
*RITE for
ENTRANCE into
the
CATECUMENATE
and of
WELCOMING the
CANDIDATES*

*From the ORDER
OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF
ADULTS*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Michael Poplar Springs
celebrated
Mount Airy, MD

10:30 a.m. in church will be live-streamed.

COMBINED RITES

1. Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate and of Welcoming the Candidates

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:30 a.m. Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Sign of the Cross

Dialogue with Those Entering the Catechumenate
and with Candidates for Post-Baptismal Catechesis

Gathering Song

"Our God Is Here"

Chris Muglia

Breaking Bread Book, number 301

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Verses

1. Here in this time, here in this place,
2. Here in the Word, God is re-vealed,

1. here we are stand - ing face to face. Here in our hearts,
2. here where the wound - ed can be healed. Here in our hearts,

1. here in our lives, our God is here.
2. here in our lives, our God is here.

1. Here for the bro - ken, here for the strong,
2. Here we be-come ——— what we re-ceive,

1. here in this tem - ple we be-long. Here in our hearts, —
2. here in this Eu - cha - ris - tic feast. We are his bod -

1. ——— here in our lives, our God is here.
2. - y, liv - ing as one; our God is here.

Refrain

And we cry: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly are
you!" We cry: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly and
true!" A - men, we do be-lieve our God is here.

(Repeat last time)

Our God is here. 2

Catechumens' Initial Commitment

Candidates' Declaration of Intent

Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly

Musicians sing,

"We praise you, O God, for our faithful love.

We praise you, O God, for all that you do."

ALL REPEAT

"We praise you, O God, for our faithful love.

We praise you, O God, for all that you do."

Signing of Those Entering the Catechumenate and of the Candidates with the Cross

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Song for CLOW Dismissal-10:30

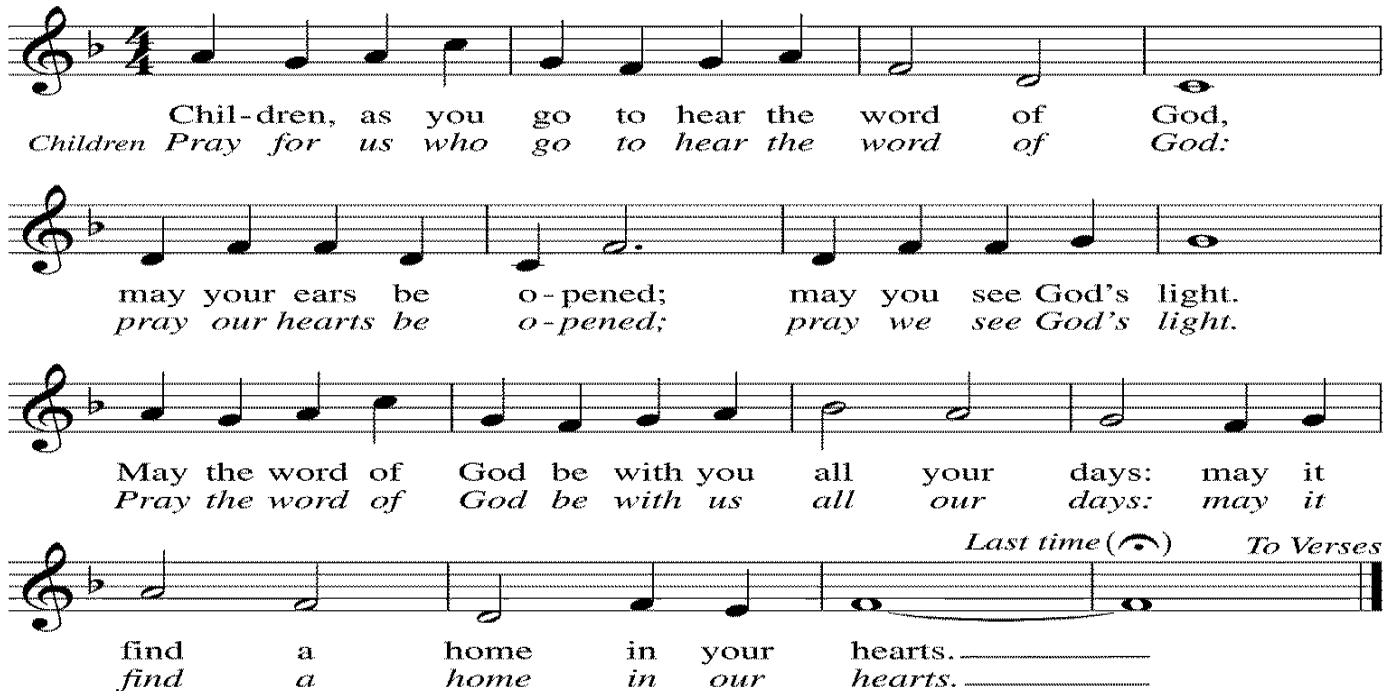
"The Word of God"

