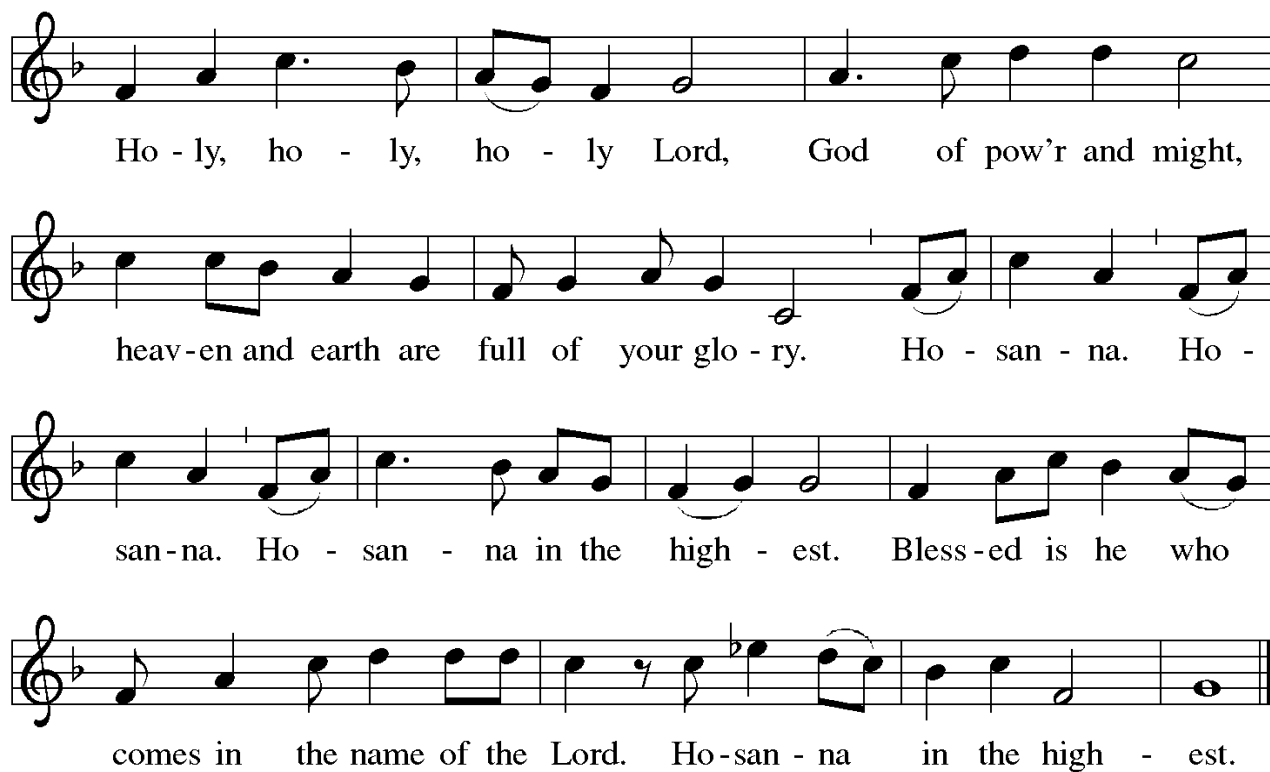
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C** **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 tresspasses, 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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All are invited and welcome to come forward to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you would like communion brought to you in your pew, please notify an usher. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container.

If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing.

The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of the wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Note: Gluten free wafers are offered, as well, in the Narthex or as you come forward.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

### **+ COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace from now to eternal life.

**C** Amen.

### **+ PRAYER**

**A** Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### **+ THE BLESSING**

**P** May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **+ SENDING HYMN**

*“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”*

**ELW #551**

### **+ DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

**Local hospitals no longer call church offices to advise of hospitalization of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.**

### **BLESSING BAGS**

**Our supply of Blessing Bags is depleted. Thank you for giving them out as blessings to those who need them. We are now accepting donations to put together a new supply of bags. Lists of needed items are available in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.**

### **THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:**

**The office is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pastor Jeff is available by appointment in the office or by cell phone.**

**Monday February 2**

**9:00 am Bone Builders in Hanson Hall**

**Tuesday February 3**

**8:30 a.m. Sew Sews in Hanson Hall**

**Wednesday February 4**

**9:00 a.m. Bone Builders in Hanson Hall**

**10:30 a.m. Bible Study in Hanson Hall**

**Sunday February 8 Strawberry Sundae Sunday**

**9:30 a.m. Online and in person Worship Service**

**The service is also live streamed on YouTube or can be accessed on our website. See [www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org) for details.**

## **PLEASE WELCOME REV. DR. DOUGLAS WAHLBERG**

Pastor Doug served Shepherd of the Glades for over nine years, beginning in 2009. Please welcome him back to the pulpit today as he fills in for Pastor Jeff.

### **Ministries for Today**

**Communion Assistants: Mary Winsor and Becky & Rich McDanel**

**Lector: Bonnie Briskey**

**Altar Guild: Donia Mrozek**

**Ushers: Betty Sauer, Charlotte Wahlig and Becky & Rich McDanel**

**AV Technician: Phil Willman**

**The Altar Flowers are given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla in celebration of Grandma Lina and Heidi's birthday.**

### **SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES CHURCH**

A Lutheran Congregation of Christian Believers

6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road

Naples, Florida 34113-2913

Telephone: 239.775.0696 Fax: 239.793.2465

Email: [sotg6020@gmail.com](mailto:sotg6020@gmail.com) Web Page: <http://www.sotgweb.org>

*Our Mission is "Transforming lives through the Living Word of God."*

Pastor

Rev. Jeffrey T. Ungs

Director for Discipleship

Mary Winsor

Director of Music

Megan Cianflone

Congregational President

Penny Morken

Administrative Assistants to the Pastor

Deanna Colbert & Lynn Dickerman

## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

### *Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.

Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

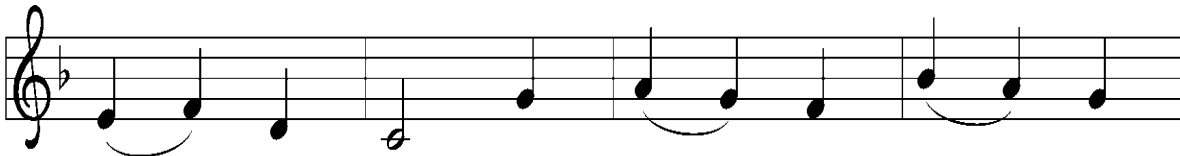
Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Text © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.