

Welcome



January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Prayer
Religious Life Sunday
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Sunday

Presider & Preacher
Sister D. Bracher, LSSC
Reader 2
Keith Rogers
Lector
Lloyd Riches

Minister of Music
James Jelasic
Cantors
Stacy Sage
Ginny Winn
Violin
Bill McAdams



Thanksgivings

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 99:1-5, 9



Prayer List

Don Richardson, Loyd Riches, Bobby Knight and family, Scott Helmer, Bob MacEwan, Aidan Dike, Peggy Sherrill, Dan Roberts, Kimball Bergerud, Sister D. Bracher, Jaime Riches, James Sipe, Lillie Makumbi, Scarlett Riggs, Ali and Liam Figg, Cliff Sipe, Cathryn Wilkerson and Bill McAdams, Norm Guiler, and Kathy Scholl.

Rest of the soul of Jerry Knight.



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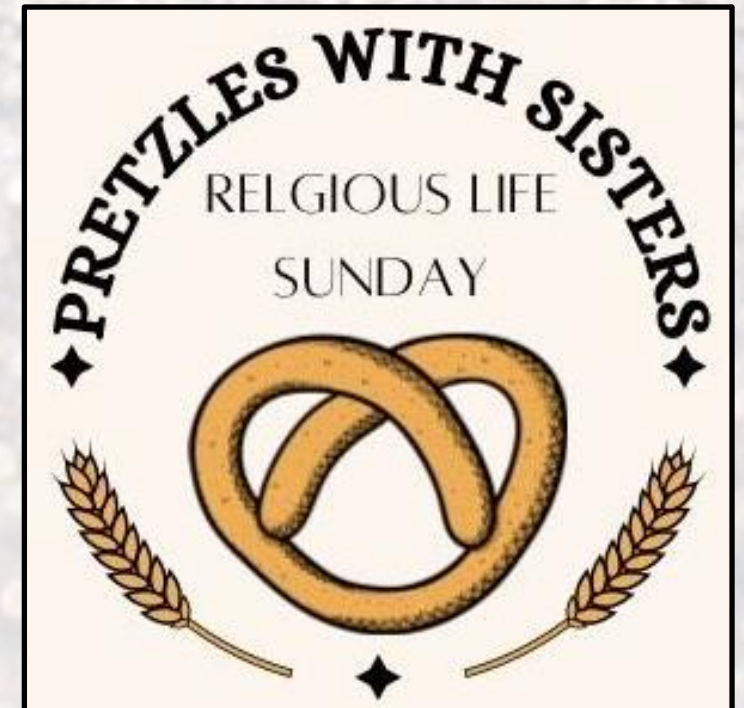
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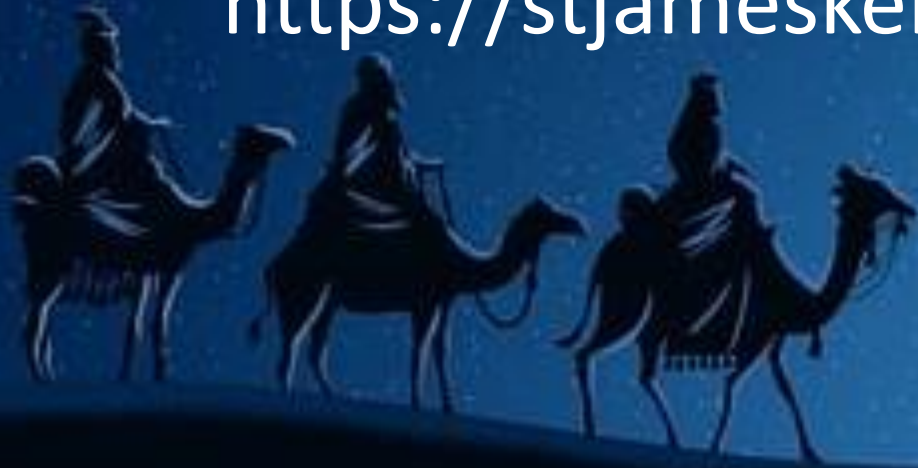
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Land Acknowledgment

We at St. James worship
and work on the ancestral land of the
**Muckleshoot, Cayuse, Umatilla and
Walla Walla** people,
and within the **Green River** watershed.
As the present stewards of this place,
we acknowledge their enduring legacy.





