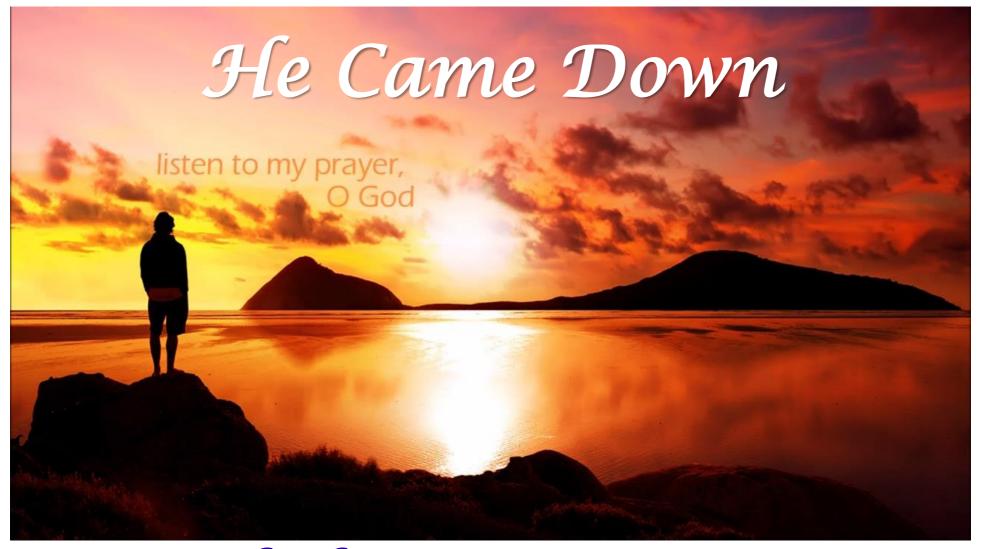
Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023



Book of Common Praise 368

He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have love.

Hallelujah forever more!

He came down that we may have peace He came down that we may have peace He came down that we may have peace

Hallelujah forever more!

He came down that we may have joy. He came down that we may have joy. He came down that we may have joy.

Hallelujah forever more!





Greetings and Announcements:
Rev. Rob Henderson





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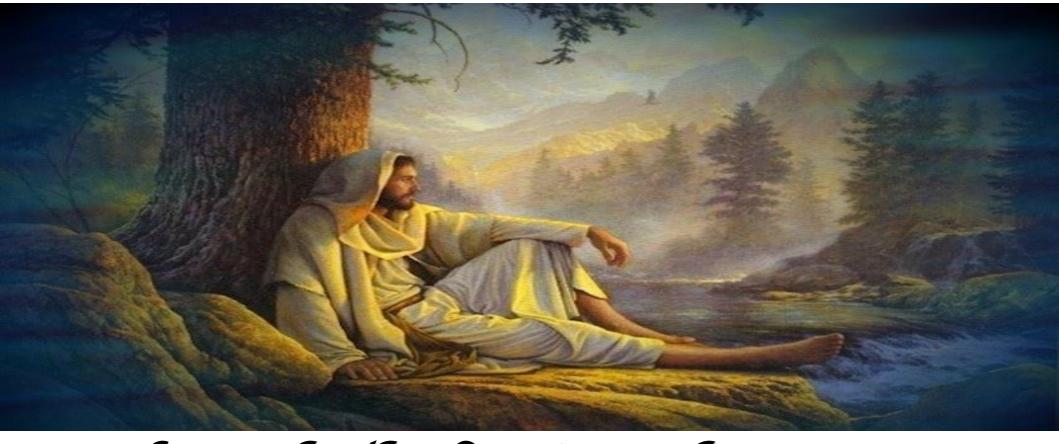
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"Our eyes rest on you, O God, Anointing your kindness."

Wait For The Lord, Whose Day Is Near



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart.



I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say Book of Common Praise 508

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus and I drank Of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus and I found In him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk Till travelling days are done.



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.



Glory Be to the Father

Chorus

Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Spirit, All Glory to our God.

We praise you, we bless you, We give you thanks. We praise you for your Glory. We praise you, we bless you, We worship you, O Lord, our God!

Chorus

Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Spirit, All Glory to our God.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Son of God.
You are One with the Father,
Receive our prayer.

Chorus

Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Spirit, All Glory to our God.

You alone are the holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God.