M.D. Ridge and Timothy R. Smith

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REFRAIN



Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,
Children Pray for us who go to hear the word of God:

may your ears be o-pened; may you see God's light.
pray our hearts be o-pened; pray we see God's light.

May the word of God be with you all your days: may it
Pray the word of God be with us all our days: may it

Last time (☺) To Verses
find a home in your hearts. _____
find a home in our hearts. _____

First Reading

Malachi 3: 19 – 20a

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:

“The Lord Comes to Rule the Earth with Justice”

Timothy R. Smith

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℟. The Lord comes to rule, the Lord comes to rule the earth with jus-tice.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12

Gospel Acclamation

from “Mass of Renewal”

Curtis Stephan

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Gospel

Luke 21: 5 - 19

Homily

Presentation of the Gospels

Intercessions for the Catechumens and the Candidates

Dismissal of the Catechumens

All Sing

"We Send You Forth"

Sterling Pickard

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Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

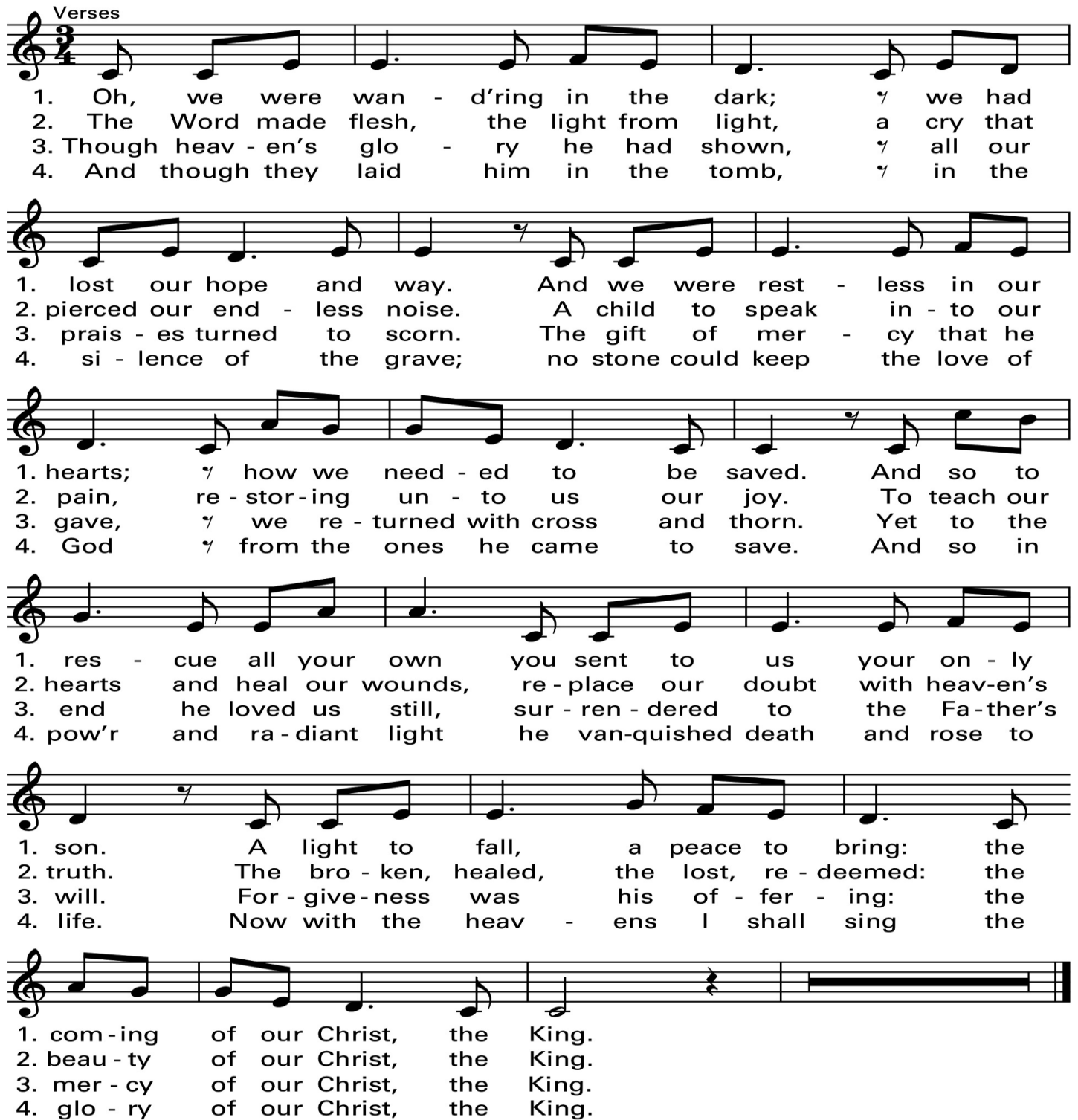
“Hymn to Christ the King”

