

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

### Preparation for Worship in God's Name

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,  
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

Loving God, the source of strength and peace: Take from us all that inhibits the flow of your Spirit; break down the walls that separate us; with hands of compassion, wash away our fear, resentment, and hardness of heart; enable us to become centered and still, aware of your presence here and now, to heal and to transform. We pray in the spirit of Christ the Healer. Amen.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” *Standing, all who are able.*



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand;  
let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through;  
death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side;



bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

—Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.  
Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932)

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

**KYRIE ELEISON** *Remain standing; everyone sings responsively with the cantor.*



—Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943–2015)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Exodus (14:19–31).

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 114



—Setting: Jerome Webster Meachen.

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## SECOND LESSON

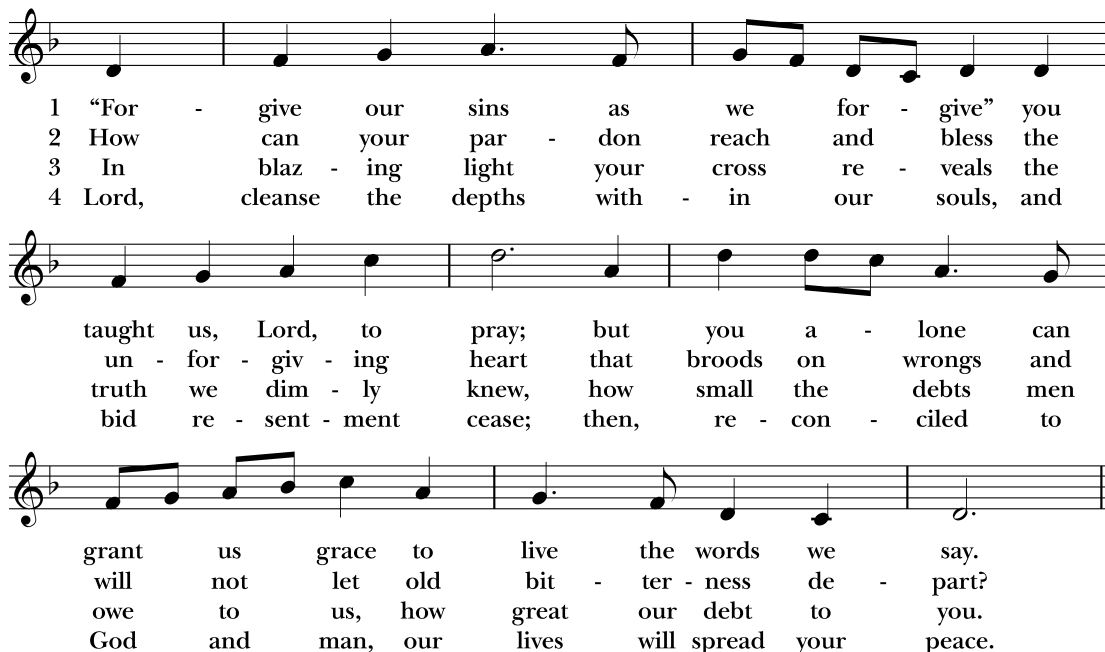
A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1–12).

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Forgive our sins as we forgive” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give” you  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

—Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987). By permission of Oxford University Press.  
 Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820

## GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:21–35).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Laura Airhart and Erin Patrick for Children’s Chapel.  
They will return at the Peace.*

## SERMON

*A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.*



**CREED** *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that be,  
2 We be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-fied;  
3 We be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond-ing all the saints with-in



Mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, keep-er of the sky and sea.  
tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied, True Life there had tru-ly died.  
one church catho-lic, one church ho-ly, where for-give-ness frees from sin;



We be-lieve in God's Son Je-sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bo-dy's res-sur-rec-tion, for the break-ing of death's chain



of the Spir-it and of Mar-y, born to bring a-bun-dant life.  
then as-cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come a-gain to save.  
gives the life that's ev-er-last-ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Remain standing.*

Leader: We remember in our prayers today the joys and concerns of this congregation: those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners who have asked our prayers, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray for:

