



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter; Celebration of Rite 13
April 28, 2024 • 10:00 am

All are welcome at St. Stephen's.

The people of St. Stephen's seek to love as God loves. We encourage and embrace all people wherever they are on their spiritual journey, empowering and celebrating each person's gifts. In short, you are welcome here, and we invite you to participate in our worship in whatever way helps you connect to the Sacred. We believe you have a place in helping us build Christ's beloved community to serve as a healing presence for all.

-the People of St. Stephen's

THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Congregational responses are in bold print. Music is found in the 1982 Hymnal (Blue), or as Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP - Green) as indicated.

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Frank Perko III

WELCOME

(please stand)

OPENING HYMN

In The Midst of New Dimensions
(please see page 16 of this bulletin for hymn)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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,**

HYMNAL 1982 #S-278

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

(please see page 18 of this bulletin for hymn)

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(please be seated)

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kate Bradsen

(please stand)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Celebrant invites the people to renew their baptismal covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

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, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the renewal of vows and then sprinkles the congregation with holy water as a reminder of their baptism.

CELEBRATION OF RITE 13

(please be seated)

THE PRESENTATION

Sponsors:

We present to you Mayar Maulwel, Kymbrlee Rodasta, and Joseph Gideon, who this day leave behind childhood on their journey to adulthood.

Celebrant:

Dear People of God: the transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts. Today, we celebrate this gift with Mayar, Kymbrlee, and Joseph, as they begin their journey to adulthood. By the grace of God, you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood and have grown strong. Now, as young people journeying to adulthood, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Celebrities: I am.

THE PSALM READING

Celebrant:

Let us join with Mayar, Kymbrlee, and Joseph, and the other members of Rite 13 in reading a portion of Psalm 119. The congregation is asked to join in the antiphon.

Young People:

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
who seek God with their whole heart,

who also do no wrong,
but walk in God's ways.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.

Young People:

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.

Young People:

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

Blessed are you, O Lord;

teach me your statutes.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.

Young People:

I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts,

and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.:

THE PRAYERS FOR THE PARENTS

When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, too, these parents stand watching their offspring grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

O God, bless the parents of Mayar, Kymbrlee, and Joseph. Rejoice with them as their children begin the journey to adulthood; strengthen them that they may support these young people on their way; uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort their teenagers although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

THE CHARGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

As you journey beyond the circle of your family, you will need loyal friends. Will you walk together, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young People: We will.

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

(please stand)

As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God that spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with Mayar, Kymbrlee, and Joseph as they journey to adulthood?

Congregation: We will.

Will you guide, guard, and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

Congregation: We will.

THE BLESSINGS

Celebrant:

Mayar, Kymbrlee, and Joseph, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength, energy, and creative power of adolescence; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

The celebrities take turns kneeling. The parents and sponsors come forward and lay hands on their shoulders. The celebrant lays hands on the celebrity's head and says:

N, may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace, and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, rest upon you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(please greet those around you and be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *N.N.* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and the Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY *Toccata on "Amazing Grace"* arr. J. Christopher Pardini
We appreciate your generous support of our ministry and mission. No matter how much you have to offer, we hope you will take this time to offer your gratitude to God.
To offer by text, **text to 73256.** then **STSTEVE** in the body with your donation.

After the collection, the gifts are brought forward and all stand and sing:

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2*

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

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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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as 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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL 1982 #S-155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion. As the ushers direct, you may come forward to receive, standing or kneeling at the Altar Rail, or let the usher know you wish to receive Communion in your pew. If you need a gluten free wafer, fold your hands down or let the priest know. You may drink from the common cup or intinct (dip) your wafer. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

(please see pages 14 and 15 of this bulletin for hymn)

(please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

THE BLESSING

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies, be upon you and all you love and pray for this day, and forevermore. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Siyahamba

(please see page 17 of this bulletin for hymn)

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Frank Perko III

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED LEAD TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers	Dalton Fox, Rafael Roman
Acolytes	Rebecca Kim, Talia Kim, Tessa Kim
Readers	John Lanning, Jane Olbricht, Donne Puckle
Altar Guild	Joan Earnhart, Jill Goforth
Tech Team	Megan Bradley, Drew Bradley
Vestry	Jean Burkhart
Money Counting	Jan Dunn, Cindy Stoeber

THE SUNDAY MORNING NEWS

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Confirmation Class

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, April 9-May 7

This class is designed for adults who are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. We will learn about the church's history, tradition, liturgy, and polity...and prepare for confirmation on May 18th. Please register on realm or let Reverend Kate know you're planning on attending.

Grace and Glory Bible Study

Thursdays at 1:30pm

This group meets ongoing via ZOOM using the Church's Daily Online Noontime Prayer link <https://ststephensaurora.org/daily-noontime-prayer> and in person at the St. Stephen's Aurora Library. This is now a verse-by-verse bible study of all the Gospel of Mark, using "The Message" and NRSV Bibles. We use as a study guide, loaned to the class by the church, "Focus on Mark" by Robert L. Schwenk. For more information contact Ariel Strickland.

Emerging Worship

Sunday, May 19th at 4:00pm

Join us for an informal worship service featuring Spanish music and guitar, interactive prayer stations, discussion, and communion. Help us continue to discern what worship might best serve our wider community.

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 5th

Join us in celebrating our high school graduates and praying for them as they continue their journey!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 5th (approximately 11:30am)

Join us as we update the church on our strategic plan and finance. We will also share stories about what we love about St. Stephen's as we imagine ways to welcome more people into our wonderful community.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE or GIVE

Mother's Day Flowers

Consider making a donation in honor of your mother or mother figures. You can write your donations on an envelope, fill out a flower form, or note online. **We need to receive your donation by Sunday, May 5th.**

Summer Camp Planning/Training

Saturday, May 4th at 10:00am

All those interested in volunteering are invited to come learn about our schedule, curriculum, meal planning, and next steps in preparing for summer camp.