Welcoming Hymn
(all standing as able)

All Creatures of Our God and King

1982 Hymnal 400, v. 1-3



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All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Morning Prayer *(all standing as able)*

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Opening Prayer

Reader 1 We gather to meet with God

People Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Reader 2 To give God praise

People And to seek God's face.

Reader 1 To bring you our worship

People And offer you our praise.

Reader 2 To bring before God all our ways

People **And every part of our lives.**

Reader 1 To be aware of your presence in our day

People **For you Lord are here now; your Spirit dwells within us.**

Reader 2 To be conscious that you walk beside us

People **And we do not make the journey alone.**

Reader 1 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, draw near to us

People **As we draw near to you. Amen.**

Silence and stillness are kept

The Collect of the Day

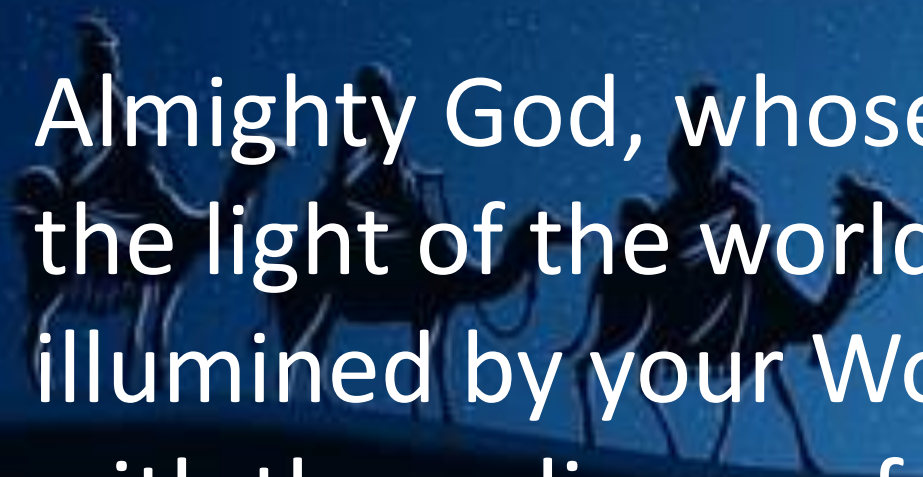
(The Second Sunday After the Epiphany; all standing as able)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be



known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(the people are seated)



The Lessons

The Old Testament: A Reading from Isaiah 62:1-5.

All scriptures are from the NRSV.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: A responsive reading from Psalm 36:5–10.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God! *
**your people take refuge under the shadow of
your wings.**

They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
**you give them drink from the river of your
delights.**

For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know
you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The New Testament: A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1–11.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of

miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel *(all standing as able)*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke John 2:1–11.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you

and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who

had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

(the people are seated)



Sermon

Sister DedraAnn Bracher,
LSSC





Post Meditation Music
There is a Balm in Gilead
Traditional Spiritual
James Jelasic, Piano



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The Nicene Creed *(BCP p. 358, all standing as able)*

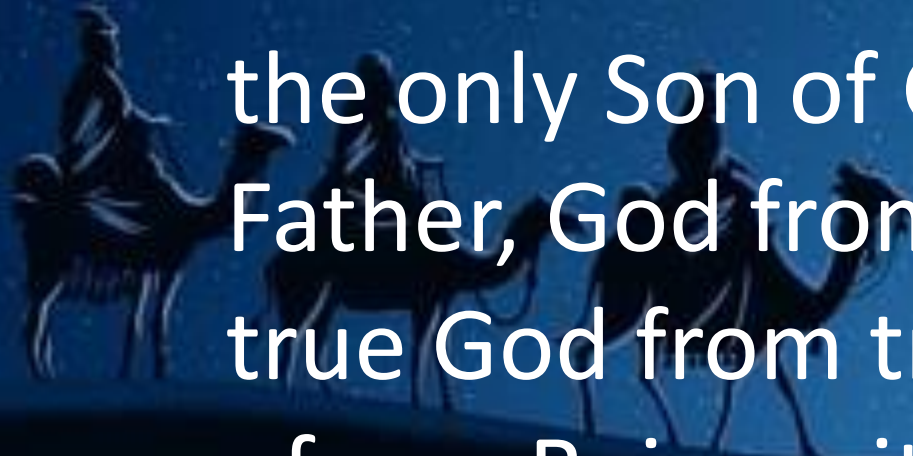


We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.