Chorus

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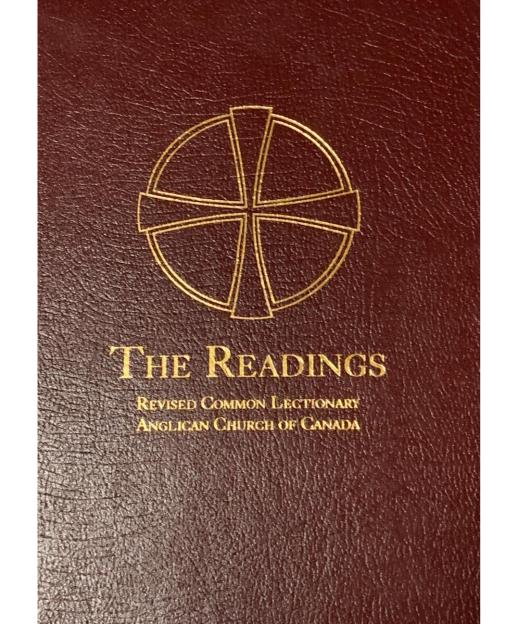


We say together the Collect for today:

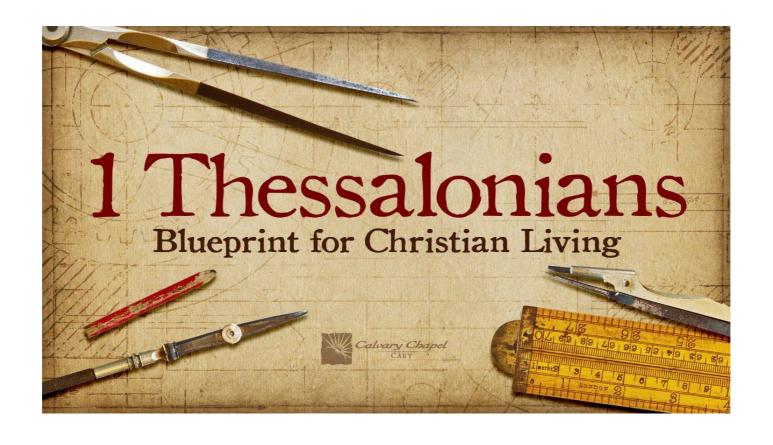
Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy;

through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



The Proclamation of the Word



A Reading From The First Letter Of Paul To The Thessalonians (5:1-11)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security,"

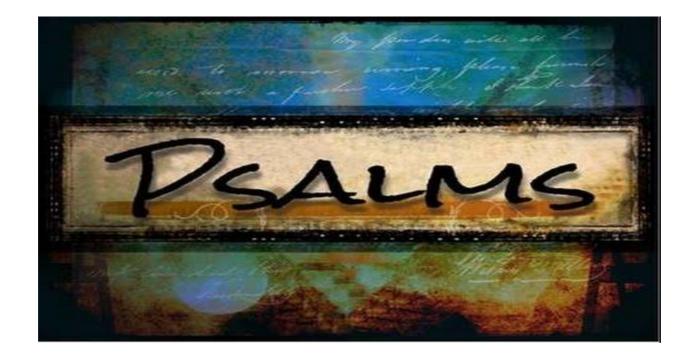
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 123 (George Black Psalter)

Refrain:

"Our eyes rest on you, O God, Anointing your kindness."

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

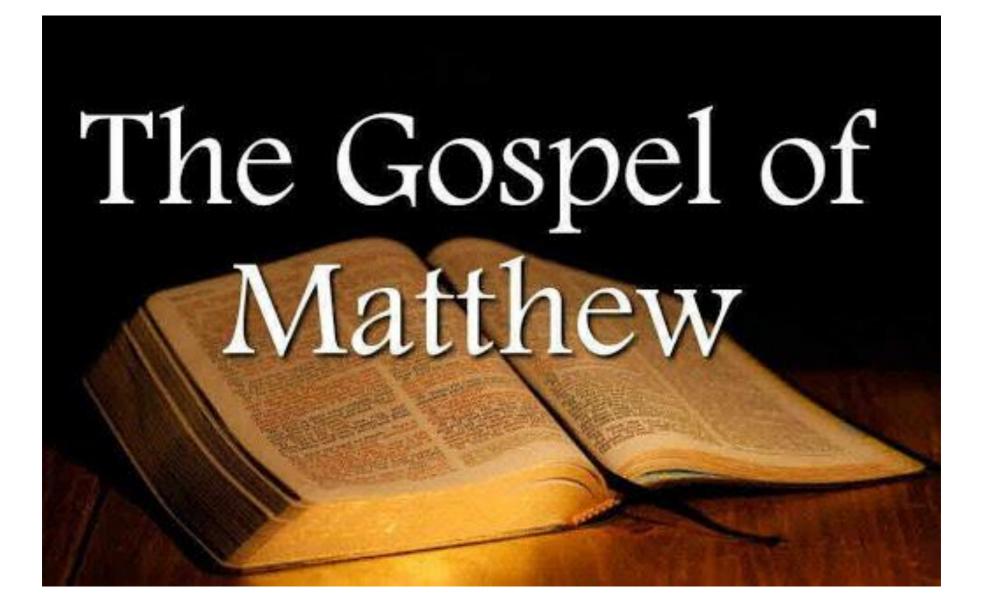
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Psalm 123

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Our eyes rest on you, O God, Anointing your kindness.





