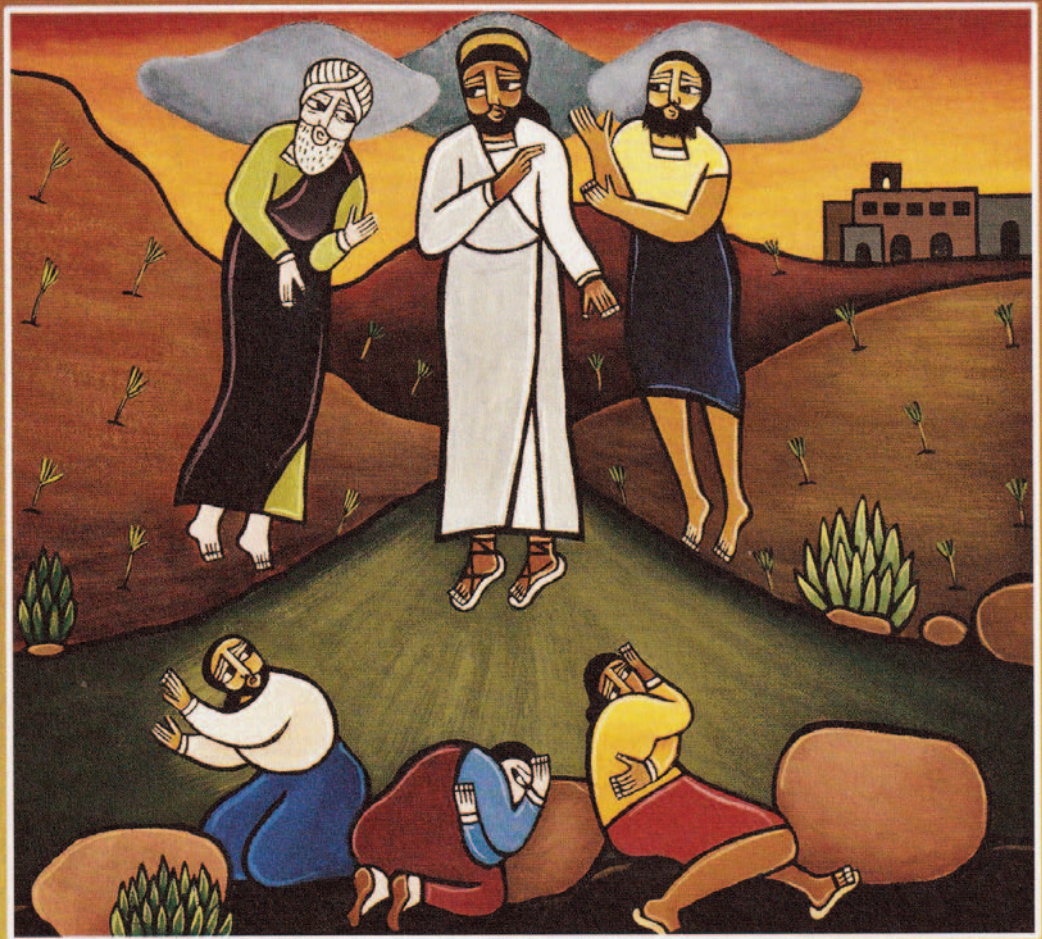


# St. John Lutheran Church

## Jesus was *transfigured* before them

MATTHEW 17:2



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# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Reverent Reflection

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Church Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

- P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C. **Amen.**
- P. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. **Amen.**
- P. Most merciful God,
- C. **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
- Amen.**
- P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** As We Gather At Your Table (#522)

## Apostolic 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 p. 147

- P. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. **Lord, have mercy.**
- P. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. **Lord, have mercy.**
- P. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. **Lord, have mercy.**

- P. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
C. **Lord, have mercy.**  
P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C. **Amen.**

## **Canticle p. 149**

- P. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
C. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**  
**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**  
P. The Lord be with you.  
C. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

*O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

## **Word**

### **First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."<sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 2**

**Response: "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."**

- <sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?  
<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?**  
<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."  
<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision. R**  
<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.  
<sup>6</sup>**"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**  
<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

<sup>8</sup> **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. R**

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> **lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God! R**

## **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation p. 151**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Children's Sermon**

**Anthem**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Ava Meredith Mog** *(See Baptismal Booklet)*

## Prayers of Intercession

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.*

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict (regions at war may be named). Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve (especially).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for peace throughout the world: in our nation, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and all war-torn areas. We pray for our military and their families.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

