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The Steeple



Jan. 6,
2021

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Mark Your Calendars

Some big events are about to take place in the life of St. Luke's as we enter what we know will be a much happier new year than the last. Although the details are still being worked out, here are some key dates for your calendar.

Sunday, Jan. 18 – Rev. Nicholas Phares (“Fr. Nick”) will be introduced to the congregation at our 10 am service, which will be officiated by Fr. Mark Wood. The following Monday, Fr. Nick will begin to move into his office as our new rector, just about six months after we started the search process – pretty amazing. Thanks be to God!

Sunday, Jan. 24 – Fr. Nick will lead our 10 am service as our new rector. If you feel comfortable about getting out and coming to this service, please try to do so. At this point, we're not sure if Teresa and family will be present, pending their house sale closing in Pensacola. The vestry will be working with Fr. Nick to develop appropriate ways that every single member will have the opportunity to meet the Phares family in a virus-safe setting. We'll keep you updated.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 – Bishop Poulson will be coming to St. Luke's to conduct the Celebration of New Ministry ceremony, which marks the formal installation of a new rector. This service will be at 5:30 pm, and note that it will be on a Wednesday (not Sunday). The ceremony is celebrated in the context of a eucharist, with the bishop normally the chief celebrant and the new rector assisting.

Finally, this week, remember to pick up a poinsettia from Metcalf Hall. Even if you didn't order one, there appear to be plenty to go around to take home or to share with member or friend who was unable to come to one of the holiday services. With a little care, they'll stay beautiful for many months.

As we begin a promising new year, I recommend watching a brief PBS interview that aired on January 1 with our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, available by [CLICKING HERE](#). It may help launch your year with a hope-filled start.

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden
On behalf of the Vestry

Stewardship in 2021



Thanks to all of you who have made a financial commitment to support St. Luke's in 2021. St. Luke's only exists because of the regular, predictable giving from our congregational family. It's vitally important that – with our new rector and his family coming soon – we move into 2021 with the strong financial foundation that will help secure a bright future for St. Luke's.

If you've not yet returned your pledge card, please do so soon. If you've misplaced your card or didn't receive one, please contact Roseanne at the church office: 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Because of the restrictions on Sunday attendance, you're encouraged to mail back your card. If you're attending services in person, please drop your card in the offering plate or slip it into the locked mailbox outside the north door.

The parish has provisions for receiving **gifts of stocks and bonds** for both pledging and as special gifts beyond the annual budget. Special gifts may be made for a particular purpose or undesignated to meet future needs. Estate gifts, including donations of physical property, are also possible. For assistance with these options, please contact Dennis Mueggenborg of the vestry finance committee at 918-914-0232 or via email at drmuegg@gmail.com.

The beautiful poinsettias that adorned the altar at Christmas are now waiting in Metcalfe Hall to be taken to YOUR home. They will be available through January 11 after which these beauties will be disposed of. Thank you for your help... the Altar Guild.





COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask**
- 2) Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.**
- 3) Follow the pew seating guidelines.**
- 4) Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.**
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."**

Scam Alert

Be aware of a false email claiming to be from Father Gates in which the sender asks for donations to surprise the office staff. He did not send the email. Don't fall for this scam.



Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:

Roseanne's Updated Office Hours 9:30 – 1:30 Monday - Thursday.

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol. If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212 or Roseanne's cell 918-287-8784.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 14:

9-11 am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr
10:45 am – 1 pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary
1:00 – 2:45 p.m.: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich, Wendy Hall

Thursday, Jan. 28:

9-11am: Jim Liehr
10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Dean Zervas
Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson,
1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich, Becky Olsen



St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: **Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Robin, Matt, Lysa, Donn, Helen, Kristen and all of our armed forces and their families.** Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1

Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

Online & Mobile Giving Available

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this [Tithe.ly web page](https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app) (<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the [St. Luke's website](http://episcopalbartlesville.org) (<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 or drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.

Alert on **solicitations...**

- Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.

