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 The Sanctuary Choir



11 am Worship
November 30, 2025

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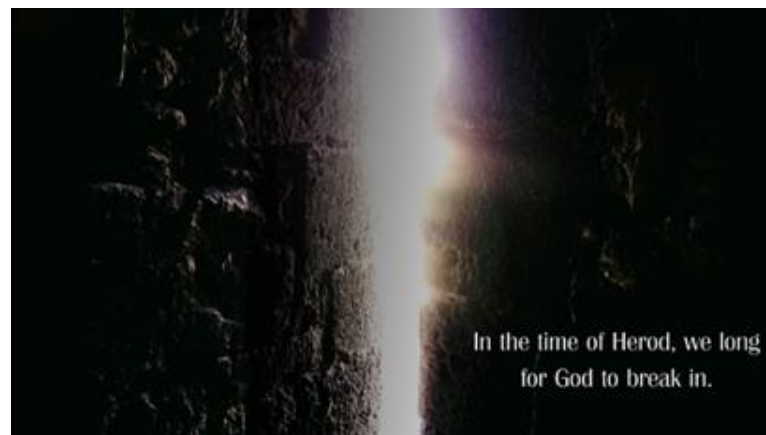


Next Sunday, December 7

9 & 11 am sanctuary worship; 11 am Parables worship
 Communion and Faith In Action Food Drive.
 See the blue bin (in the lobby) for the donation list.

This Week

Sunday	10:15 am	Advent Craft
Monday	6:30 pm	Parent Group
		Hometown Holiday Rehearsal
	6:45 pm	Monday Night Bible Study
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Messy Church Leadership
	7 pm	The Quiet Center
Thursday	1 pm	Women's Advent Study



In the Time of Herod,
We Long for God to Break In
Scripture: Luke 1:5–13
Lamentations 3:55–57

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Order of Worship

We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

Gathering Music

Prelude *Sing Unto God*

Welcome

All: We are a vibrant, intentionally inclusive, justice-seeking faith community.

Candle Lighting - Hope

Leader: *Whether it's Sunday or Monday,
whether our day feels awesome or tough...*

All: God, we're here, and we're listening.

Leader: *In the morning when we wake up,
and at night when we're sleepy...*

All: God, come close to us.

Leader: *Here in this room, and everywhere we go...*

All: Surprise us with your love.

Fill this place with good news and hope.

Leader: *In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?*

**All: We see hope when we look at kids
and young people growing and learning.**

**We feel hope when we come together—
right here, right now.**

**We know hope deep inside us
when we imagine a world that's kinder
and more loving.**

Leader: *That's so true. Even when things feel hard
or uncertain, hope is still shining all around us.*

Today we light the candle of Hope.

*As the flame begins to glow, may it remind us
that God's light can never be put out.*

*Hope is here—with us, within us,
and all around us.*

(Light Candle)

All: With joy, we sing, we worship, we pray.

Opening Carol

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
red hymnal #196

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, sometimes we really want to feel you close to us.
We want to know you're here,
even when the world feels messy or hard.
But we admit that we rush around a lot. We get distracted.
Our hearts wander off in a hundred directions.
Please forgive us when we forget to slow down.
Help us take a deep breath
and remember you're right here with us.
Just like in the days of Herod,
and even on the longest, darkest nights—
you never leave us. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: *Family of faith,...*

Hear and believe the good news this Advent season:

All: Nothing can keep God's love away.

We are seen. We are forgiven.

We are not alone. Amen.

Anthem

Whispering Hope

Scripture and Message

Response in Song

In the Time of Herod
see next page

Community Prayer

Sending Song

Christ, Be Our Light
see next page

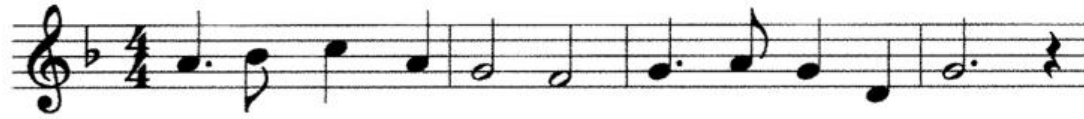
Sending Music

In the Time of Herod

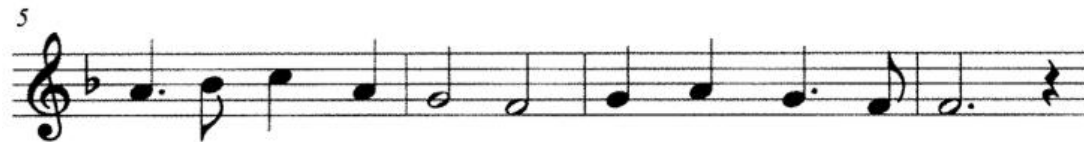
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Words by Anna Strickland, 2025

