CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 + 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.

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Amen.

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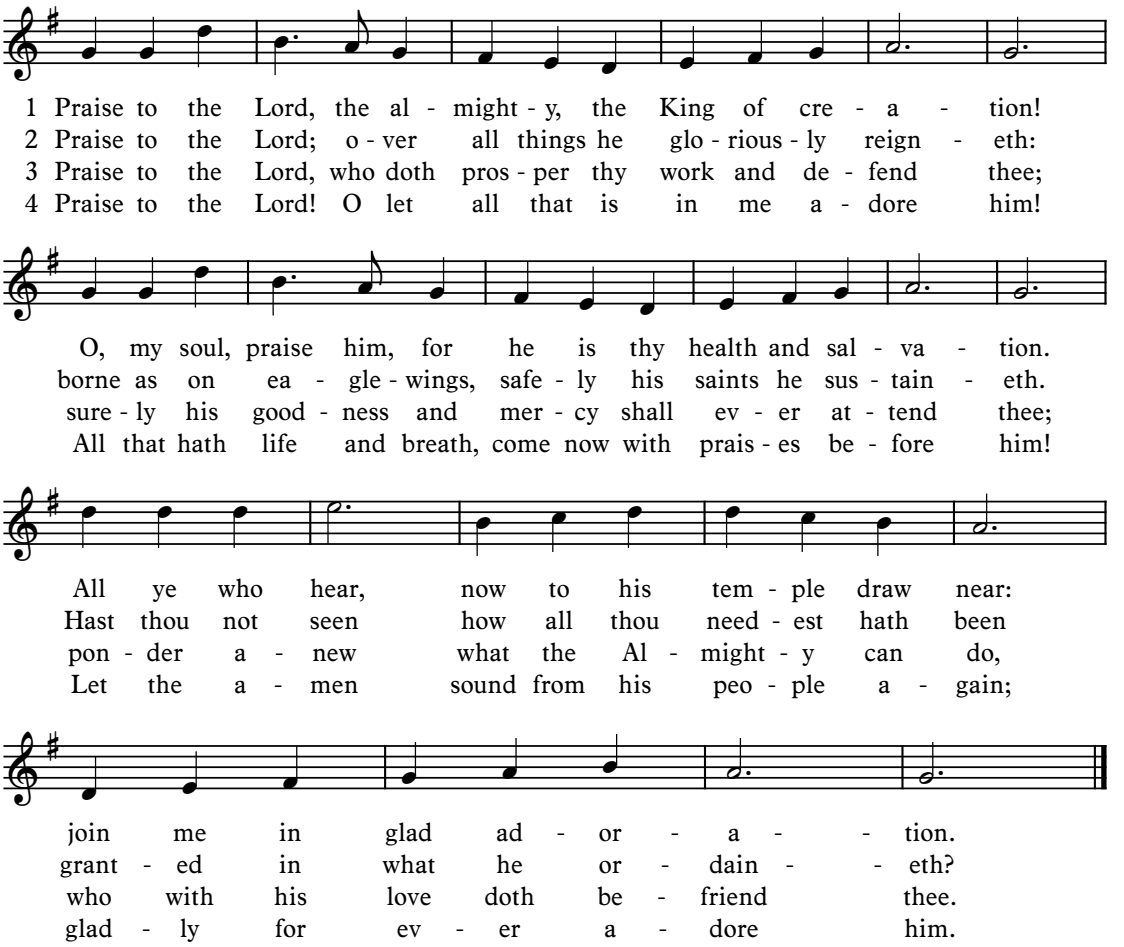
The Liturgy of the Word