Help with May 4th Movie Showing!

If you would be available to help with set up or clean up for the May 4th movie (set up at 12 noon), or would be willing to bring a snack for the reception that follows, please sign up near the bulletin boards or reach out to Reverend Kate.

Serve at St. Clare's Ministry

Tuesday, May 7th or June 4th

Located at St. Peter's and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, downtown Denver. Join a group from St. Stephen's as we visit this ministry which serves weekly meals to those who are unhoused or experiencing poverty. Volunteers help serve food, and staff the clothing closet where people can get toiletries and other basic necessities. We carpool from the church at 3pm and are usually back by 7pm. If you have questions please reach out to Jan Dunn.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday School and Jr High Youth Group

1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 9:00am

An educational opportunity for preschool and elementary aged children, with Bible study, activities, and games. Our 6th - 8th graders also meet at this time for Bible study and faith formation.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP AT ST. STEPHEN'S!

Saturday, May 4th at 1:00pm

Celebration of Women's Ordination/"Philadelphia 11"

Join us for a screening of the "Philadelphia 11", a documentary about the first women ordained into the Episcopal tradition 50 years ago! The movie will be followed by a panel discussion with women from across the last 50 years of ordination, with a light reception to follow. The event is free and open to the public. Free-will offerings are welcome and appreciated.

Sunday, May 19th at 10:00am (Pentecost)

Celebrate the birth of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will also welcome new members to our congregation and enjoy a potluck after church, with food representing our diverse cultures and heritages.

June 3-7 (8:30am-3:30pm)

Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs

Join us for a fun filled week of camp for ages 3-12. This camp includes music, arts, and other fun activities. Meals and snacks provided. Cost is \$5.

Register here:



Sunday, June 30th at 4:00pm (Organ Concert and Choir Fundraiser)

"Stars and Pipes Forever"

This will be a don't miss summer event, so get it on your calendars now! Our new Director of Music and Administration, (and concert organist), will perform an organ concert featuring many of our most beloved patriotic songs and tunes. The Canterbury Choir will also be a part of singing in the concert, and in addition, the audience will also have the opportunity to sing along in some of our nation's most treasured patriotic music. After the concert we'll enjoy a reception with good old-fashioned hot dogs and goodies. This concert is open to the public so bring your friends and family. A free-will offering will be taken, as a fundraiser to the Canterbury Choir and the music program.

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my

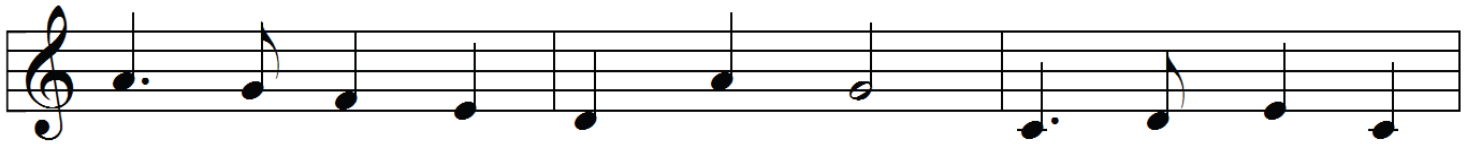
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heart. _____ heart. _____

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1. In the midst of new di - men - sions,
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple,
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed
 4. We are man and we are wo - man,
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions



in the face of chang - ing ways, who will lead the
 war - ring fac - tions and de - spair, who will lift the
 by our own self - seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your
 all per - sua - sions, old and young, each a gift in
 cause us to with - draw in pain, may your blaz - ing



pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
 glo - bal vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

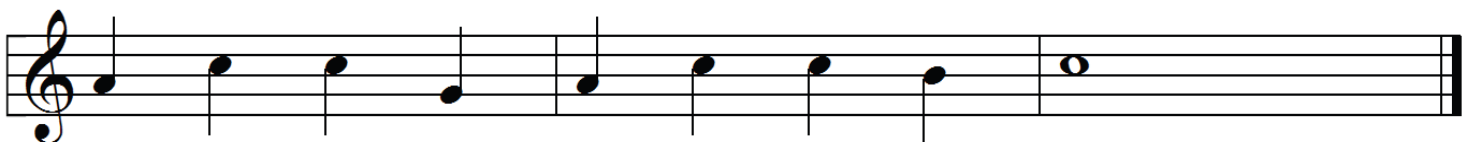
Refrain



God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,



we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er,



now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

76 We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

Siyahamba

Refrain

we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos'.

We are sing - ing, Oh we are
Si - ya - ham ba, Oo si - ya -

We are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

we are
si - ya -

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sing - ing for the Lord is our light. <i>hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos.</i>	We are our light. <i>Si - ya - kwen - khos.</i>
sing - ing for the Lord is, for the Lord is our light. We are our light. <i>hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen, kha - ny - en' kwen - khos. Si - ya - kwen - khos.</i>	
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*marching/praying

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 MUSIC: Zulu melody; adapted and original verses by Hal H. Hopson (1933-)
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SIYAHAMBA
 Irregular

3. We are moving in the power of God.....
4. Siyahambe kukhanyen kwen khos.....
5. We are singing for the Lord is our Light.....

Jesus Loves Me

C G C F C

1 Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so!
 2 Je - sus loves me, he who died heav-en's gate to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;

G C F C G C

Lit - tle ones to him be - long: they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 he's pre-pared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see.

Refrain
C F C G

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F C G7 C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

WORDS: Anna B. Warner (1820-1915), alt.
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

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