Music by Gustav Holst, 1906



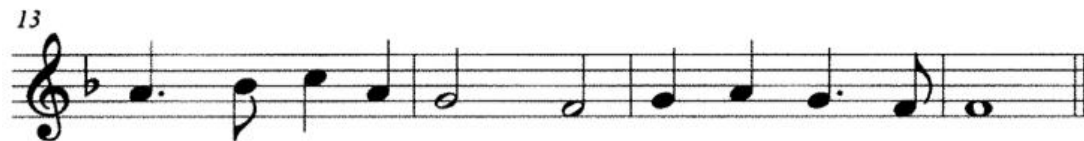
In the time of Her - od, fear had ta - ken hold
Thick as fog the fear grew, slow - ly creep-ing in
Pierc-ing through the stra - tus comes the an - gels' song
In the time of Her - od, fear has ta - ken hold



Hope was bur - ied deep and hid - den, rare as gold
Day by day the peo - ple bent and drew with - in
"Do not fear!" rings hol - low when we've feared so long
Still we share a long - ing for a glimpse of hope



Or - di - na - ry peo - ple dared not speak a - loud
With the clouds so hea - vy, who could see the stars?
Still in the re - cess - es of our wea - ry souls
Or - di - na - ry peo - ple shout the truth we trust:



Dreams of the Mes - si - ah break-ing through the clouds
Hope - less-ness had trapped them, strong as pris - on bars
Some - thing is a - wak - ened— could it be our hope?
God will stop at no - thing to be here with us

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

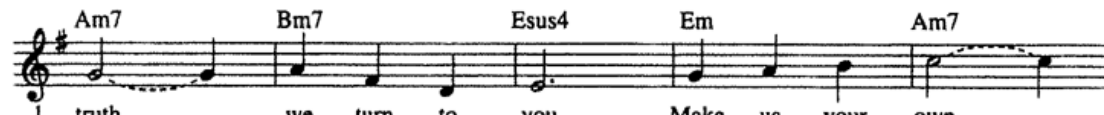
VERSES (♩ = ca. 132)

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus4 Em



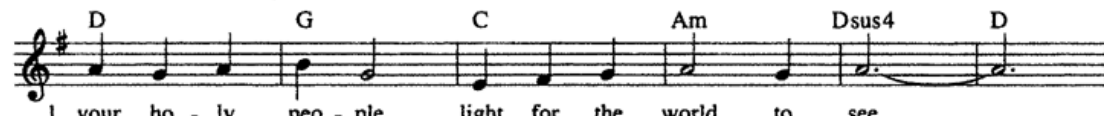
1. Long - ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2. Long - ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3. Long - ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus4 Em Am7



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus4 D



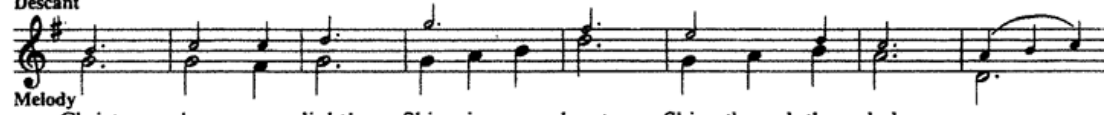
1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. —
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. —
 3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed. —
 4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone. —
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. —

REFRAIN

G C G Em Bm Em Am7 D

Christ, be our light! Shine out through the dark, shine! —

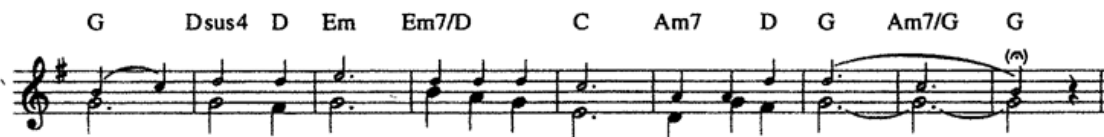
Descant



Melody

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

G Dsus4 D Em Em7/D C Am7 D G Am7/G G



Christ, — be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. —