Sarah Hart, Josh Blakesley, Sarah Kroger, Ike Ndolo

Breaking Bread number 715

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Verses



1. Oh, we were wan - d'ring in the dark; ♪ we had
 2. The Word made flesh, the light from light, a cry that
 3. Though heav - en's glo - ry he had shown, ♪ all our
 4. And though they laid him in the tomb, ♪ in the

1. lost our hope and way. And we were rest - less in our
 2. pierced our end - less noise. A child to speak in - to our
 3. prais - es turned to scorn. The gift of mer - cy that he
 4. si - lence of the grave; no stone could keep the love of

1. hearts; ♪ how we need - ed to be saved. And so to
 2. pain, re - stor - ing un - to us our joy. To teach our
 3. gave, ♪ we re - turned with cross and thorn. Yet to the
 4. God ♪ from the ones he came to save. And so in

1. res - cue all your own you sent to us your on - ly
 2. hearts and heal our wounds, re - place our doubt with heav - en's
 3. end he loved us still, sur - ren - dered to the Fa - ther's
 4. pow'r and ra - diant light he van - quished death and rose to

1. son. A light to fall, a peace to bring: the
 2. truth. The bro - ken, healed, the lost, re - deemed: the
 3. will. For - give - ness was his of - fer - ing: the
 4. life. Now with the heav - ens I shall sing the

1. com - ing of our Christ, the King.
 2. beau - ty of our Christ, the King.
 3. mer - cy of our Christ, the King.
 4. glo - ry of our Christ, the King.

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamations from MASS OF RENEWAL

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“Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

“Memorial Acclamation”

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-
rec-tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

“Great Amen”

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a melody with a repeat sign and first/second endings. The lyrics are written below the staff.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Communion Antiphon

“Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe”

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

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The Lord sits as King for ev - er. The
Lord will bless his peo - ple with peace.

The musical notation is in 6/8 time, key of D major. It features a melody with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Communion Song

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Bernadette Farrell

Breaking Bread 518

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Verses



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



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



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



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



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

Prayer after Communion

Prayer for Vocations

**Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.**

**Help us to grow in the Love and Service
of our Church as we experience it today,
and give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit
to shape its future.**

**Grant us faith-filled leaders,
who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice.
Bless the Parish of St. Michael Poplar Springs,
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons,
and Lay Ministers.**

**Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts to hear Your call.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

"The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns"

ICH GLAUB AN GOTT/Melvin Farrell

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to three different versions of the song. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. The King of Kings, Christ Je - sus reigns The Lord of
2. E - ter - nal King, Christ is God's Word From end - less
3. O ris - en King, you light the way To heav - en's

1. ev - 'ry na - tion; In lov - ing wis - dom he or - dains The
2. ag - es spo - ken; En-fleshed on earth, his voice was heard And
3. glo - rious por - tal; If in our hearts your truth has sway, We

1. course of all cre - a - tion! } Christ, we a - dore you! Christ,
2. Sa - tan's might was bro - ken! }
3. too have life im - mor - tal! }

1-3. we im - plore you: Christ, keep us ev - er be - fore you!