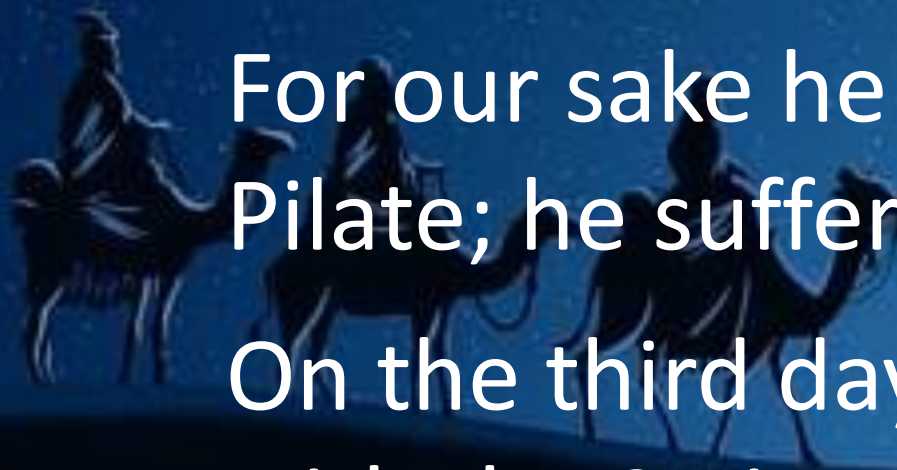
Through him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

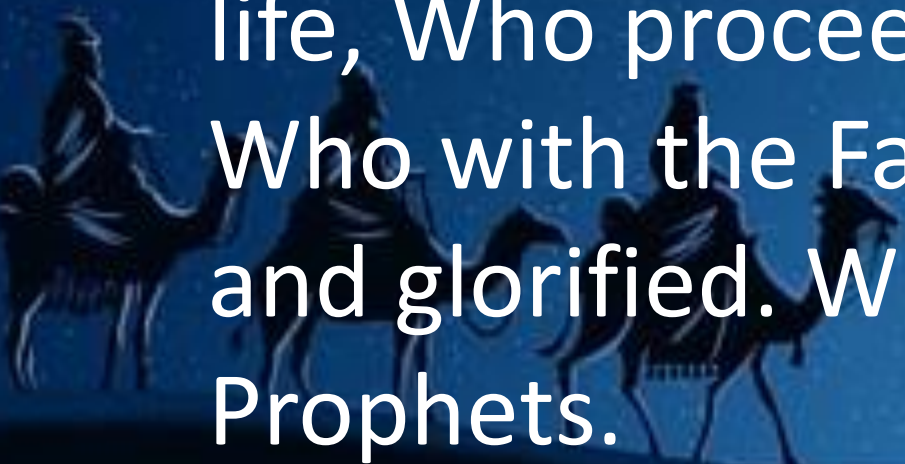
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven





and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified. Who has spoken through the
Prophets.

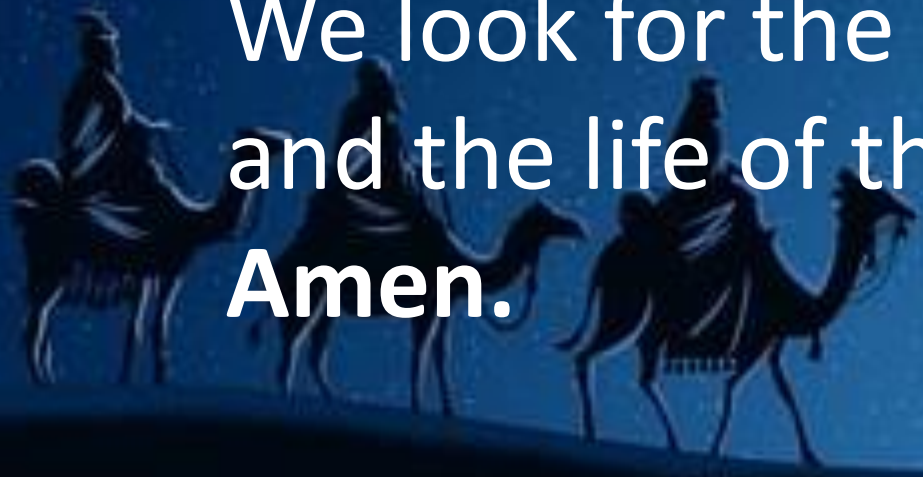


We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.



