

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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

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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025 + 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.*

Make us, O Lord our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of your Son
Christ our Lord; that when he shall come and knock, he shall find us not sleeping in sin,
but awake and rejoicing in his praises; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Hail to the Lord’s A - noint - ed, great Da - vid’s great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
5 O’er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blest:



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

—Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.
Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldwögelein*, German folk song;
adapt. and harm. *A Student’s Hymnal*, 1923,
after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

During the hymn, Jason & Michelle Bales place the cow and donkey in the stable.

ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God:

People: You come to your people and set them free.

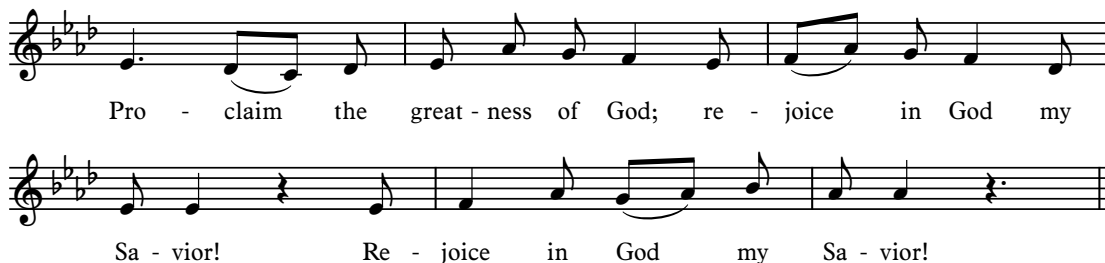
Celebrant: Behold, I send my messenger,

People: And he shall prepare your way before your face, hallelujah.

Celebrant: Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive; and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet we trust that God is never absent from us. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

RESPONSE “Magnificat”

The choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat:



Pro - claim the great - ness of God; re - joice in God my
Sa - vior! Re - joice in God my Sa - vior!

The choir sings:

1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed.

The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Antiphon

2. He favors those who fear his name, in every generation;

He has shown the might and strength of his arm, and scattered the proud of heart.

Antiphon

The choir sings: Proclaim the greatness of God! Rejoice!

—Setting: James Chepponis, para. of Luke 1:46–55.
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Isaiah (11:1–10).

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (15:4–13).

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” *Standing; everyone sings.*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 bid the fal - len sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.

—Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1–12).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Erin Keck 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 Spi - rit, 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 cath - o - 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 oon the third day, Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bo - dy's re - sur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spi - rit and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then a - scend - 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: *Greensleeves*, traditional English melody, adapted

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: As we yearn for the coming of Christ and the time when all of creation will be made new, let us pray, saying: Blessed be your glorious Name, O God; may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Leader: We pray for the Church throughout the world, that the work of her people might be a sign of God's hope to a broken world. Blessed be your glorious Name, O God;

People: May all the earth be filled with your glory.

Leader: We pray for the nation and all those who lead, that they may be guided by God's spirit of wisdom and understanding. Blessed be your glorious Name, O God;

People: May all the earth be filled with your glory.

Leader: We pray for the world, that the way of the Lord might be prepared for all to follow. Blessed be your glorious Name, O God;

People: May all the earth be filled with your glory.

Leader: We pray for the lowly and hungry throughout the world, that they may be assured of God's promise of mercy. Blessed be your glorious Name, O God;

People: May all the earth be filled with your glory.

Leader: We pray for those in our community marking celebrations, especially birthdays and anniversaries; 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; that the gift of this community may sustain us all. We pray for:

ED Archer

MARGE Hudson

RARA Schlitt

CHRISTINE Bell

FRANCIS Lloyd

THE STAPLETON FAMILY

BEVERLY Burns

LISA Martin

DENISE Tivedo

DAVID & NANCY Cazalet

NATALIE McNutt

IDALEE Vogel-Jackson

MARY Davis

PAT Pagni

SUE Wager

RON Dearolf

KENT Parish

ALICE Wegmann

DANA Downey

ALLAN Philp

MICHELE Welsh

DOUG Emblar

MARILYN Randall

and

BEVERLY Guiler

JANE Reed

GRADY Williams

BRONWYN Hogan

ERIN Sangster

Leader: Blessed be your glorious Name, O God;

People: May all the earth be filled with your glory.

Leader: We pray for all those who already rest in the eternal light of Christ, that we may one day join them in that place where the wolf and the lamb lie down together. Blessed be your glorious Name, O God;

People: May all the earth be filled with your glory.

Silence is kept for a space.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *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.*

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion,
The King is drawing near!
Amid the hills and valleys
A straighter way is clear.
Behold the King of Glory,
Foretold in ancient story,
Blest is the Christ who came,
In God's most holy name.

The wilderness will blossom,
The desert shall rejoice;
The blind eyes shall be opened,
The speechless given voice;
Before him on the mountains,
His mercy flows in fountains,
Blest is the Christ, who came,
In God's most holy name.

To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
He comes to break oppression,
To take away transgression,
Blest is the Christ who came,
In God's most holy name.

—Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019);
st. 3 James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697;

HYMN “New advent of the love of Christ” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war we per - ish as we
lose thee? From old un - faith our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
of thy peace by which a - lone we choose thee.

—Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt..

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une Pastourelle genétille,” 1529

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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Everyone sings:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of might,
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san - na in the high - est, 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, ho-san-na in the high - est.

—Setting: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, based on *Veni Emmanuel*
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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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:

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

—Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

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.

COMMUNION TRAINING CLASS

Camden Minor, Logan Noffke, and Robin Noffke have completed this year's Communion Training Class. They are joined by their families at the Altar at the beginning of Communion today, in celebration of this milestone.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Comfort, comfort ye my people” *Everyone sings.*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

—Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.
 Music: *Psalms* 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514–1572)

ADVENT DOXOLOGY “All praise, eternal Son, to thee”

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.

All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple
free, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, whom with the Fa - ther we a -
dore, and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

—Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. C.W. Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler, (1806–1876); alt.
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

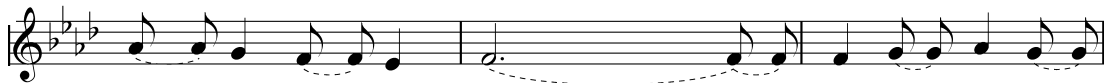
May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

HYMN "God is working his purpose out" *Everyone sings.*



1 God is work - ing his pur - pose out as
 2 From ut - most east to ut - most west, wher -
 3 March we forth in the strength of God, with the
 4 All we can do is noth - ing worth un -



year suc - ceeds to year: God is work - ing his
 ev - er foot hath trod, by the mouth of man - y
 ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the light of the glo - rious
 less God bless - es the deed; vain - ly we hope for the



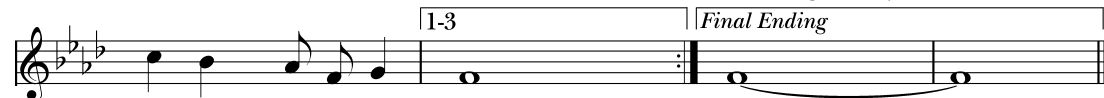
pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing near;
 mes - sen - gers goes forth the voice of God;
 gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the world:
 har - vest - tide till God gives life to the seed; yet



near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly
 give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, ye isles, give ear to
 fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their cap - tives
 near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly



be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 me, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 free, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God as the



wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 wa - ters cov - er the (sea.) sea.

—Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919), alt.
 Music: *Purpose*, Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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