

St. James Worship Service



19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Serving Today

Minister

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Today's Music

730	<i>Lord our God, with Praise We Come</i>
714	<i>O God of Mercy, God of Light</i>
715	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i>

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730

Lord our God, with Praise We Come

**1. Lord our God, with praise we come
before you.**

**Let all nations humbly now implore you.
May we endeavor to praise you ever,
and ceasing never,
may we forever adore you.**

**2. God is God, though lands were all
forsaken.**

**God is God, though all by death were
taken.**

**Although all races had left no traces,
in starry spaces**

God's love embraces creation.

**3. Vales and hills shall move from their
foundations;
heav'n and earth shall crash in
consternation;
mountains transcending will have their
ending.
Then Christ descending
shall bring unending salvation.**

Text: Peter Dass, 1647-1707; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881-1959, alt.

714

O God of Mercy, God of Light

**1. O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.**

**2. You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you.**

**3. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
to feel for those his blood has bought,
that ev'ry deed and word and thought
may work a work for you.**

**4. For all are kindred, far and wide,
since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide,
to love them all in you.**

**5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.**

**6. And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.**

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

715

Christ, Be Our Light

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Made us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong,
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.**

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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