Prayers of the People *(Form VI, BCP, p. 392, all standing as able)*

Reader 1 In peace, we pray to you Lord.

Silence

Reader 1 For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

Reader 2 For this community, the nation, and the
world;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom,
and peace.**

Reader 1 For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader 2 For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader 1 For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader 2 O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under vows, that by their prayer and

service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. For Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, Phil LaBelle our Bishop, and Ruth Anne Garcia our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People

For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader 1 For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for Don Richardson, Loyd Riches, Bobby Knight and family, Scott Helmer, Bob MacEwan, Aidan Dike, Peggy Sherrill, Dan Roberts, Kimball Bergerud, Sister D. Bracher, Jaime Riches, James Sipe, Lillie Makumbi, Scarlett Riggs, Ali and Liam Figg, Cathryn Wilkerson and Bill McAdams, Cliff Sipe, Norm Guiler, and Kathy Scholl.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader 1 Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Reader 2 We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings
of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader 2 We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader 1 We pray for all who have died, and the repose of the soul of Jerry Knight, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader 1 Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Reader 2 O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Peace

Presider

The peace of the Lord be
always with you!

People

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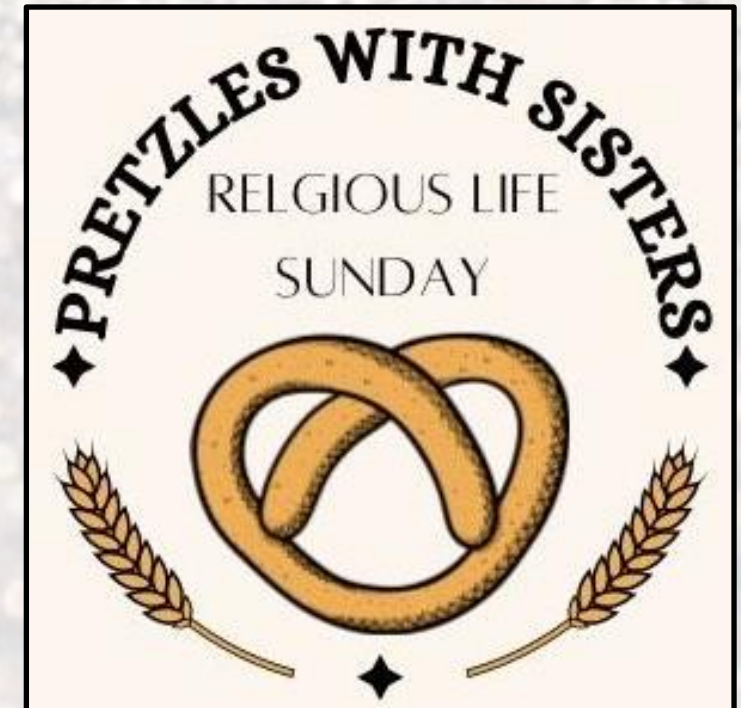
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Closing Prayer *(all standing as able)*

Reader 1 Lord, you know the shape of our lives at this time, you know the delights we enjoy and the pressures we endure.

Reader 2 Guide us and give us wisdom to know your will, strengthen our resolve to discern your call.

Reader 1 Lord, make yourself known to us in the daily pattern of our lives,

Reader 2 Help us to see the fruit borne out of
small actions,

Reader 1 Lord, help us to live faithfully amidst
uncertainty,

Reader 2 Fortify us to be followers in your Way,

Reader 1 Lord, help us to not live as autonomous
units,

Reader 2 But as fellow travelers on a journey.

Reader 1 Lord, build up the community of which
we are part,

Reader 2 And shape it around the cross of your
Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are
bold to say,

**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.**



Sending Hymn
(all standing as able)
**Precious Lord,
Take My Hand**
LEVAS 106, v. 1-3



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Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

The Sending Prayer

(all standing as able)

All Father, Son and Holy Spirit: send us out to live lives that glorify you. Help us to be people of peace. Empower us to recognize your call in our families, in our communities, in our workplaces and schools, in our churches and in our world. Amen.

