

# *16th Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 8, 2024*



*Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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# Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (ELW 620)

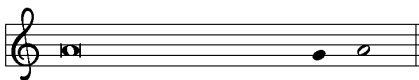
## **GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



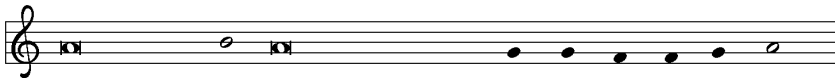
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Isaiah.

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 146

I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (*Ps. 146:2*)

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

**and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

**the LORD | loves the righteous. R**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R**

## SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from James.

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one

who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## **GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

## **APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,**

forever and ever. Amen.

## OFFERING

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *God, Whose Almighty Word (ELW 673)*

### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin.  
Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## ***DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ***September 8, 2024***

***The Altar Flowers*** are sponsored today by Wanda Crostley in memory of Mr & Mrs Hiag Piligian.

***The Bulletins*** are sponsored today by the Beblavy Family in memory of Paul, Gladys and Richard.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2024** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

### ***Office Hours:***

Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 4:00PM  
(610)377-4242

***The Week Ahead:***

Today	9:00AM	16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
Tuesday	10:00AM	Palmer House Hymn Sing
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Choir
	7:30PM	Chime Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY! September 8 to September 14***

09/08 Shaelyn Kunkel	09/11 Sheila Flickinger
09/08 Laura Moyer	09/12 Ann Schleicher
09/09 Eric Solt	09/13 Calvin Dech
09/10 Stanley Cordova	09/13 Samantha Dech
09/10 Rachel Klotz	09/13 Aiden Eckhart
09/10 Faith Scherer	09/14 Cindy Cordova
09/10 Donald Steigerwalt	09/14 Raylene Hunter

**Anniversary Celebration:** In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the congregation in 1851. A team is being formed to coordinate the celebration and we are looking for people interested in sharing the history of the congregation and having some fun while doing so. If you are interested, please speak with Pr. Tony for more information.

**Giant Gift Cards:** If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

**Fundraising:** Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please see Jan in the office if interested.

**Fermenting our Faith:** Join us on September 11, 2024, 7:00PM at Normal Square to explore our faith in a relaxed setting.

**Choir & Chime Choir:** Rehearsal will begin on September 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM for Choir and 7:30 PM for Chime Choir. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will begin on September 15, 2024 at 10:15AM. Please contact Trell Schleicher for additional information. There will be Sunday School Teacher Installation at the 9:00AM service.

**Confirmation Orientation:** Confirmation will begin on September 15, 2024 from 12:30 – 1:30 PM for anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher who are not yet confirmed.

**Fall Festival:** Ben Salem UCC will be having their Fall Festival & Basket Raffle on Friday, September 27, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Will be held on September 29, 2024 at 12:00PM at St John’s Mahoning.

**Fall Bazaar:** St John’s will be having their Fall Bazaar/ candy sale on Friday, October 4, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 9:00AM – 2:00 PM.

There are September newsletters in the back of the church.

**FYI:** We have changed our mailing address from P O Box 250, Ashfield, PA 18212 to **1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235**. Please begin using this address on all correspondence.

***MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL***  
SSgt. Noah K. Kunkel 379 ECES/CEE Unit 61205 APO AE 09309-1205  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Benjamin Cordova, 9300 Valencia St., Tucson, AZ 85747

***HOMEBOUND MEMBERS***

Pinky Green	Peter Innervickler	Debbie Meckel
Tess Hinger	Ruth Keck	Debbie Strohl

***SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS***

Eli Bowland	Sonny Hack	Lukas Schleicher
Willard Doll	Stephen Hoffman	Todd Schleicher
Lauren Dugan	Joe Kluk	Madalin Smale
Candy Everett	Deb Lilly	Sherry Smith
Edward Finney	Brian Schell	Patti Walck
Joseph Gorman	Gordon Scherer	Karen Wetzel
Pinky Green	Kenny Schleicher	

We would like to update our membership files. There are forms in the back of the church to complete and return to the office or you can contact Jan during office hours (610)377-4242.

**We are in need of volunteers as greeters/ushers, lectors, communion assistants and altar guild. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer.**

***WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

<b><u>Ministers:</u></b>	The Congregation
<b><u>Pastor:</u></b>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<b><u>Music Director:</u></b>	Bridgette Gorman
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Bierman
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Bryn Schleicher
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Elijah Pagotto
Worship Participants for September 15, 2024:	
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Everett
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Brad Kuehn
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Derek Spitzer



## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es

heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
 my prophet, priest, and king,  
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
 accept the praise I bring.
- 6 How weak the effort of my heart,  
 how cold my warmest thought;  
 but when I see thee as thou art,  
 I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 7 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
 with every fleeting breath;  
 and may the music of thy name  
 refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
 Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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# Healer of Our Every Ill

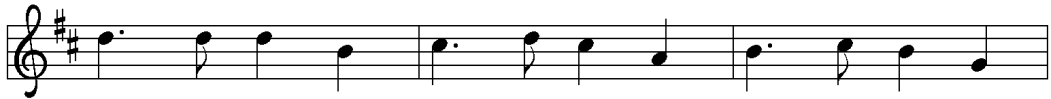
*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

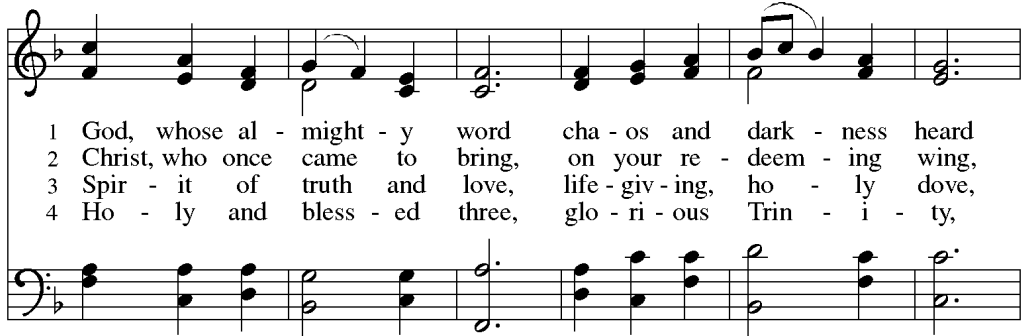
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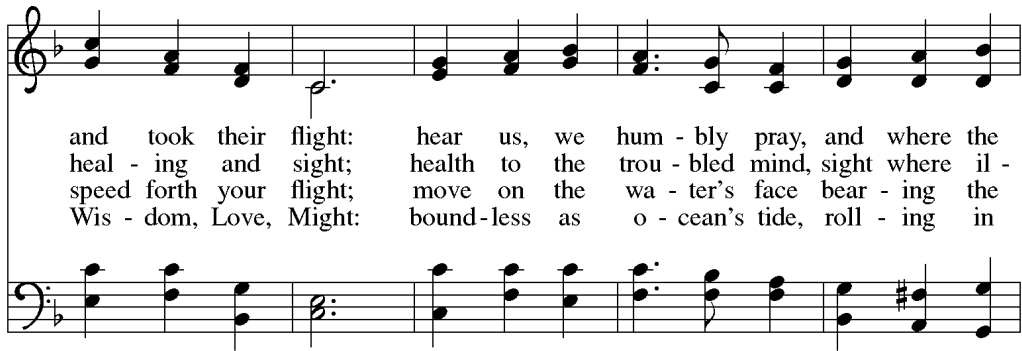
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# God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796