**BEN and SARAH**  
Alford/Sheppard  
**ED Archer**  
**ANNE Bender**

**J.D. & PEGGY Bradley**  
**BEVERLY Burns**  
**PETER Calvert**  
**DAN Conrad**

**GAIL Cox**  
**MARY Davis**  
**CONNIE & GEORGE**  
DeWitt

**DANA & DEWELL**  
Downey  
**KAREN Downing**  
**DOUG Emblar**

*(continued)*

JOE Harrison	BILL & MARCIA Power	ALVIN Richards	DENISE & ROGER
MARGE Hudson	MEGAN Quigley	TOM Schlitt	Tibedo
ANN McClain	MARILYN Randall	SHAROLYN Sprigg	ALICE & FRED Wegmann
KENT Parish	KRISSA Randolph	REBECCA Stapleton	MICHELLE Welsh
FISHER Patrick	LIZ Rea	LO Starck	and
ALLAN Philp	NANCYE Reeder	ALISA Ternes	GRADY Williams

Leader: O God, your unfailing love has been the source of our strength, leading us through troubled waters and calling us to lives of forgiveness and grace. In response to that call, we pray for this world that you so love, saying: “God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.”

Leader: For the universal Church—that it may be an instrument of your love, forgiveness, and grace: God, in your mercy,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For the global community—that we would learn to live for each other in peace and cooperation, and share collective responsibility. God, in your mercy:

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For our nation—that we may enjoy our liberties with humility and strive for justice for the least among us. God, in your mercy:

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For our local community—that we may be attentive and responsive to the needs of our neighbors. God, in your mercy:

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer in their minds, bodies, our souls—wrap your arms around them in love and help us, your Church, to be responsive to their need.

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For those who have died—that they may know the fullness of your grace in everlasting peace and joy. God, in your mercy:

People: Receive our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant: O God, your unfailing love has been the source of our strength, leading us through troubled waters and calling us to lives of forgiveness and grace. In your infinite love, you have had pity on us and heard our cries. Receive now our prayers and help us to be open to the movement of your Holy Spirit, that we may be channels of your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.*

All: Most merciful God,  
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 neighbors 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 on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

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

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

## Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

With a Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this  
and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

—Words: and Music: Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

HYMN “With gratitude and humble trust” *Standing; everyone sings.*

3. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i - ty.  
O thou who gav - est us thy - self in Je - sus Christ thy Son,  
help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

—Words: Frank von Christiernson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 3.)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For through your Son Jesus Christ you have forgiven us a debt that we could not pay, and you have called us as your children, brothers and sisters of one another, to forgive each other, and to live together as a faithful people, dependent on and giving of your grace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Everyone sings:*

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

—Setting: From *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, 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 stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

*Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
 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.  
 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,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

## INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.  
 Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you,  
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound” *Everyone sings.*

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

—Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.;  
 st. 5 from *A Collections of Sacred Ballads*,  
 Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831



HYMN “Be Not Afraid” *The cantor sings the verses; everyone sings the refrain.*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live. **Refrain**



If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown,  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. **Refrain**

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked ones insult and hate you, all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you! **Refrain**

—Words and Music: Bob Dufford, SJ.

**DOXOLOGY** *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -  
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly  
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body  
and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

**BLESSING** *Remain standing.*

HYMN “O Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

O Ma - ry, don't you weep, don't you mourn, O Ma - ry, don't you

weep, don't you mourn; Pha-raoh's ar - my got drown - ded, O Ma -

*Fine* *Leader*

- ry, don't you weep. 1. One of these morn - ings bright and fair,  
2. When I get to heav-en goin' - a sing and shout,  
3. When I get to heav-en goin' - a put on my

*All*

goin' - a take my wings and cleave the air;  
ain't no - bod - y there goin' - a turn me out; Pha-raoh's ar -  
shoes, goin' - a run a - bout and spread the news;

*D.C.*

- my got drown - ded, O Ma - ry, don't you weep.

—Words and Music: *O Mary*, African-American Spiritual, arr. William Farley Smith (1941–1997)

## DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY



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