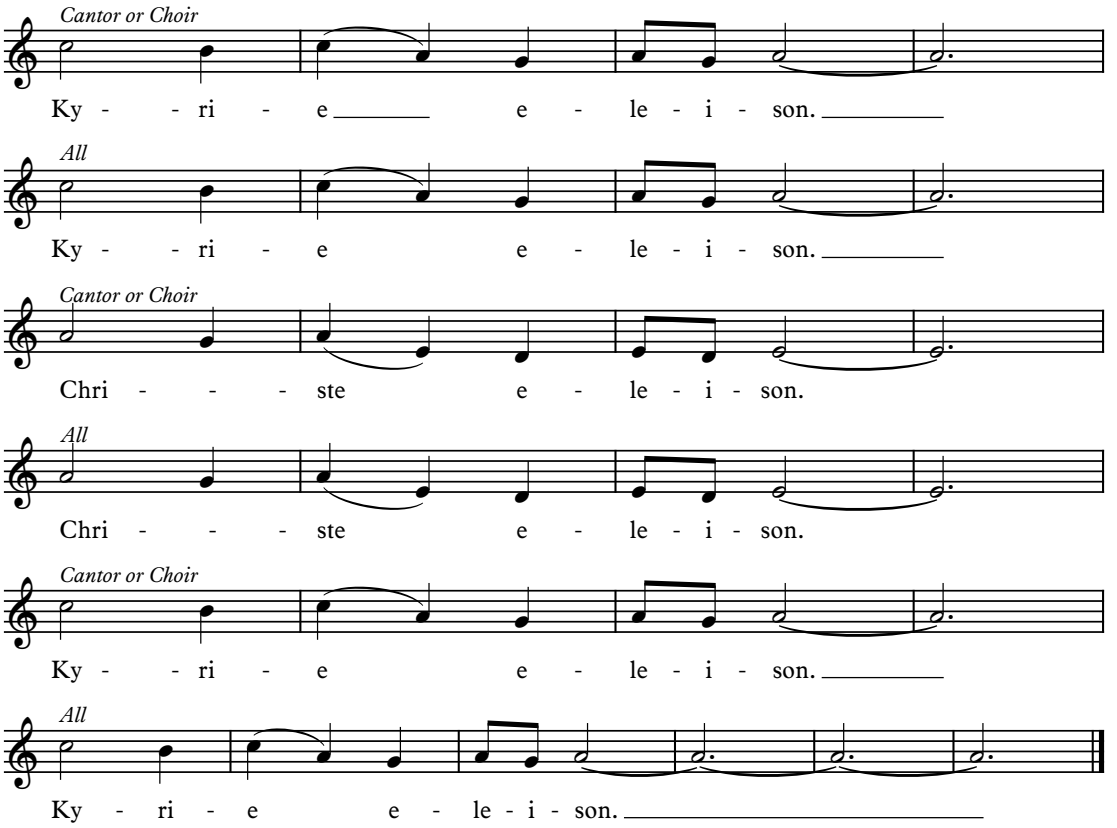
HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

—Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940,* alt.
Music: *Lobe den Herren,* melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch,* 1665

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.

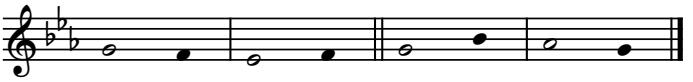
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may be continually given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Exodus (32:1–14).

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM 106:1–6, 19–23 *Everyone sings.*

—Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
  for his mercy endures for ever.
2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
  or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are they who act with justice *
  and always do what is right!
4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
  and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
  that I may glory with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned as our forbears did; *
  we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
  and worshiped a molten image;
20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
  for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

