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# COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

## May 25, 2025

### Welcome and Announcements

Ronda Otway, Liturgist

### Prelude

Noah Davis

### Choir Introit

### Call to Worship-Responsive

Liturgist

Liturgist: Be gracious to us and bless us;  
O God, show us favor.

**All: May your way, O God,  
be known upon the earth;  
may your deliverance be known  
among the nations.**

Liturgist: Peoples will praise you, O God;  
all peoples will praise you.

**All: Nations will exult and shout for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity;  
you guide the nations of the earth.**

Liturgist: The peoples will praise you, O God;  
all people will praise you.

**All: Let us worship God!**

### Opening Prayer

Light of the world,  
you have given us your commandments  
because you love us,  
but we cannot keep them on our own.  
We give thanks for your Holy Spirit,  
who teaches us to follow.  
We praise you for these gifts, O Lord.  
Help us to live in response to your steadfast love  
until the time of your coming glory. **Amen.**

### \* Opening Hymn

*"Light Dawns On a Weary World" #79* GTG

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### \* Call to Confession

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We are a people living in sin.  
We are a people in need of God's vision,  
praying for our eyes to be opened.  
We are a people in need of God's reversal,  
praying for our hearts to be softened.  
We are a people in need of God's reconciliation,  
praying that our faces might be illumined  
by God's presence. Let us claim our need  
of God, confessing our sin together.

### \* Prayer of Confession

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**Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment,  
and often consider our ways to be your ways.  
We define peace as the absence of disruption,  
holding our comfort as your aim and thinking  
our preferences reflect your way. Too often  
we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses,  
believing our worldview corresponds with your vision,  
and that our narrative contains your hope for the future.  
O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions.  
Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth  
and teach us by your Spirit.**

### \* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

It is the Lord who opens eyes to see.  
It is the Lord who softens hearts to hear.  
It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence.  
Peace, peace, peace—  
you are loved. You are enough. You belong.  
In Jesus Christ you are restored.  
**Thanks be to our God forever and ever.**

### \*Responding to Grace

*"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG*

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### Time With Young Disciples

#### Prayer for Illumination

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Gracious God, Living Word,  
as you revealed yourself to Mary  
that Easter morning, so reveal  
yourself to us. By the power of  
your Spirit, give each of us faith,  
that hearing your Word  
we, too, may proclaim,  
"I have seen the Lord!" **Amen.**

#### First Scripture Reading

Acts 16:9-15

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. Therefore, loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

#### Anthem

Choir



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### Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

"When it Does Occur, You May Believe "

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

### Music Meditation:

Noah Davis

### \* Sermon Hymn

"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" #688 GTG

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### Joys & Concerns

### Call to Offering

### \* Doxology

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### \* Closing Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" #265 GTG

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### \* Charge, Benediction

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

### \* Congregational Postlude

"He Is Lord"

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

### 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001  
MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 2000  
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TEMPLE OF PEACE  
7.6.6.7.8 with refrain



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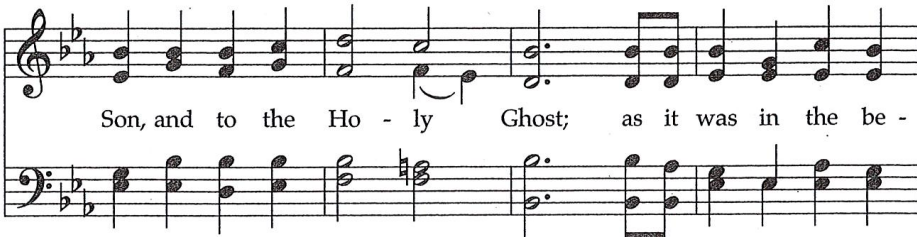
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SERVICE MUSIC

### Glory Be to the Father 581



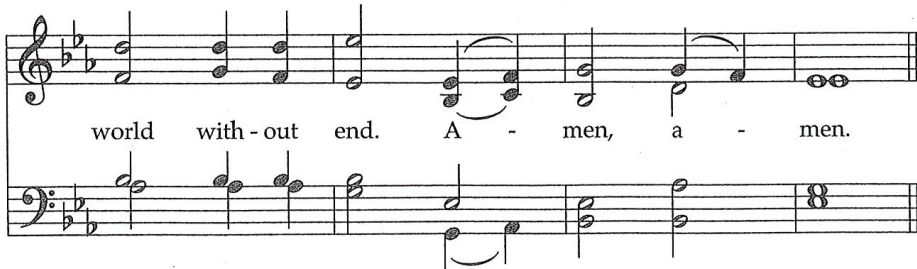
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the



Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -



gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

### Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

TEXT: George Croly, 1867  
 MUSIC: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE  
 10.10.10.10



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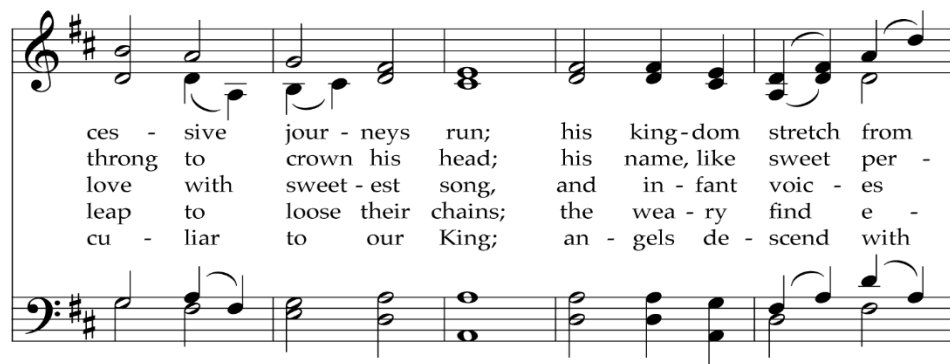
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JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

### 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

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This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

DUKE STREET  
LM





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## HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord!

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