Easter Vigil

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WELCOME

We welcome all of those who worship with us today. We are glad you are here and invite you to worship with us again and often.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the host at the table of Holy Communion and invites all to come. Here the real presence of Jesus meets us in the form of bread and wine. In this sacrament he offers himself to us for the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life.

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EASTER VIGIL

Greetings

P Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirt be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayers. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless us with your Holy Spirit to increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P The Light of Christ

C Thanks be to God.

P Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.

P The Lord be with you
C And also with you.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn: *Drawn to the Light* #593

First Reading: (Genesis 1:1-2:2)

Creation—Now Renewed in Christ

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the
earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the
face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of
the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was
light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated
the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the
darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was
morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the
waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 So God
made the dome and separated the waters that were under the
dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was
so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and
there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be
gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."
And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters
that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it
was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that
bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. 12 The earth brought
forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of
every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it
was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the
third day.

[14]And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, [15]and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. [16]God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. [17]God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, [18]to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. [19]And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

[20]And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." [21]So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. [22]God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." [23]And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

[24]And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. [25]God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

[26]Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

[27]So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

[28]God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." [29]God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. [30]And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. [31]God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

[2-1]Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. [2]And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

PRAYER

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Second Reading: (Genesis 7:1-5; 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13)

Flood—Saved By God's Grace

[1]Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. [2]Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; [3]and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. [4]For in seven days

I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights;
and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from
the face of the ground." [5]And Noah did all that the LORD
had commanded him.

[11]In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second
month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all
the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows
of the heavens were opened. [12]The rain fell on the earth forty
days and forty nights. [13]On the very same day Noah with his
sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the
three wives of his sons entered the ark, [14]they and every wild
animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind,
and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every
bird of every kind — every bird, every winged creature. [15]They
went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which
there was the breath of life. [16]And those that entered, male
and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him;
and the LORD shut him in. [17]The flood continued forty days
on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark,
and it rose high above the earth. [18]The waters swelled and
increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face
of the waters.

[6]At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of
the ark that he had made [7]and sent out the raven; and it went
to and fro until the waters were dried up from the
earth. [8]Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the
waters had subsided from the face of the ground; [9]but the
dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to
the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole
earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into
the ark with him. [10]He waited another seven days, and again
he sent out the dove from the ark; [11]and the dove came back
to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly
plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had
subsided from the

earth. [12]Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

[13]In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. [14]In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. [15]Then God said to Noah, [16]"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. [17]Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." [18]So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

[8]Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, [9]"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, [10]and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. [11]I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." [12]God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: [13]I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

PRAYER

O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading: (Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21)

Foreshadowing of the Deliverance in Baptism

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and
there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the
Israelites cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, "Was
it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us
away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us,
bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the very thing we told
you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For
it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to
die in the wilderness." 13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not
be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD
will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see
today you shall never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you,
and you have only to keep still."

15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out
to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. 16 But you lift up your
staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that
the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. 17 Then I will
harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after
them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all
his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. 18 And the
Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained
glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot
drivers."

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite
army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud
moved from in front of them and took its place behind
them. 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of
Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit
up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.
The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night,

and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were
divided. [22]The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the
waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their
left. [23]The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them,
all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. [24]At the
morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked
down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army
into panic. [25]He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned
with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the
Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

[26]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand
over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the
Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." [27]So Moses
stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea
returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it,
the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. [28]The waters
returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the
entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea;
not one of them remained. [29]But the Israelites walked on dry
ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on
their right and on their left.

[30]Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the
Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the
seashore. [31]Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against
the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in
the LORD and in his servant Moses.

[20]Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a
tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her
with tambourines and with dancing. [21]And Miriam sang to
them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

PRAYER
O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Fourth Reading: (Isaiah 55:1-11)

Salvation for All

[1]Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
[2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
[3]Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
[4]See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
[5]See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

[6]Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
[7]let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
[8]For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[10]For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
[11]so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

PRAYER

Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Fifth Reading: (Daniel 3:1-29)

Deliverance from Fire

[1]King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose
height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it
up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. [2]Then
King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the
governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the
magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble
and come to the dedication of the statue that King
Nebuchadnezzar had set up. [3]So the satraps, the prefects, and
the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the
magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for
the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set
up. When they were standing before the statue that
Nebuchadnezzar had set up, [4]the herald proclaimed aloud,
"You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, [5]that
when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp,
drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and
worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set
up. [6]Whoever does not fall down and worship shall
immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing
fire." [7]Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of
the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical
ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and
worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set
up.

[8]Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came
forward and denounced the Jews. [9]They said to King
Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! [10]You, O king, have
made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn,
pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble,
shall fall down and worship the golden statue, [11]and whoever
does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace

of blazing fire. [12]There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

[13]Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. [14]Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? [15]Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?"

[16]Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. [17]If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. [18]But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

[19]Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, [20]and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. [21]So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. [22]Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. [23]But the three

men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

[24]Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." [25]He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." [26]Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. [27]And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. [28]Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. [29]Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Homily

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy Communion

Blessing

P The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Hymn: *Baptized in Water* #456

Remembrance of Holy Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you have given your people new birth, cleansed us from sin, and raised us to eternal life. Sustain us with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Sprinkling of the water in remembrance of Baptism.

P Children of God through the water of your Baptism you have been sealed by the Holy spirit and marked by the Cross of Christ forever.

Prayer of Blessing

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

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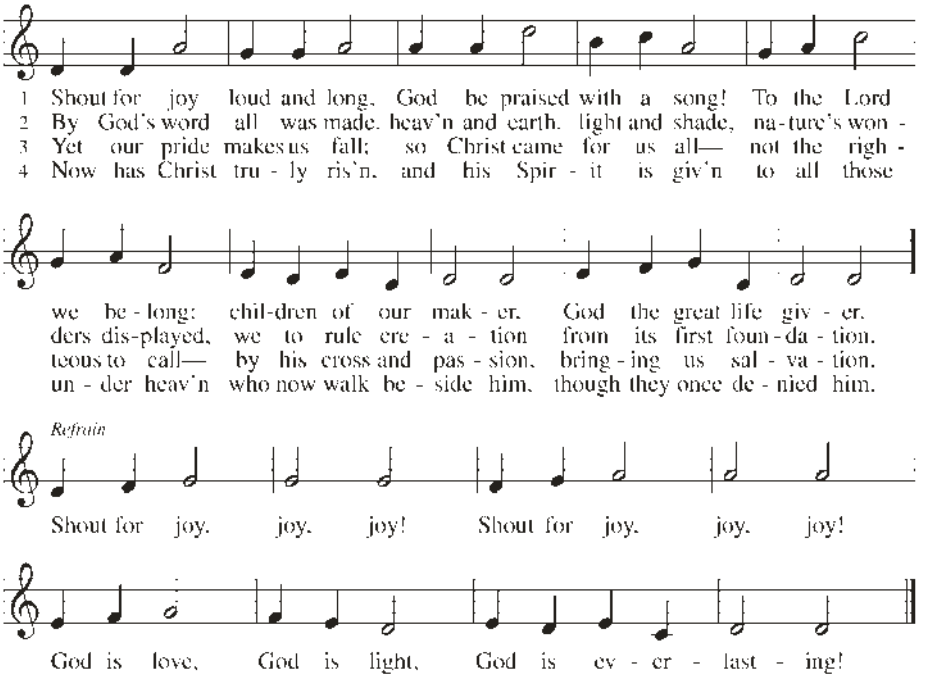
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