

“God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!” is the same God who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God’s glory shining in the face of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Dr. Jan Forester

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. David F. Judd

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** -- One Great Hour of Sharing

Terre Dunn

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 23)

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.  
God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.  
**The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.**  
God’s goodness and mercy are always close.  
**Let us seek the Lord and worship God always!**

**\*HYMN** – No. 32

**“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

ELLACOMBE

**\* CALL AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness into joy, and despair to hope We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(A time for silence, reflection, and prayer.)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

**This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

**The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

**And also, with you.**

*(Please exchange, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

**ENGAGING WITH THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear.

Help us to listen to what you would have us hear, and learn.

Guide us to be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

**Hebrew Scripture** Psalm 43

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

**The Lord bless the hearing of these words.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Lesson** Ephesians 5: 8-14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

**Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.**

**HYMN – No. 351**

**“All Who Love and Serve Your City”**

CHARLESTOWN

**\*Gospel Lesson** Matthew 25: 1-30

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“Matthew 25- PCUSA, Building Vital Congregations!

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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

**INVITATION TO BECOME THE CHURCH**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – Nicene Creed (pg. 34 Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal)

Let us confess our faith.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
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.**

**CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts.  
Use them, as you use us, to accomplish  
your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Great God, in you is more love than we can imagine and more grace than we can fathom... Hear us. Hold us. Heal us. Help us. For the sake of our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray in spirit and in truth, in solitude and community.

So now we lift up our Individual prayers, concerns, and our hearts to your prayers in us, in silence and words.

*(Opportunities will be available for personal voiced prayers and silence)*

## **A CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*(See insert)*

### **GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD**

\* HYMN – No. 314      **“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”**      CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*As Saint Andrew we are called to worship, serve God,  
reflect the love of Christ and grow in our discipleship.*

## A CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Eternal God, holy and mighty,...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, ... In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, hear our prayer now and always.

**Amen, amen, and amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION unison

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome friends!** May the welcome you feel here be worthy of that of the gracious God we serve. In this service, an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand, as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

**Wednesday Night Live** meal is served at 6pm. RSVP by noon on Tuesday by signing up in the pew friendship pad or through the church office. Note if you want it packaged to-go. Cost is \$10 for adults, reduced prices for children. The menu for the coming week: pork tenderloin, sides, salad, dessert, drink.

**One Great Hour of Sharing special offering** is collected during Lent. Please memo OGHS on your check or offering envelope. This offering sustains programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training, and resources to people all over the world: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

**Women's Bible Study** gathers on the fourth Tuesday of the month, March 28, in the fellowship hall at 10:30am and enjoys Lunch Bunch afterwards at GZ's Asian Bistro.

The **stated session meeting** is Tuesday, March 21, 4pm in the Calvin Room.

The Grace Presbytery Social Justice Task Force is sponsoring a **DFW pilgrimage** to learn more about Black history in Dallas. The tour begins promptly at 9am on Saturday, March 25th. Space is limited. Contact Pastor Judd for more information.

**Women's Retreat** at Camp Gilmont is April 28-30. This year's theme is "Grounded: Experiencing God's Presence Here and Now". It will be led by Rev. Jessie Light-Wells.

We are continuing to **provide meeting rooms** for high school students from the home school program that usually meet at Longview Christian but are unable to do so during the church's renovations.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at the church Monday through Saturday from 12 – 1pm. For further information, please call (903)235-7890.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Mundy Thursday**, April 6, 6pm worship at Alpine Presbyterian Church.

**Good Friday**, April 7, 6pm worship at First Presbyterian Church.

**Easter Sunday**, April 9 (*Flowering of the Cross and Communion at both services.*)

7am Sunrise Service in the Garden Chapel

8am Fellowship Potluck Breakfast

9am Sunday School

10am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

## 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

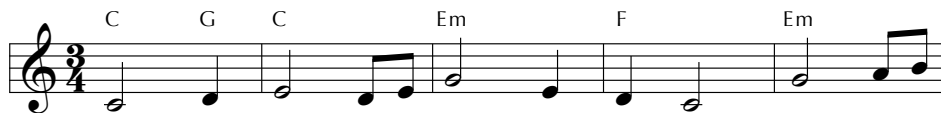
that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

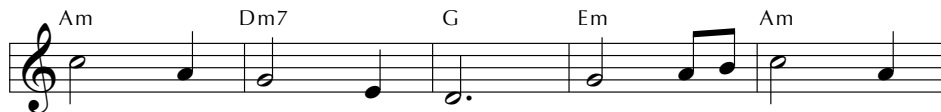
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

# All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for  
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the  
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a  
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:  
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."  
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.  
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

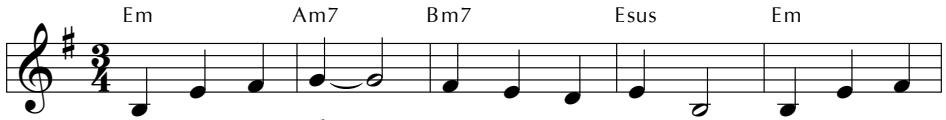
*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

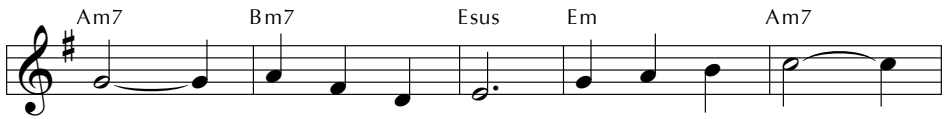


# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

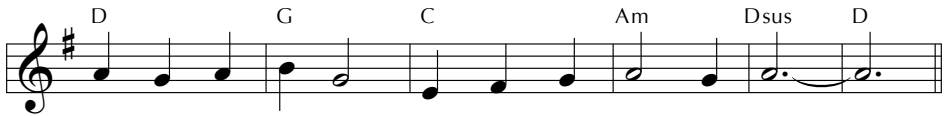
## Christ, Be Our Light



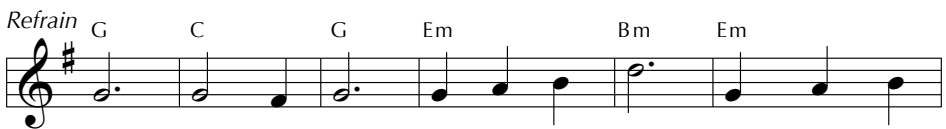
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



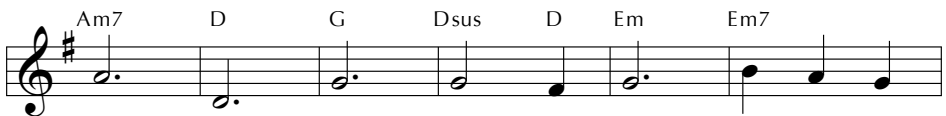
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



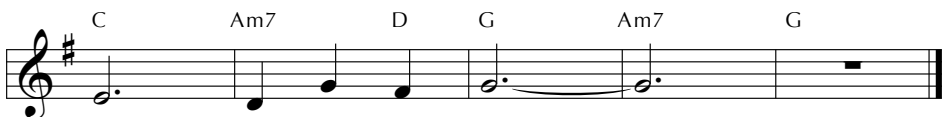
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.