Sign up on-line for the COVID-19 vaccination at Washington County Health Department if you are over 65, a first responder or a healthcare worker by calling 918-335-3005 or if you are viewing the Steeple Newsletter online click orange phone image below:



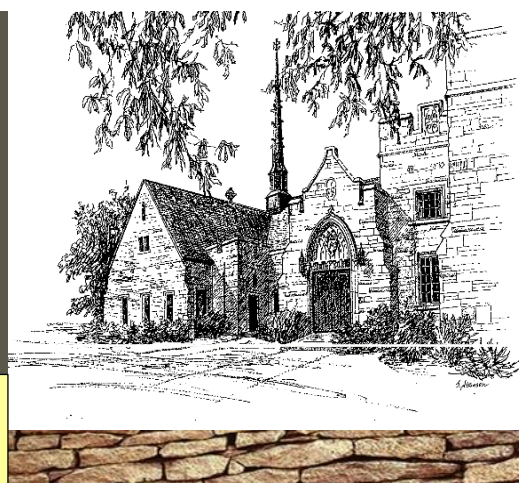
Birthdays and Anniversaries Jan. 4 - Jan. 13

Birthdays

Angela Nelson, Jan. 4
Kyle Peterson, Jan. 5
Joey Hough, Jan. 8
Gene Holland, Jan. 10
Kimberly Breedlove, Jan. 11
Sally Lindsey, Jan. 11
Robert Boyle, Jan. 12

Anniversaries

Rob & Heather Boyle, Jan. 6



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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: <http://episcopalbartlesville.org/>

The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

The Rev. Noel Doherty, celebrant

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn #48 “O Day of Radiant Gladness”

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 1:1-15

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #516 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Saint Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Reverend Noel Doherty

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Lay Reader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Robin, Matt, Lysa, Donn, Helen and Kristin.

Prayer for First Responders and Caregivers

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve, bless all first responders and caregivers who, following the example of Christ, are giving themselves to the care and needs of others. Bless them with wisdom, patience, skill and courage so that they may minister your love to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy. Embrace them with your loving mercy so they know they are not alone in the unrelenting challenges they are facing. Bless them with times of rest for the renewing of their physical and spiritual strength. Comfort them when they are burdened with sorrow. And always may your Spirit speak words of encouraging, sustaining love to their hearts.

We offer our prayer in the name of your blessed son, Jesus.

We pray for our new Rector, Father Nick Phares and his family. We give you all the glory, thanks and praise for how you so graciously wove the threads of our lives together and set us on this new journey for St. Luke's. Help us all to be of one body and mind and to continue to keep our eyes on you, Father, in all we do.

**May your word be our light, and may we hold fast to your promise that whoever believes in you ... rivers of living water will flow from within them.
Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

Most Merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Announcements: Dan Droege, Senior Warden

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Hymn: #When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream" (text: Hymn 139)
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The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of

the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive his holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Celebrant and People

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.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
With thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.*

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: #497 “How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

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Dismissal

Usher: Brian Ferguson

Layreader: Becky Liehr

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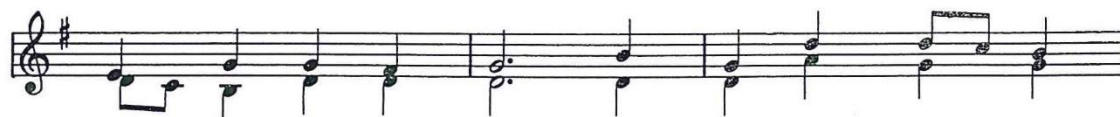
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1 O day of ra - dant glad - ness, O day of joy and
 2 This day at the cre - a - - tion, the light first had its
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip- ture
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim



light, O balm of care and sad - - ness, most
 birth; this day for our sal - va - - tion Christ
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - - ing, through
 way, at length our rest at - tain - - ing, our



beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our



low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (b. 1920);
 st. 4, *Hymnal* 1982

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song;
 harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
 Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream

Martin Luther, para. F. Bland Tucker

setting by
Dolores McCreary



1. When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o - bey - ing,
2. The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de - scend - ing;
3. He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con - di - tion;



and was bap - tized by John, there came a voice from hea - ven say - ing,
the Tri - une God is thus made known in Christ as love un - end - ing.
he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God, and gives the Great Com - mis - sion.



"This is my dear be - lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."
He taught, he healed, he raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or
Then let us not heed world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,



And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or
to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him
but trust in Christ, who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the



wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
Spi - rit that we may life in - her - it.



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high-est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
 Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai, (1556-1608);
 arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)