Verse 1

Santo Santo Santo Mi corazon te adora! Mi corazon te sabe decir Santo eres Senor

Verse 2

Holy Holy Holy My heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to hear Your word; You are Holy Lord.



All stand for the Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading From The Gospel of Matthew



Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Homily By John Biro

The Parable Talents

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.



25th Sunday after Pentecost – Year A

In confidence and trust, let us pray that God's will be done here, and throughout the world that God loves by saying:

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for the church. For Todd our bishop, the Diocese of Huron, all who serve the will of God and all who follow in the way of Jesus. Draw your church together O Lord into one great family as a sign of your love on earth. In your mercy.

We pray for the leaders of the nations and for our elected officials in our community. That they may give priority to peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and create policy that supports the most vulnerable among us.

We pray for an end to war and conflict. We pray for the middle east, Ukraine and all areas of our world where there is conflict today. O God our healer, restore the injured, comfort the mourning, be present to the fearful.

We pray for our community and neighborhood. Keep us mindful of the needs around us and give us open hearts to respond to the needs outside our doors.

As a praying community, we hold up those on our parish prayer list, especially today we pray for: Maisie, Solange H., Terry, Cavell, Karen C., Dan, and Philip W. Lord in your mercy.

As we prepare to meet our risen Lord at the holy table, prepare our hearts to be fed with holy things so that we might better be ready to serve. Thank you, Father, for all your gifts to us, to this parish community and to all of your good creation.

We know we are loved by you, help us to respond in kind to others in that same unconditional love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; **God welcomes sinners** and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: we confess

that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. People:

Confession & Absolution 4/4



Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Change My Heart, O God

We are the clay
You are the potter
We are all the work of Your hands

Isaiah 64:8

Chorus

Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.

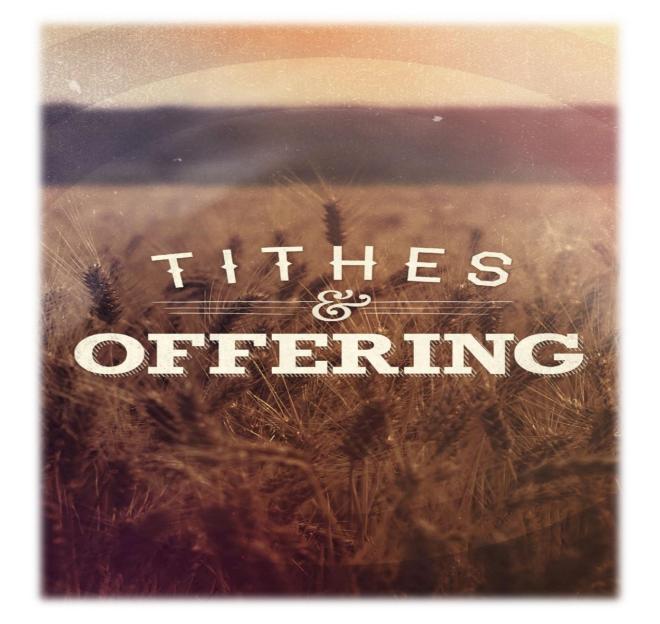
Repeat

Verse 2

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; This is what I pray. **Change my heart, O God;** Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.



Receiving the gifts of money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church.



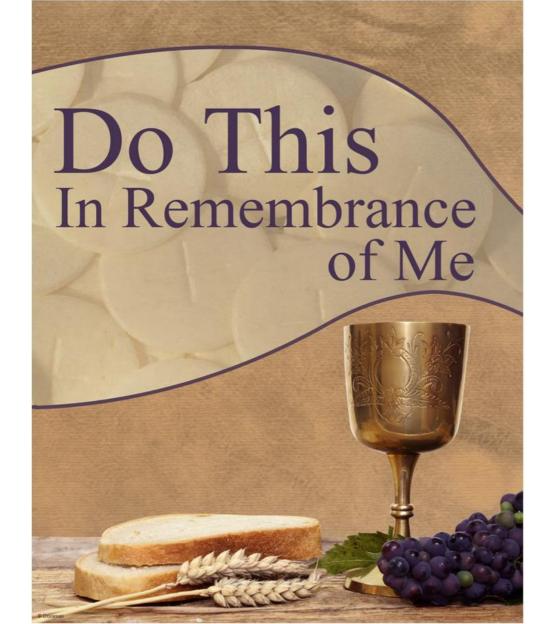


The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Liz Stanley in memory of her dear friend, Flo Baird.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Eucharistic Prayer # 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: wonderfully you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants **Abraham and Sarah** gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
God of Power and Might
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna on high.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna, Hosanna on High.