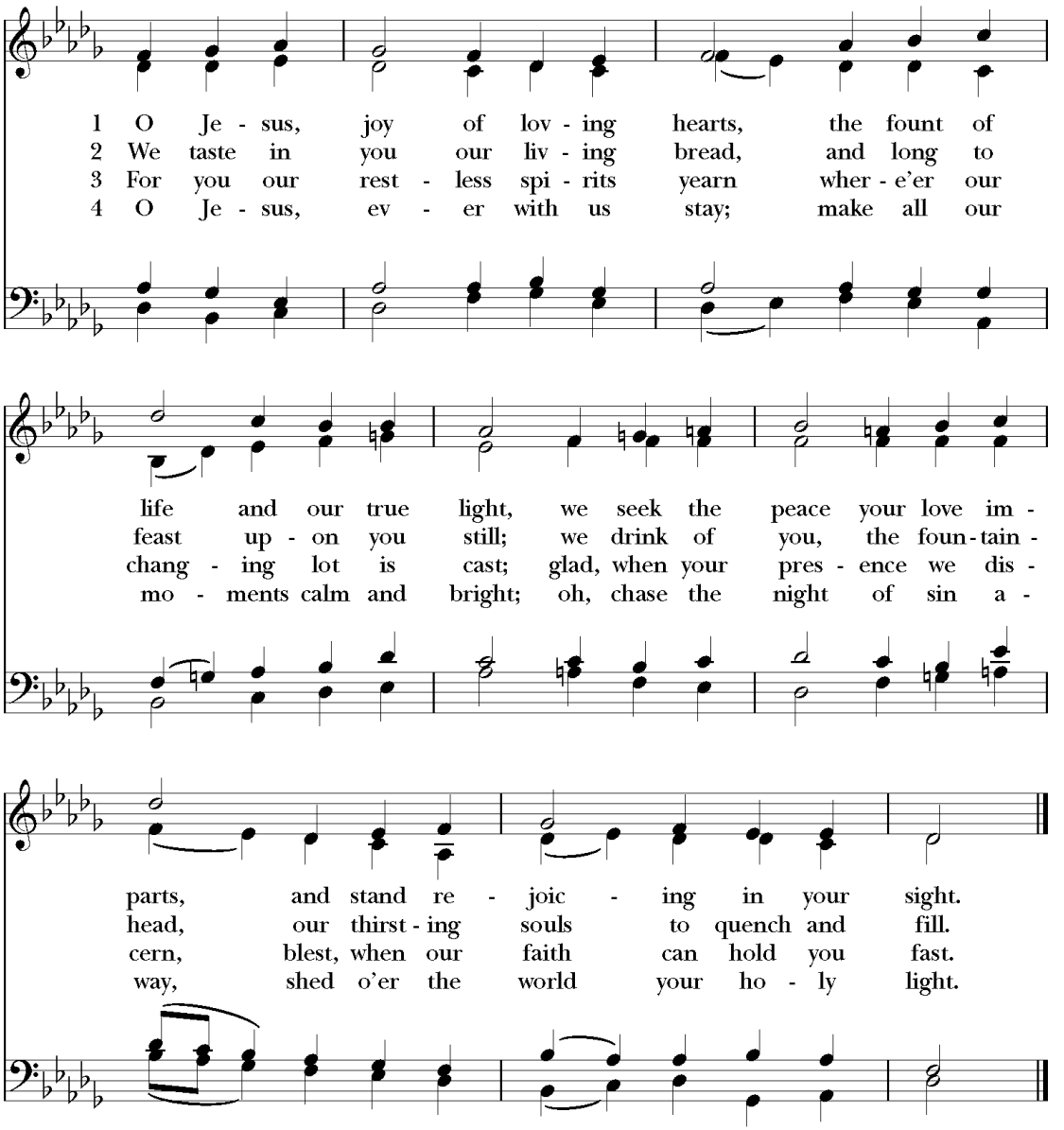
21 They forgot God their Savior, *
  who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
  and fearful things at the Red Sea.
‡ 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
  to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:1–9).

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

HYMN "O Jesus, joy of loving hearts" *Standing; everyone sings.*

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Music: *Dickinson Colkge,* Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923–1979)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:1–14).
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Angela Lister and Michelle Smith for Children's Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.

