

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 22, 2023

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Here I Am, Lord”

M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
who makes all things new, and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O Holy One,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves.

Our feet have not followed in your path and

our hearts have turned away from you.

Forgive us that we may be reconciled to you and one another

and teach us to walk in the light of your grace. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus who says,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

Know that you are forgiven of your sins,

and that you are freed to love God and serve your neighbor.

May the Light of Christ guide you now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

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GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your lovingkindness surrounds us. Call us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in

the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian. (Isaiah 9:1-4)

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

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 (Read responsively)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,

be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,

you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,

O God of my salvation!

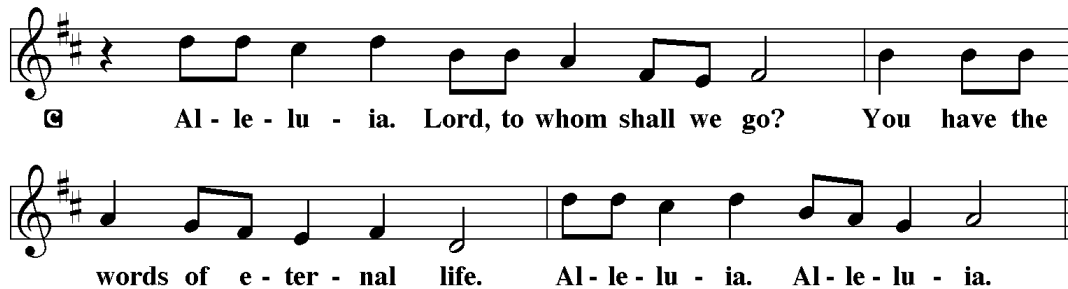
A READING FROM FIRST CORINTHIANS

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (Matthew 4:12-23)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”
[See back of bulletin]

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Read in unison)

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 into hell.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth in ways which are sustainable. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, face abuse, or are isolated. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Build up the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect and inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us. Help us to follow them in faith and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8 AM)	“Aria”	L. Vinci
ANTHEM (10:30 AM)	“Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come”	H. Willan
OFFERTORY HYMN	“Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord”	



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts. With them, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

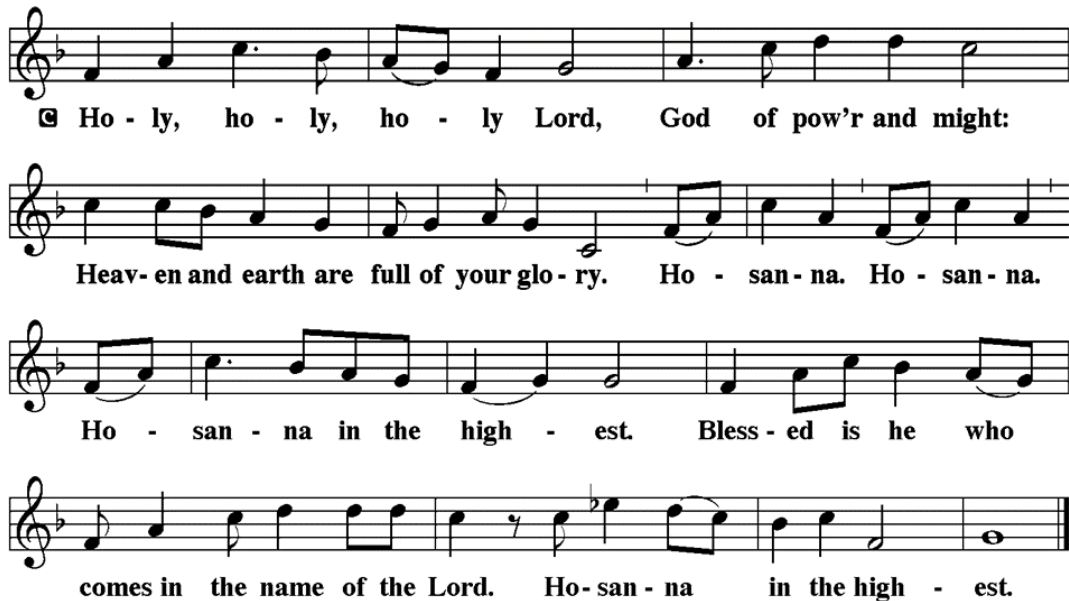
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ 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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