### Great Thanksgiving p. 152

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.**

### Preface p. 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. p. 153**

## Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

*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.*

## Communion p. 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## Distribution of Holy Communion

**Communion Hymns:** Beautiful Savior (#838)  
I Love To Tell The Story (#661)  
Let Us Break Bread Together (#471)

## Prayer after Communion

## Blessing

**Sending Hymn:** Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart (#873)

## Dismissal

## Postlude

### PRAYER LIST

*Please keep the following in your prayers for healing:*

Jen Bailey	Marie Lentine Douglas	Ed Kagen	Bill Murray	Eric Sprengel
Krystal Booras	Tracey Drew	Tracey Kelly	Renate Murray	Bill Steel
Michael Botti	Indie Fisher	Carl Knopp	Erica Polito	Bill Todt
Brian Byrnes	Rhea Fryor	Eunice Knopp	Samantha Reed	George Vaneman, Sr.
Randy Cantoral	Bob Garner	Donna Leek	Kimberly Rickert	George Van Wagner
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Joe Condoli	Stan Harmer	Joanne McVelli	Dorcas Schellhas	Mary White
Sandra DeRitis	Michelle Walk Hewitt	Melanie Miles	Finn Schureman	Helen Yezusko
Helen Dominic	Valerie Hoffmann	Kent Montford	Gladys Sheppard	Bob Zielsdorf
Frank Donovan	Makenzie Jack	Sue Murphy	Frank Siderio III	

*Please notify the office if you want to add or remove a person from this list.*

### ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>

*In Loving Memory of Bill Urian dedicated by his Family.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Morning Worship Service
	10:30 am	Band Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Sunday School/CIA
	11:15 am	Youth Chime/Vocal Choir
	11:30 am	Bell Choir ( <i>every other Sunday</i> )
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Ongoing		Shelf Stable Milk Collection Diaper Collection for Pantry, Holy Communion, Berlin
Wednesday, February 18th	Noon	Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, February 18th	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Sunday, February 22nd	2:00 pm	Faith250 Workshop at First United Methodist Church
Wednesday, February 25th	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper in the Ed. Building
Tuesday, March 3rd	7:00 pm	Bible Study in the Parish House
Wednesday, March 4th	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper in the Ed. Building
Monday, March 9th	7:00 pm	Council Meeting in the Parish House
Wednesday, March 11th	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper in the Ed. Building
Saturday, March 14th	11:30 am	Community Luncheon in the Ed. Building
Wednesday, March 18th	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper in the Ed. Building
Sunday, March 22nd	After Worship Service	St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, March 25th	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper in the Ed. Building

*Please note: All activities, dates and times are subject to change.*



**Sacred Bonds, Shared Hopes**

**First United Methodist Church**  
**159 S. Main Street • Williamstown, NJ**  
**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> • 2:00 PM**

**Session #2 of 4**

**faith250** is 4 workshops hosted and facilitated by different clergy members of the ministerium. It is an American Scripture Project focused on "The Spiritual Side of American Democracy" using sacred, traditional Scripture along side American texts (i.e., The New Colossus, The Declaration of Independence, What to the Slave is the Fourth of July, and America the Beautiful).

## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Altar Flowers are available for dedication for \$30. Please fill out the envelope located in the pew rack at least one week before you wish to dedicate the flowers. The card may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. Please be sure to note the date on the white board in the Narthex. Please see Pat Reed to make payment.

## WORSHIP BULLETIN DEDICATION

The cost (\$23) of the Weekly Worship Bulletin to fully cover the cost of paper and printing is donated by Henry and Marie Fickenschier in memory of their loved ones.

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Donations in the form of cash or check will also be welcome.

**Holy Communion Lutheran Church of Berlin Baby Pantry need:**



**BABY DIAPERS**  
(especially larger sizes)

Collection is in the Narthex.



## *Ash Wednesday Services* *February 18<sup>th</sup>*

Imposition of Ashes: Noon  
Ash Wednesday Worship Service: 7:00 pm



**FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> • 11<sup>th</sup> • 18<sup>th</sup> • 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm in the Ed. Building**

Bring your favorite soup, side or dessert  
to share and participate in the Lenten Study.

**Tuesday,  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 pm  
in the Parish House**

# **Bible Study**

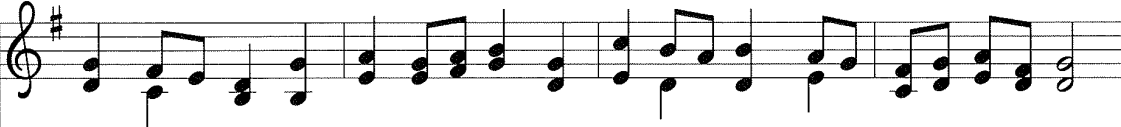
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**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CONGREGATIONAL**  
**MEETING**



PLEASE JOIN US

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**  
after the Worship Service  
in the Education Building







