

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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

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The Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 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.*

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Penitential Order

HYMN “Now let us all with one accord” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

—Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt.
Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

ACCLAMATION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: God's mercy endures for ever.

SENTENCE FROM SCRIPTURE *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All kneel, as able. 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.*

KYRIE ELEISON *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings responsively with the cantor.*

Cantor or Choir



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir



Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All



Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

—Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943–2015)

The Liturgy of the Word

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus (3:1–15).

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63:1-8 *Everyone sings.*



—Setting: James Frazier (b. 1947)

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (10:1–13).

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Come, ye disconsolate” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
 2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3 Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 Here speaks the com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 “Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure.”
 earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

—Words: Sts. 1–2, Thomas Moore (1779–1852); st. 3 Thomas Hasting (1784–1872)
 Music: *Consolation*, Samuel Webbe (1740–1816)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:1–9).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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.

NICENE CREED *Standing, all who are able.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: As we journey these forty days of Lent, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “O God, you have been our helper: and under the shadow of your wings we will rejoice.”

For your Church throughout the world, that its members may be bound together in your love and share your reconciling Word with all people. O God, you have been our helper:

People: And under the shadow of your wings we will rejoice.

Leader: For this nation and those with the responsibility of leadership, that they may be guided by the Christ of justice, mercy, and humility. O God, you have been our helper:

People: And under the shadow of your wings we will rejoice.

Leader: For the whole human family, that all might know the comfort of enough and be led by the Spirit in unity and peace. O God, you have been our helper:

People: And under the shadow of your wings we will rejoice.

Leader: For all for whom Knoxville is home, and especially for this community of Good Samaritan. We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays. May their faith be strengthened and your will for them made clear. O God, you have been our helper:

People: And under the shadow of your wings we will rejoice.

Leader: For those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom we know to pray: for all whose lives are devastated by poverty, injustice, instability, disease, or disaster, and for all those facing adversity; for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; for our parishioners whom we now name, those we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known to you alone; that they may experience your comfort and healing. We pray for...

ED Archer

CHIP Beets

PEGGY Bradley

DAVID & NANCY Cazalet

GAIL Cox

RON Dearolf

DANA & DEWELL Downey

DOUG Embler

BEVERLY Guiler

ED Hochnedel

BONNIE Honaker

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

THE STAPLETON FAMILY

DENISE Tibedo

SUE Wager

and

ALICE & FRED Wegmann

Leader: O God, you have been our helper:

People: And under the shadow of your wings we will rejoice.

Leader: For all those who have died, that they may rest in your eternal kingdom. O God, you have been our helper:

People: And under the shadow of your wings we will rejoice.

Silence is kept.

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.*

PEACE

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

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.*

Hear Me When I Call

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:

Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble.

Have mercy on me, and hearken to my prayer.

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Amen.

—Words: Psalm 4:1, 6

Music: Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

HYMN “Bread of the world” *Standing; everyone sings.*

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

—Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

Music: *Rendez a Dieu*, melody attr. Louis Bourgeois (1510–1561)

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

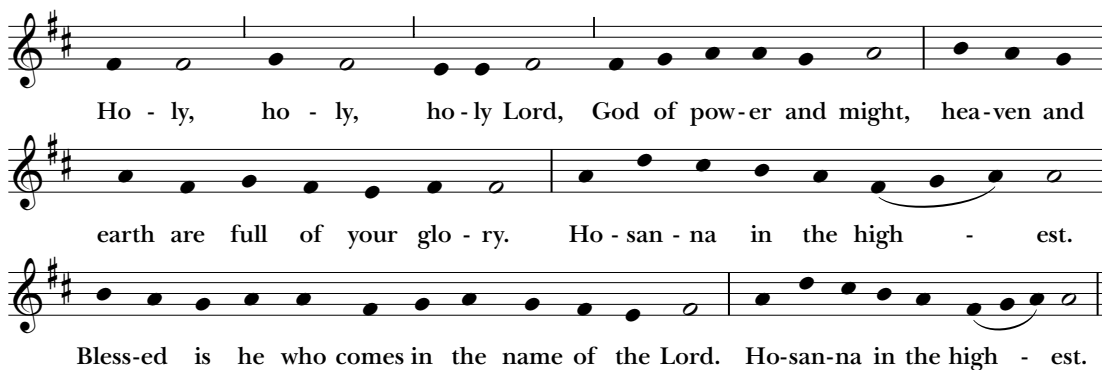
People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Everyone sings:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: AMEN.

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:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

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 “Sometimes a light surprises” *Everyone sings.*



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
3 It can bring with it no - thing but he will bear us through;
4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spread - ing hea - vens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
“Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may.”
and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his child - ren bread.
for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

—Words: William Cowper, (1731–1800), alt.

Music: *The Salley Gardens*, Irish folk melody, arr. Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

God, all creatures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern of chords.

heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The third system of music concludes the doxology. The treble staff melody ends with a quarter note and a half note. The bass staff accompaniment ends with a final chord. The system concludes with a double bar line.

—Words: Thomas Ken, (1637–1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

This ancient form of blessing is given during Lent:

Celebrant: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great
goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with always. *Amen.*

HYMN “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

—Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817).

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody;

first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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