

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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

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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 16, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

## Holy Eucharist

### Preparation for Worship in God's Name

*Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.*

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

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

O God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you. Help us so to know you that we may truly love you; and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou give - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

—Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839;  
adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877)

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

*Choir*

1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.  
2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to Christ Je - sus!  
3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to the Spi - rit!

*All*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to Christ Je - sus!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to the Spi - rit!

*Choir* *All*

To God be glo-ry for ev - er! To God be glo-ry for ev - er!

*All*

Al - le - lu - ia, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

—Setting: Traditional Peruvian

## 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, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (17:5–10).

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

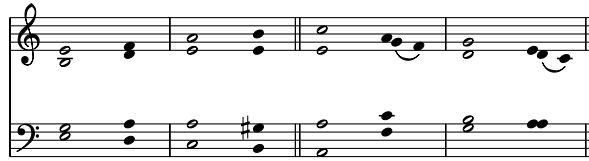
The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 *Everyone sings.*



—Setting: James Frazier (b. 1947)

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:12–20).

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “If thou but trust in God to guide thee” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

—Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.  
Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6:17–26).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Ann Backus 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: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: Jesus went through Galilee preaching and healing and showing compassion to those in need. As God comes just as much today to those for whom we pray, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Creator of all, look with favor upon the peoples of the world. In your mercy, give to all people the necessities of a life of worth and dignity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Ruler of creation, instill wisdom and understanding among the leaders of the nations. Guide them into ways of justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Receive our prayer.



Leader: Lord of the church, gather us all into one holy communion. Give us the courage to look to you alone as the source of our unity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Lord of all hopefulness, fill us with joy and wonder in all your works. Receive our thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Great Physician, bring your healing to all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; and for our parishioners who have asked our prayers:

ED Archer

CHIP Beets

PEGGY Bradley

DAVID & NANCY Cazalet

GAIL Cox

RON Dearolf

DANA & DEWELL Downey

DOUG Emblar

BEVERLY Guiler

ED Hochnedel

MARGE Hudson

FRANCIS Lloyd

ELLEN Lo-Curto-Martinez

ANN McClain

DON McConnell

TOM McConnell

NATALIE McNutt

MARCELLUS Mitchell

DALE Oakley

PAT Pagni

KENT Parish

BELLE Parman

ALLAN Philp

MARILYN Randall

JANE Reed

RARA Schlitt

DENISE Tivedo

SUE Wager

and

ALICE & FRED Wegmann

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Spirit of the living Christ, fill us with expectation and eager longing of that day when no one will suffer, but when all will be gathered together in heavenly joy and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Receive our prayer.

*Silence.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *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. *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.*

God Fashioned Love

God fashioned love and gave it as a gift  
For each to share and give again,  
That through all generations love might sift  
As wheat from chaff to make an increase of the best,  
That time and wind might have the rest.

God fashioned love and gave from heaven's store  
For each to share and give again,  
That through all generations love might pour  
As wine from water by a miracle can pass,  
That every hand might take the glass.

God fashioned love and gave it human cast  
For each to share and give again,  
That through all generations love might last  
As Christ is born in every child God gives,  
So love, though yet all die, shall live.

—Words: Linda Meuhlig 9b. 1951), alt.

Music: Carol Meuhlig, (b. 1947)

HYMN “A world in need now summons us” *Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.*

A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
to make our lives an of - fer - ing to God that all may live;  
the Church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
a world re - deemed by Christ like love, all life in Christ made new.

—Words: Frank von Christerson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 2.)

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 indeed right, for you made us, most Holy God. And before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

We praise you, O God, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. We praise you for his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness and restoring us forever to you. For these gifts we praise and worship you.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you. All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

*Everyone sings:*

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some triplet markings. The lyrics are: 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

—Setting: Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus gave thanks, took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me."

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor.

All: In these, Jesus has promised to be present;  
through these, Christ can make us whole.

Celebrant: We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

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:*

One bread, — one bo-dy, — one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. — — — — — And  
we, — — — — — though man-y — — — — — through-out the earth,  
we are one bo - dy in this one Lord.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff has a long rest for the lyrics '— — — — —'. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

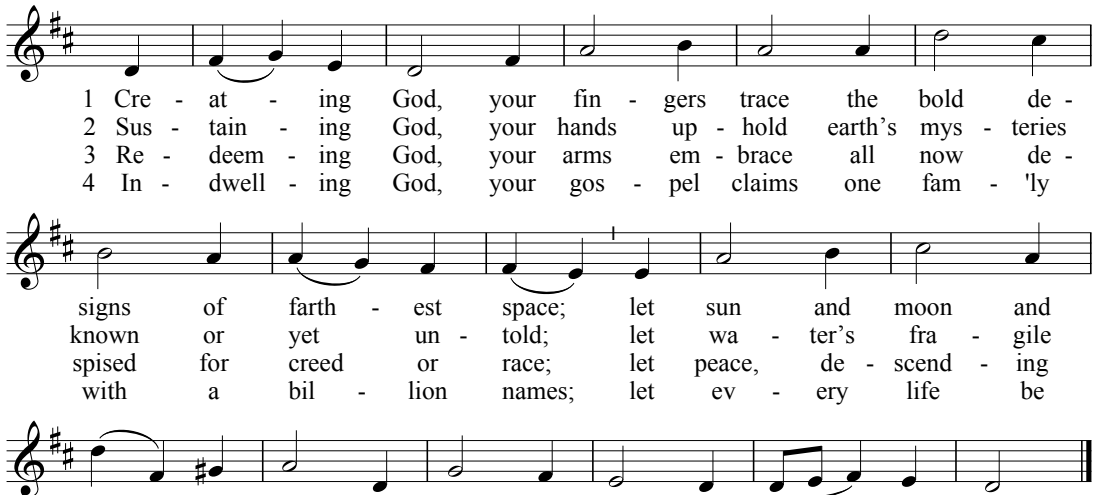
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## INVITATION

**Celebrant:** This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

## DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Creating God, your fingers trace” *Everyone sings.*



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line starting with a numbered list of four options (1-4) and the subsequent lines continuing the lyrics. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs.

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries  
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of farth - est space; let sun and moon and  
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile  
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing  
with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be

stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

—Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934), alt.

Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780

HYMN “Be Not Afraid” *Everyone sings.*

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**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two lines of the hymn: "Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways." The second staff contains the melody for the next two lines: "Come, fol - low me, and I will give you rest." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a hymn.

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 who are many are one body,  
People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

**BLESSING** *Remain standing.*

HYMN “Christ for the world we sing” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



1. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with lov - ing  
 2. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fer - vent  
 3. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one ac -  
 4. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joy - ful



zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 prayer; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 cord; with us the work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 song; the new - born souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

—Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)  
 Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY



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