Holy God, source of life Celebrant: and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,

our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death;

By raising him to life you give us life forever more.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, Celebrant: proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.



The Lord's Prayer (Landry)

Cantor: Let us pray to God our Father in the way Jesus taught us to pray:

All: 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.

The Lord's Prayer-1/2

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 Yours is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory, Now and for ever-



Breaking of The Bread #1

Celebrant: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!





Cantor: Lamb of God,
You take away
the sins of the World,
have mercy on us.

All: Lamb of God,
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ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE, IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.

Please allow personal distance when approaching to receive the sacrament.

If you do not wish to receive the wafer, please cross your arms in front of your chest to receive God's blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn





Wait For The Lord, Whose Day Is Near

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart.

(Repeat)



We Say Together the Prayer After Communion: **Gracious God, in this sacrament we** have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.



THE BLESSING



Wind Upon The Waters Book of Common Praise 408

Wind upon the waters, Voice upon the deep, Rouse your sons and daughters, Wake us from our sleep, Breathing life into all flesh, Breathing love into all hearts, Living wind upon the waters of my

soul.

Wind Upon The Waters-1/5

Showers from the heavens, Water from the earth, Gift so wholly given, Source of every birth, Joy of every living thing, Making all creation sing, Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul. Wind Upon The Waters-2/5

Rock and hill and garden, Wood and desert sand, Prairie, field, and meadow, Shaped by Love's own hand, Love that fills the world around, Springing up from barren ground, Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Wind Upon The Waters-3/5

Blazing light of wonder, Flame that pierces night, **Burst the dark asunder,** Fill our souls with light. Lord of glory, fill the skies, Make an end to hatred's cries, Be the blazing sun of justice in our

lives.

Wind Upon The Waters-4/5

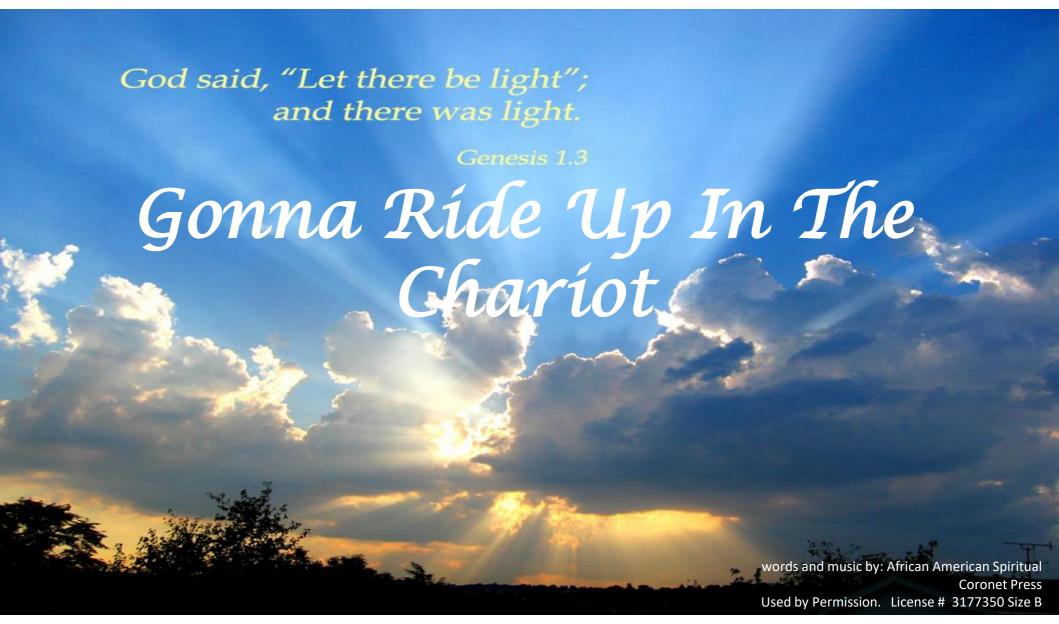
Wind upon the waters, Rains upon the sand, Grace your sons and daughters, Newborn by your hand. Come, O Spirit and renew All the life that comes from you, Send your winds upon the waters of

my soul. Wind Up



The Dismissal





Gonna ride up in the chariot, Soon in the morning, Ride up in the chariot, Soon in the morning, Ride up in the chariot, Soon in the morning, And I hope I join the band

(Repeat)

Chorus

Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, And I hope I join the band

Gonna meet my brother there (YES) Soon in the morning, **Meet my brother there (YES)** Soon in the morning, **Meet my brother there (YES)** Soon in the morning, And I hope I join the band

Gonna chatter with the angels Soon in the morning, Chatter with the angels Soon in the morning, Chatter with the angels Soon in the morning, And I hope I join the band

Chorus

Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, And I hope I join the band

(Repeat)



