

*Introduction to the day:* Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

*The congregation invited to stand as they are able and face the baptismal font.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM**

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water--  
for the oceans that surround the earth,  
for the rivers that nurture the land,  
for all the sources of water that you provide for our community--  
we bless you, O God, for the waters of earth:

**We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.**

We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water--  
for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees,  
for the floods that restore the fields,  
for the dew that freshens dry places--  
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send:

**We honor you, O God, for the waters you send.**

We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism--  
for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,  
for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,  
for the water that illumines us with your Word,  
for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit,  
for the water that bathes the church universal--  
the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants,  
Pentecostals, Evangelicals, independents--  
we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:

**We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.**

We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
almighty, merciful, and gracious.

Well of forgiveness, you revive us,

Cup of cold water, you refresh us,

Pool of rebirth, you renew us.

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:

**To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

**GATHERING SONG**

*Wade in the Water*

(trad. African-American Spiritual)

**Chorus:**



Wade in the wa- ter. Wade in the wa- ter chil- dren. Wade in the

**Verse 1:**



wa- ter, God's a- gon- na trou- ble the wa- ter. Jor- dan's wa- ter is



chil- ly and cold. God's a gon- na trou- ble the wa- ter. It



chills the bo- dy, but not the soul. God's a gon- na trou- ble the wa- ter.

(Chorus)

**Verse 2:**

**Well, who are these children all dressed in red?**

**God's a-gonna trouble the water**

**Must be the children that Moses led**

**God's a-gonna trouble the water.**

(Chorus)

**Verse 3:**

**Who's that young girl dressed in white**

**Wade in the Water**

**Must be the Children of Israelites**

**God's gonna trouble the Water.**

(Chorus)

**Verse 4:**

**If you get there before I do.**

**God's gonna trouble the water.**

**Tell all of my friends I'm coming too.**

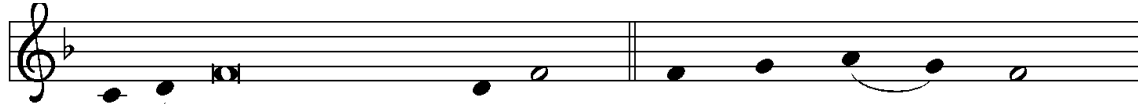
**God's gonna trouble the water.**

## GREETING

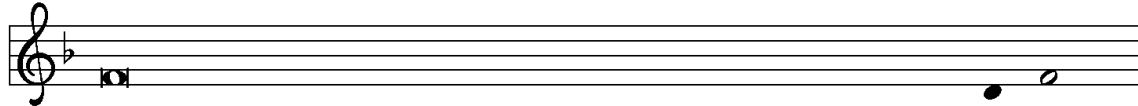
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

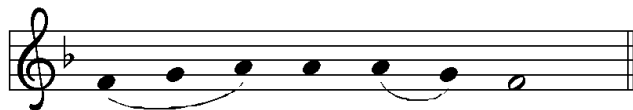
## KYRIE (ELW p. 138)



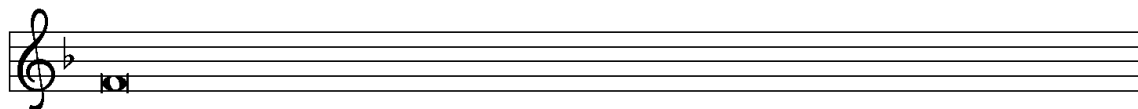
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



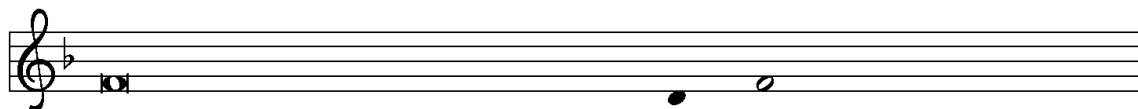
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



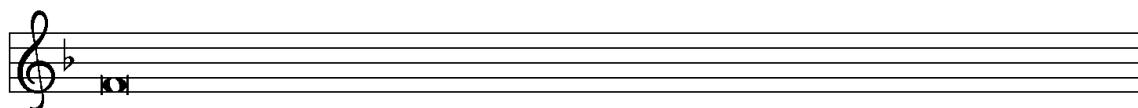
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



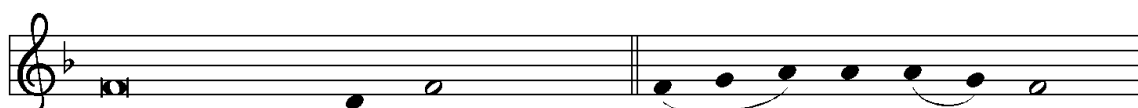
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



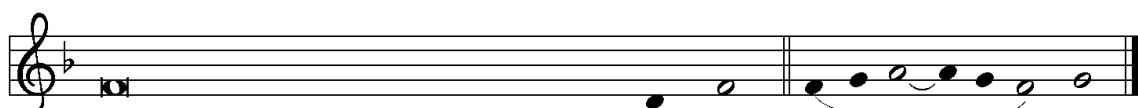
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