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,

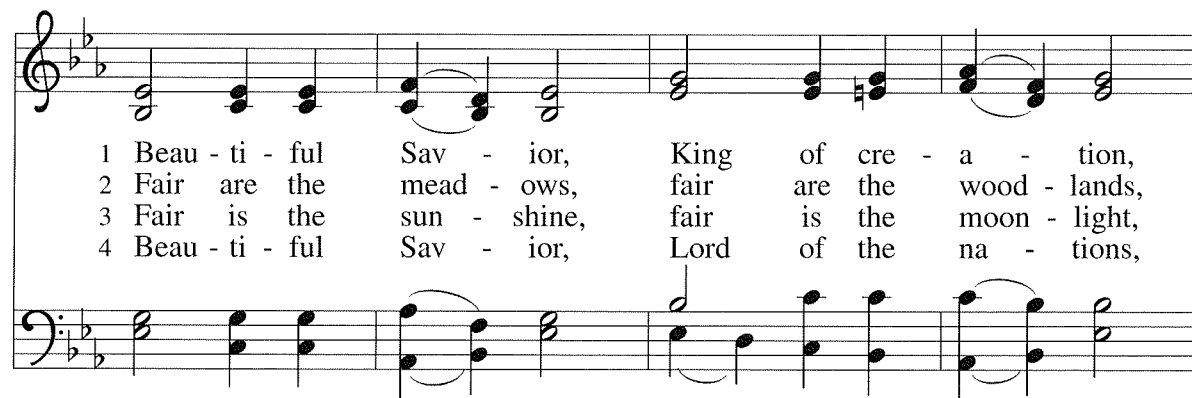



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

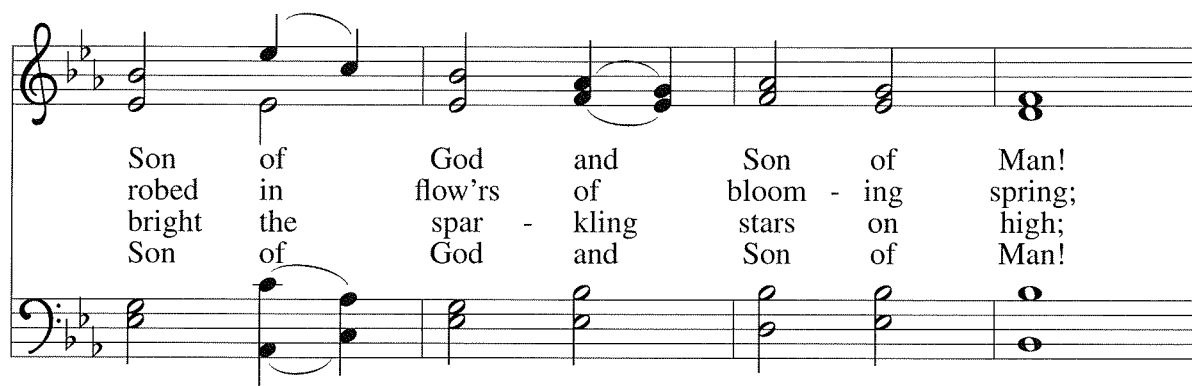


# Beautiful Savior

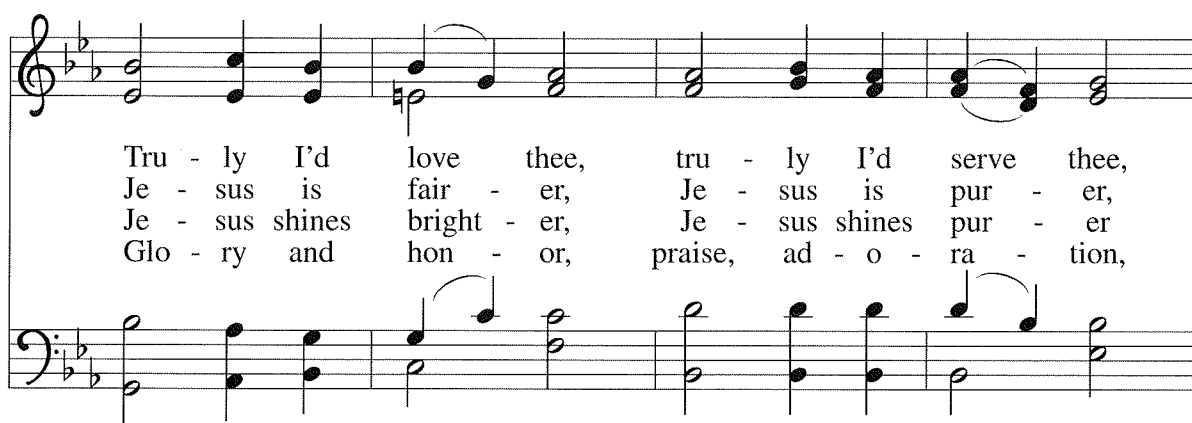
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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

The first line of the refrain is written on two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The second line of the refrain continues on two staves. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

# Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three parts: 1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows the continuation of the three-part vocal lines. The bass staff continues with the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of the song features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are: sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

## 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!  
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

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*