SERMON

A time of 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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;
People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers;
People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: 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
THE BELL FAMILY
BEVERLY Burns
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet
RON Dearolf
DOUG Embler
BEVERLY Guiler
BRONWYN Hogan
MARGE Hudson
FRANCIS Lloyd
DICK & **PAT** Pagni
KENT Parish
JUDI Perry
ALLAN Philp
MARILYN Randall
KRISSA Randolph
PAUL Ridgeway
TERRY & ZANE Scarlett
THE STAPLETON FAMILY
DAVE Travins
IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
MICHELE Welsh
and
THE WILSON-MINOR FAMILY

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;
People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; and we remember their families and friends who grieve. We pray especially for the repose of the souls of Shirley Fisher Shamel, aunt of Terry Scarlett; and Dave Lowrey, cousin of Al Sanders.

Silence.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The people may kneel or bow. Silence is kept for a space.

All: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, with Jenifer van Tol, violin.*

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

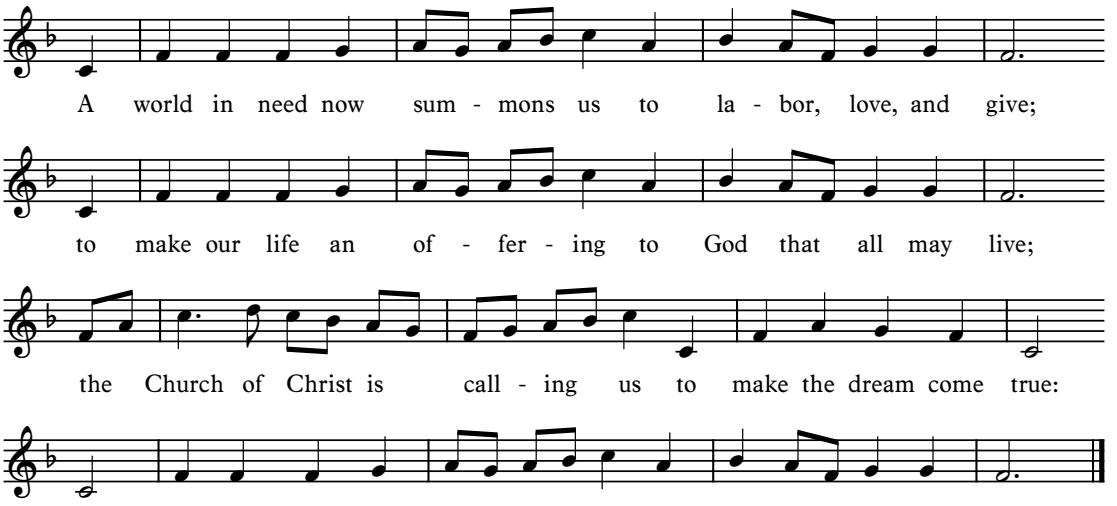
May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

To the God whose wisdom made us,
To the Son who set us free,
To the sanctifying Spirit,
Glory, endless glory, be.

—Words: John Newton (1725–1807)
Music: Simon Lole (b. 1957)

HYMN "A world in need now summons us" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