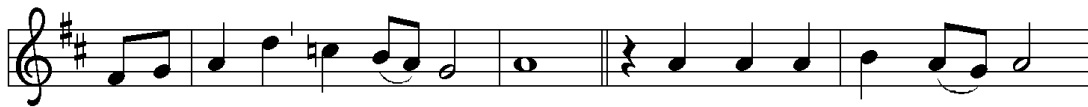
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

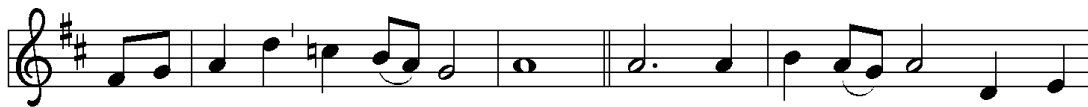


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

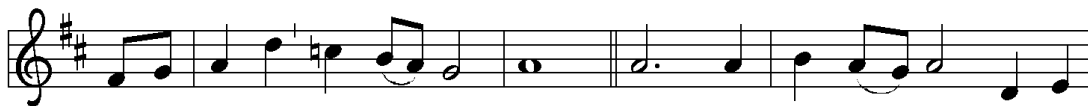


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 15:4-11 (Jeri Wartena)

*A reading from Deuteronomy.*

<sup>4</sup>There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the LORD is sure to bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, <sup>5</sup>if only you will obey the LORD your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. <sup>6</sup>When the LORD your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

<sup>7</sup>If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. <sup>8</sup>You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it

may be. <sup>9</sup>Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. <sup>10</sup>Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. <sup>11</sup>Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM:** Psalm 138

(Jeri Wartena)

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me;**

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## **SECOND READING:** Colossians 2:6-19

(Jeri Wartena)

*A reading from Colossians.*

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# KIDS' MESSAGE

(Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to welcome the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL: John 12:1-8 (David Gist)

The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## SERMON (David Gist)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able for the Hymn of the Day.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Thou Fount*

1. Come thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing Tune my heart to sing thy grace Streams of  
2. Here I raise my Eb-e-ne-zer, Hi-ther by Thy help I'm come And I  
3. O to grace how great a debt-or Dail-y I'm con-strained to be Let that

6 mer-cy, ne-ver ceas-ing Call for songs of loud-est praise Teach me  
hope by Thy good plea-sure Safe-ly to ar-rive at home Je-sus  
grace now like a fet-ter Bind my wand-ering heart to Thee Prone to

10 some mel-o-dious son-net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the  
sought me when a strang-er, Wan-dering from leave the fold of God Here to  
wan-der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love Here's my

14 mount, I'm fixed up-on it Mount of God's un-chang-ing love  
res-cue me from dang-er In-ter-posed for His pre-cious blood  
heart, O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts a-bove

*Please be seated*

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Godparents (Sponsors) join baptismal family at the font*

## **PRESENTATION** (ELW p. 227)

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.

*Sponsors present the candidate for baptism:* We present *Logan Kent Peckham* for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Logan* baptized into Christ?

*Parents' Response:* We do.

As you bring *Logan* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,  
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,  
so that *your child* may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Logan* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents' Response:* We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Logan* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors' response:* We do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Logan* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (ELW p. 229)

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors. The congregation may join in the responses.*

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

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

**We renounce them.**

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

**We renounce them.**

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

**We renounce them.**



Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT** (ELW p. 230)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. At the river 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.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **BAPTISM** (ELW p. 230)

*Logan Kent Peckham,*

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Logan* 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.

**Amen.**

*Logan*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME** (ELW p. 231)

*A lighted candle may be given to the family as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.*

*The service continues with the prayers of intercession.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Jeri Wartena)

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources including Folsom Lake and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*(Prayer requests provided by congregation to be added here by Reader)*

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## OFFERING

*We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness  
we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.  
Thank you so much for your continued support.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts.  
**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

*All are welcome to join in our communion celebration.  
Please follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the ushers.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## BLESSING

The God of peace, Father,  
✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*


*Music & lyrics on following page*

**C**

He's got the whole world is His hands He's got the whole wide world\_

4 **G7** **C**

in His hands, He's got the whole world In His hands, He's got the

**To Coda** 

7 **G7** **C**

whole world in His hands. 1.He's got the lit - tle ti - ny ba - by  
2.He's got you and me, broth-er  
3.He's got ev - 'ry bod - y here\_

10 **Dm7** **G** **Dm7** **G7**

in His hands, He's got the lit - tle ti - ny ba-by in His hands, He's got the  
In his hand, He's got you and me, sis ter, in His hands, He's got\_  
in His hands, He's got ev-'ry bod-y here in His hands, He's got\_

13 **C** **G7**

lit - tle ti - ny ba - by in His hands, He's got the whole world in His  
you and me, broth-er, in His hands, in His hands, He's got\_  
ev - 'ry bod - y here\_ in His hands, in His hands, in His hands, He's got\_

**D.S al Coda** **Coda**

16 1.2. **C** 3. **C**

hands. He's got the hands. He's got the hands. He's got the

**Coda** **C**

hands.

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*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After brief announcements related to the ministry of Bethel, the congregation is invited to stand..*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God and we will.**