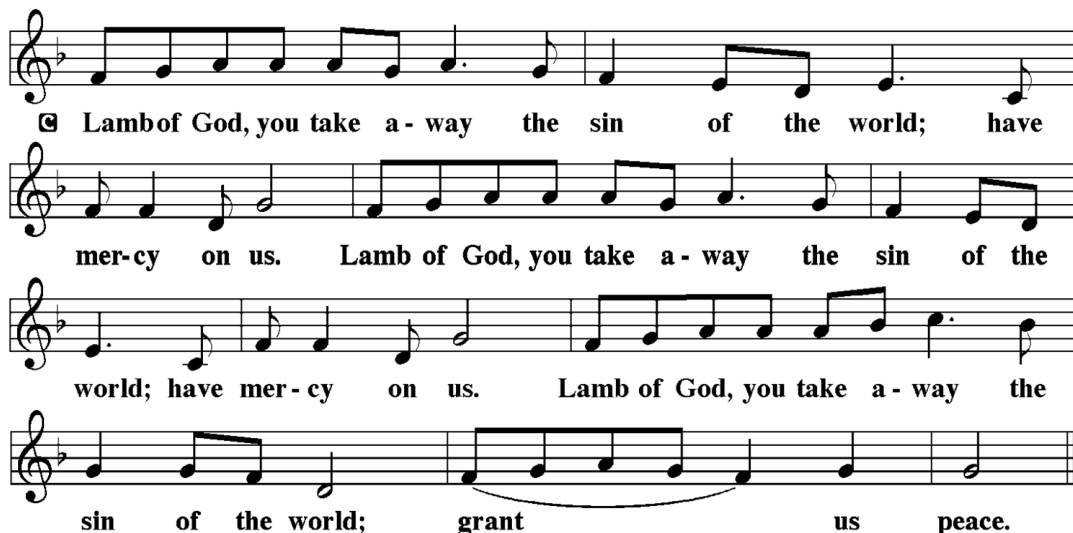
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in unison)

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;
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 thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pew.

AGNUS DEI



♩ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”
[See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”
[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“The Call to Serve”

F. Ritter

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Introduction to the Day: In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as the Son of God suffers for us. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Altar flowers are presented in memory of Elaine Kamp by Tina and Scott Butler, and Alexandria and Victoria Spitler.

OPEN POSITIONS ON CHURCH COUNCIL

During our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2023, we will vote to fill three (3) open positions on our Church Council. If you are an active member and would like to learn more, please contact Council President Doug Travor, any Council member, or Pastor Mike.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 22	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday
Monday, January 23	6:30 PM	Property
Tuesday, January 24	6:30 PM	SSCC at St. Paul's, Summer Hill, PA.
Wednesday, January 25	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, January 28	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, January 29	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (1/22/23)

8:00 AM

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Connie Teter; LECTOR: Bill Smoot

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (1/29/23)

8:00 AM

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Gwen Wehr; LECTOR: Becky Smoot

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Bill Smoot

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

GATHERING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children ages 1 to 10 years old will continue every second Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us on Sunday, February 12th, for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. You can also call/text/email me with questions or to volunteer. Sarah Eger: (570) 394-3522 (cell); swoodring86@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, February 12, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. In case of inclement weather, our annual meeting will be held on the following Sunday, February 19. Members should mark their new calendars for this important meeting!

GIVING STATEMENTS

Members who use their envelopes to contribute to the ministry of this congregation can pick up their 2022 Giving Statements in the narthex TODAY. Statements which are not picked up, will be sent to members via U.S. Mail. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Financial Secretary, Wayne Lutsey, at: cwlutsey@gmail.com or by telephone: 570-617-9617.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me”:
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

CRAFTER’S GUILD

The first gathering of the new Crafter's Guild of St. Paul's will be held Saturday, January 28th from 3-5pm at the home of Kristin Durkee, 1097 Grove Street, Orwigsburg. All crafters or people interested in learning a craft are welcome! Depending on the turnout and the interests, we will be working on making earrings, bookmarks, and quilts. We also have a great craft planned with painted ornaments.

If you can't make this get-together, you can still make plans to join in future gatherings. The Crafter's Guild will always be interested in donations of items for the crafts, too. At this time, the Guild would love quilt batting and thread.

Please see Kristin Durkee or Amy Dewald with any questions or suggestions!

COMMUNION HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

CHILI & SOUP-ER BOWL SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will host a Chili & Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale on Saturday, February 11, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. “on the Square.” Our soup will be \$7/quart or 3 quarts for \$20 and chili will be \$8/quart or 2 quarts for \$15. Come for great chili, tasty homemade soups, and many delicious baked goods.

SENDING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.