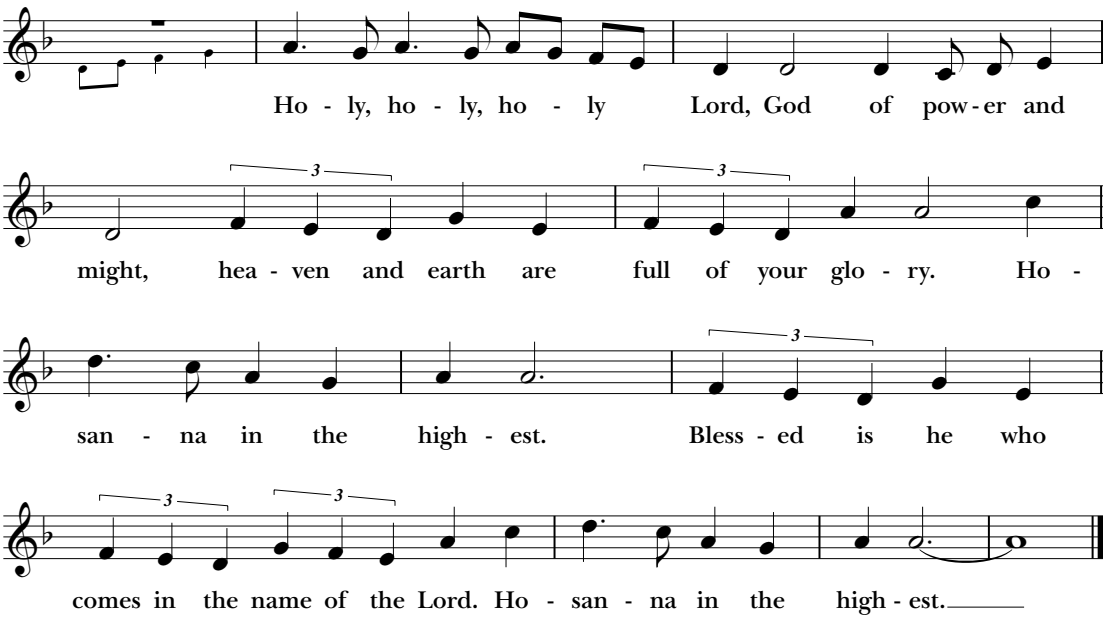
—Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 3)
Music: *Forest Green,* English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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 made ready and invited us to this great heavenly banquet. By your grace, you have made us worthy to be your guests; in your love for us you gather us, and clothe us with robes of everlasting joy. 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:



—Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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.

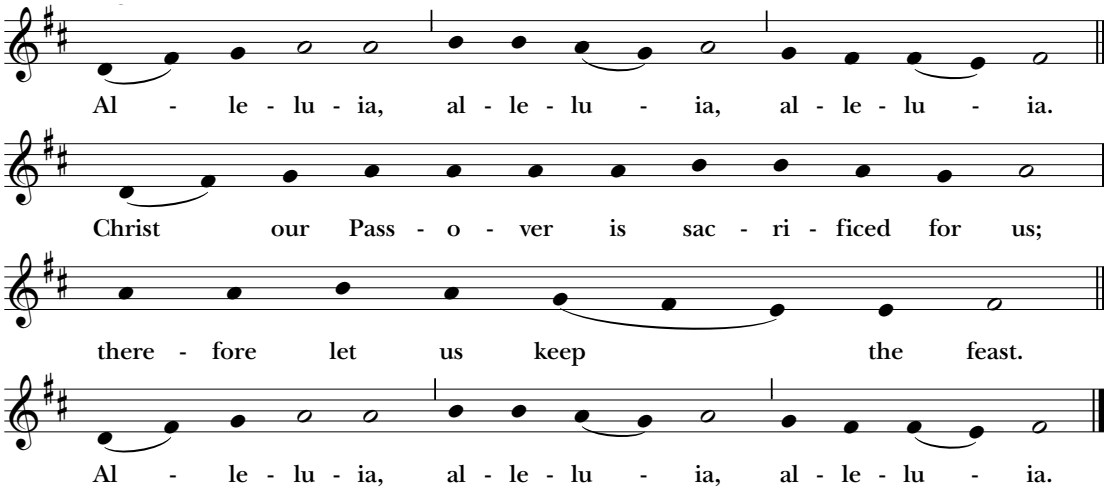
Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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:

