

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany—February 4, 2024—10am

### + **Gathering** +

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

#### **Prelude**

Chorale on "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"  
by J.S. Bach

#### **+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

# + Gathering Song

# ELW # 787 "On Eagle's Wings"



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

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Leader or All  
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4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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## + Greeting

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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.**

## + Prayer of the Day

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## +Word+

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

### First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Let us sing Psalm 147, verses 1 through 11 and 20c responsively by verse as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.



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- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!
- <sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,**  
**and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number | of the stars**  
**and calls them all | by their names.**
- <sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,**  
**but casts the wicked | to the ground.**
- <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,
- <sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds**  
**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow**  
**up- | on the mountains.**
- <sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.
- <sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,**  
**and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**
- <sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love.
- 20c | Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### + Gospel Acclamation

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The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Song of the Day

"Great Is the Lord"

Great Is the Lord

Words & Music by  
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith



Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His love.\_\_\_\_



Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true, by His mer - cy He proves He is love.\_\_\_\_



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now



lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord!\_\_\_\_\_



Great are You, Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great are you, Lord, and



wor - thy of praise. Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:



Great \_\_\_\_\_ are You, Lord!\_\_\_\_\_ Great \_\_\_\_\_ are You, Lord!\_\_\_\_\_

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## **+ Apostles' Creed**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

**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.**

**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.**

\* universal

## **+ Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

## **+ Peace**

## +Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### Offering

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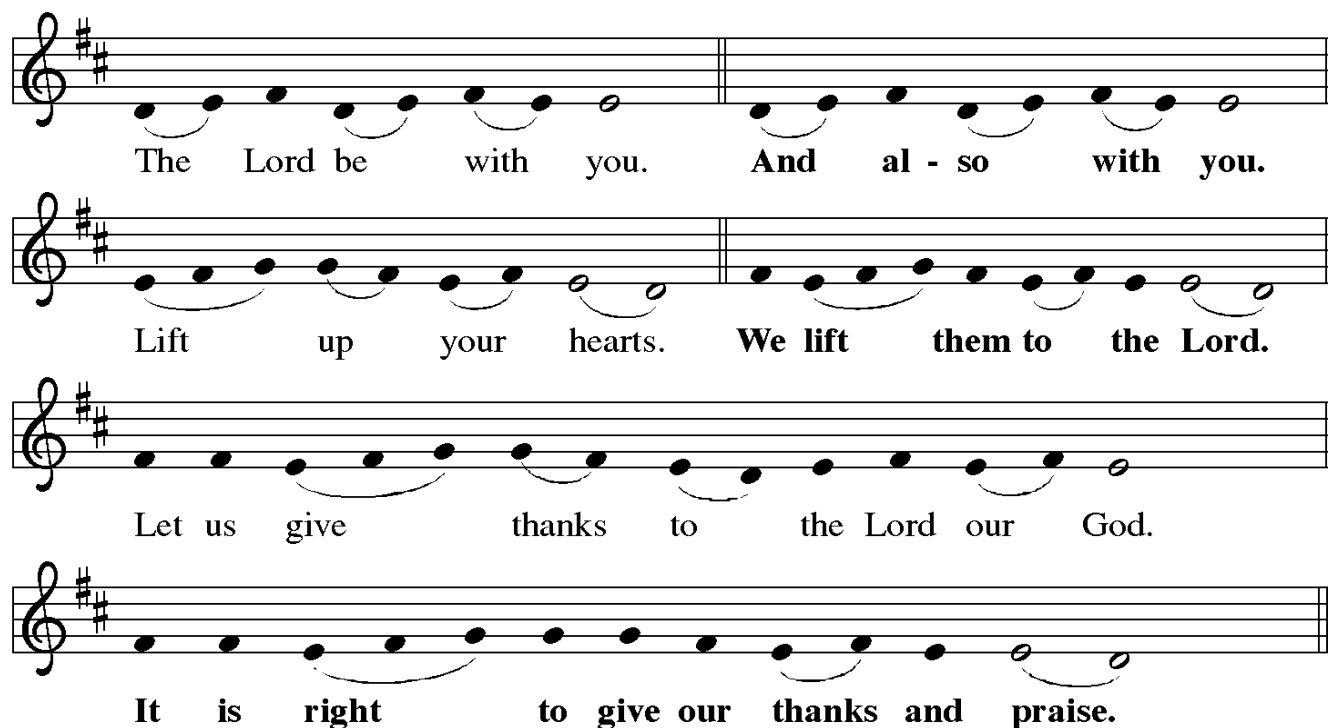
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### + Offering Prayer

### + Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

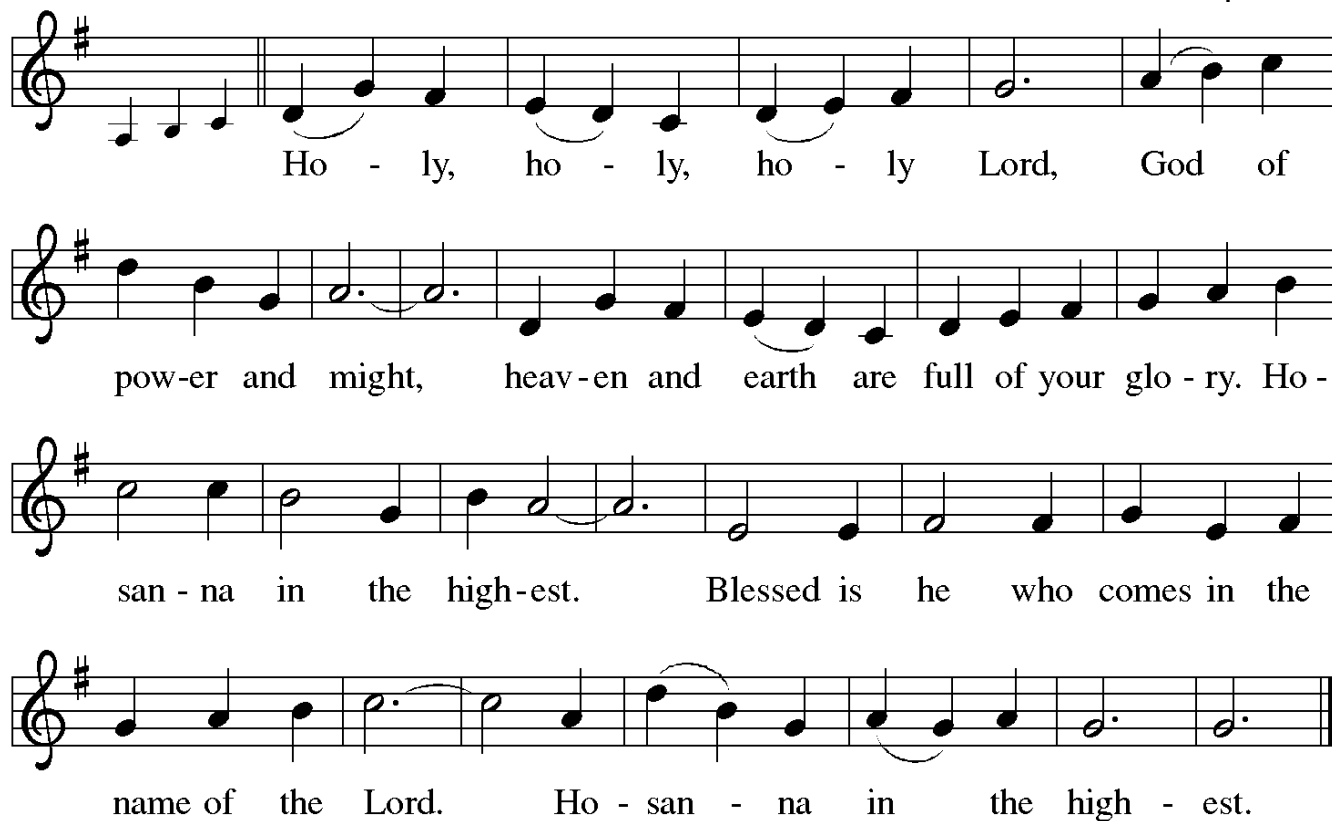
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### + Proper Preface

## + Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## + Thanksgiving at the Table (X)

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## + Lord's Prayer

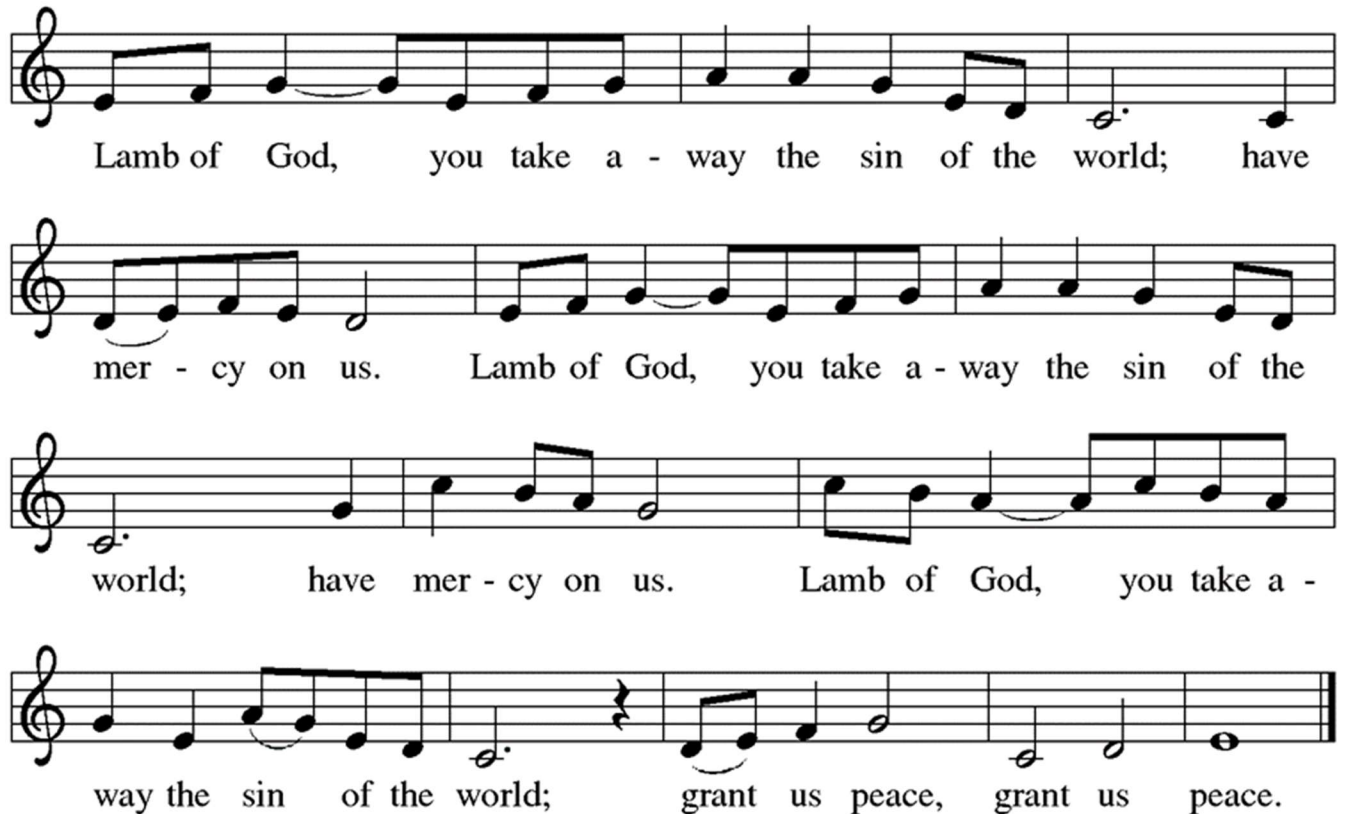
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**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## + Invitation to Communion

### Agnus Dei

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

### **Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## + Table Blessing

## + Prayer after Communion

### + Sending +

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

## + Blessing

## Announcements

## + Sending Song

“Our God” (see next page)

## + Dismissal

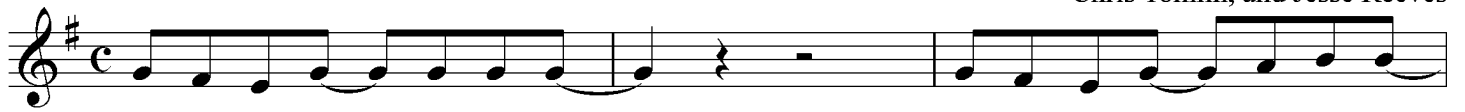
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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# Our God

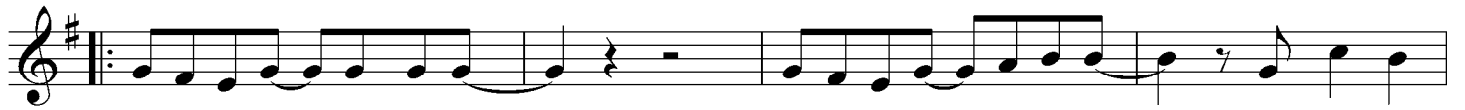
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Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,  
Chris Tomlin, and Jesse Reeves



1 Wa-ter you turned in - to wine,\_\_\_ o-pened the eyes\_\_ of the blind;



\_\_\_ There's no one like You, none like\_\_\_ You.



2 In-to the dark-ness You shine,\_\_\_ out of the ash - es we rise;\_\_\_ There's no one

*Refrain*



like You, none like\_\_\_ You. Our God is great - er,



our God is strong-er; God, You are high-er than an - y oth - er. Our God is heal - er,



awe-some in pow-er, our God,\_\_\_ our God.---



3 And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us, and if our God is with us



then what could stand a - gainst?\_\_\_ And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us,



and if our God is with us then what could stand a - gainst?\_\_\_



Then what could stand a - gainst?\_\_\_

*To Refrain*

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