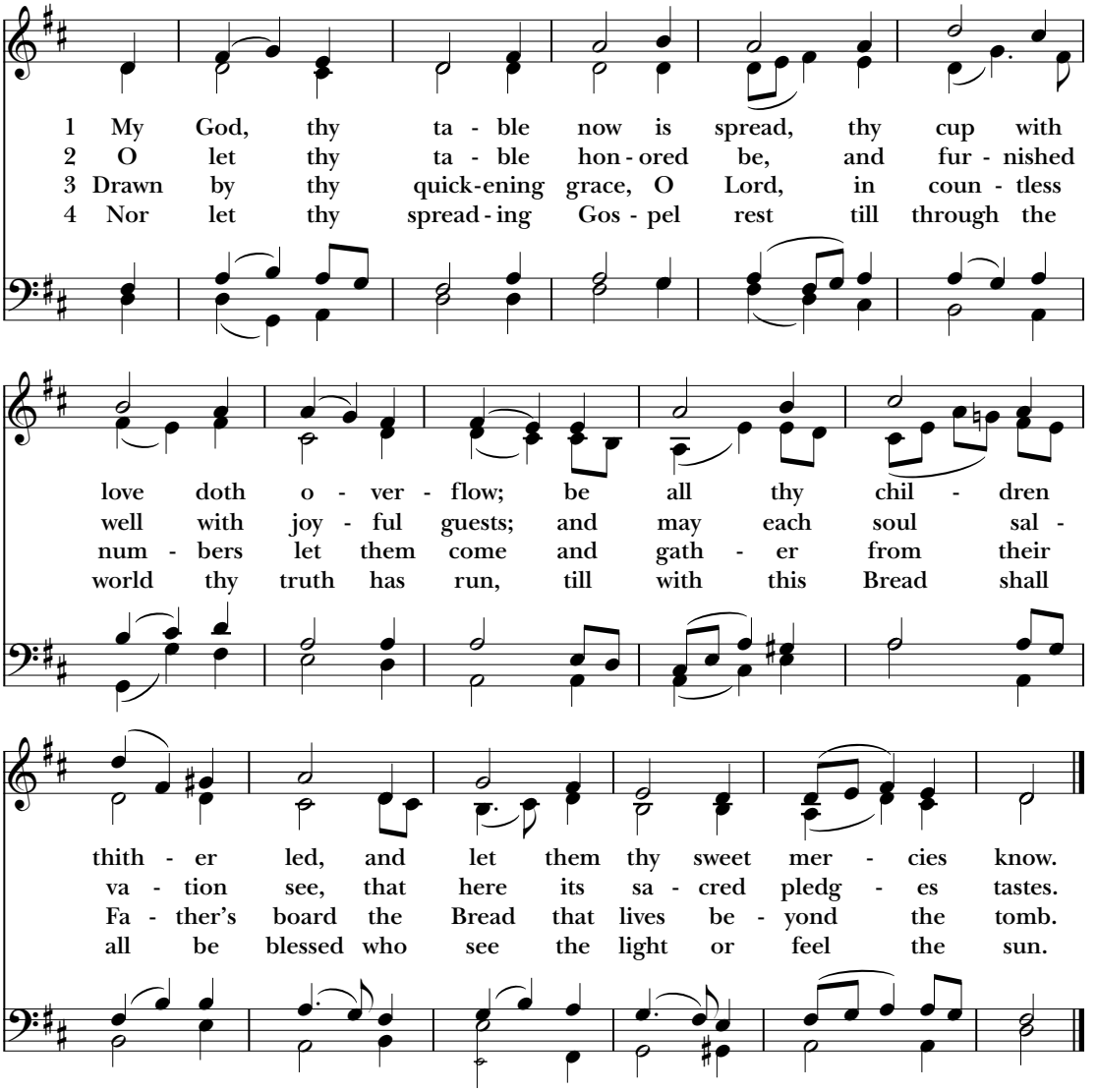


—Setting: From *New Plainsong,* David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 "My God, thy table now is spread" *Everyone sings.*

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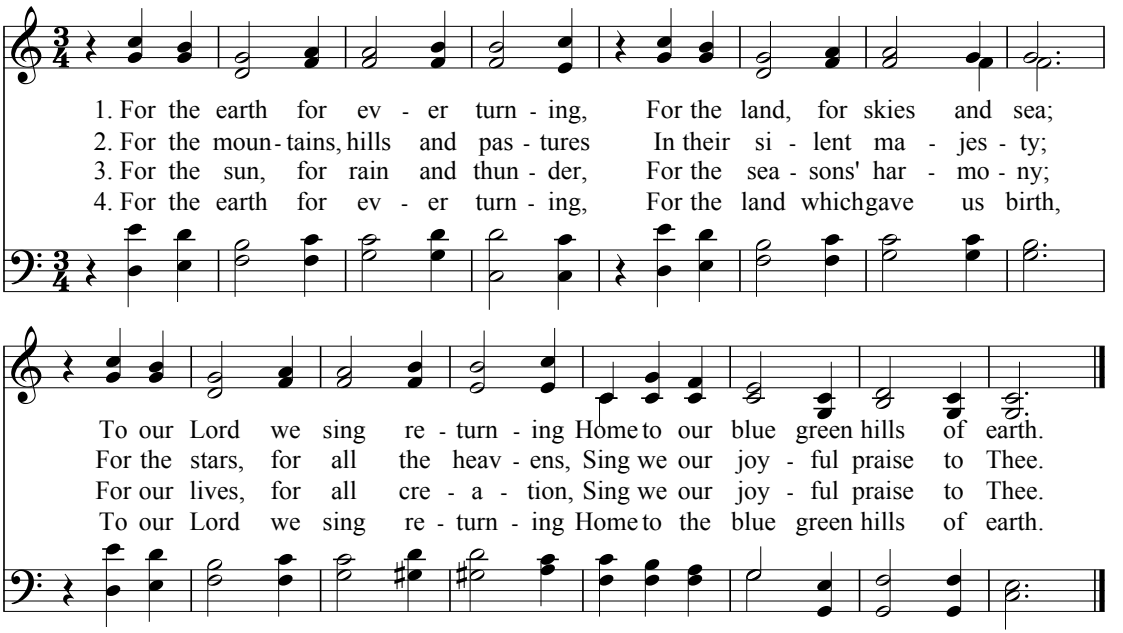
Music: *Rockingham,* melody from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731–1807); adapt. Samuel Webbe, Jr. (1770–1843)

HYMN "The Blue Green Hills of Earth" *Everyone sings.*

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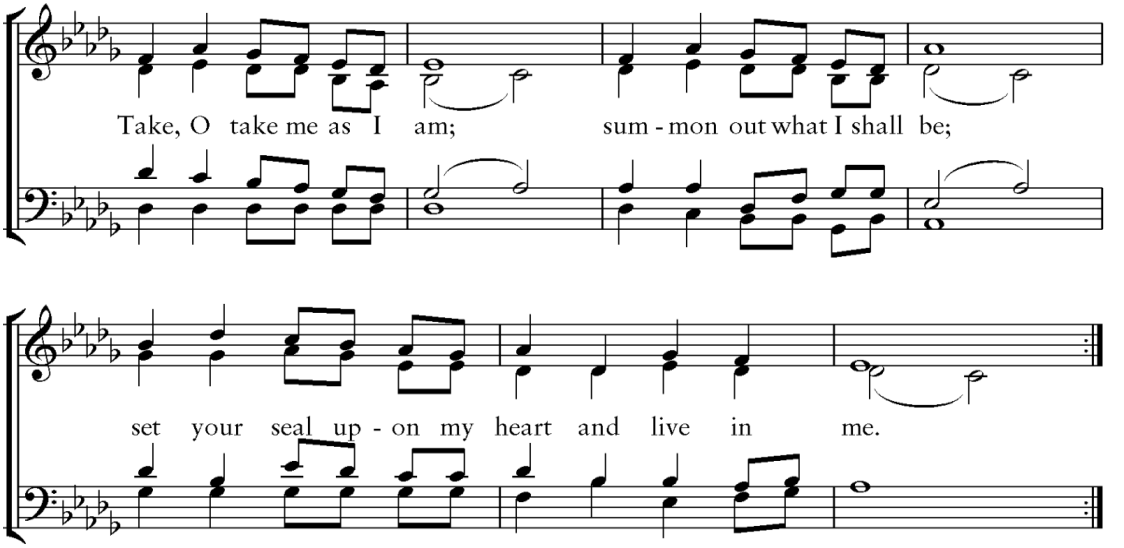
HYMN "Take, O take me as I am" *Everyone sings.*



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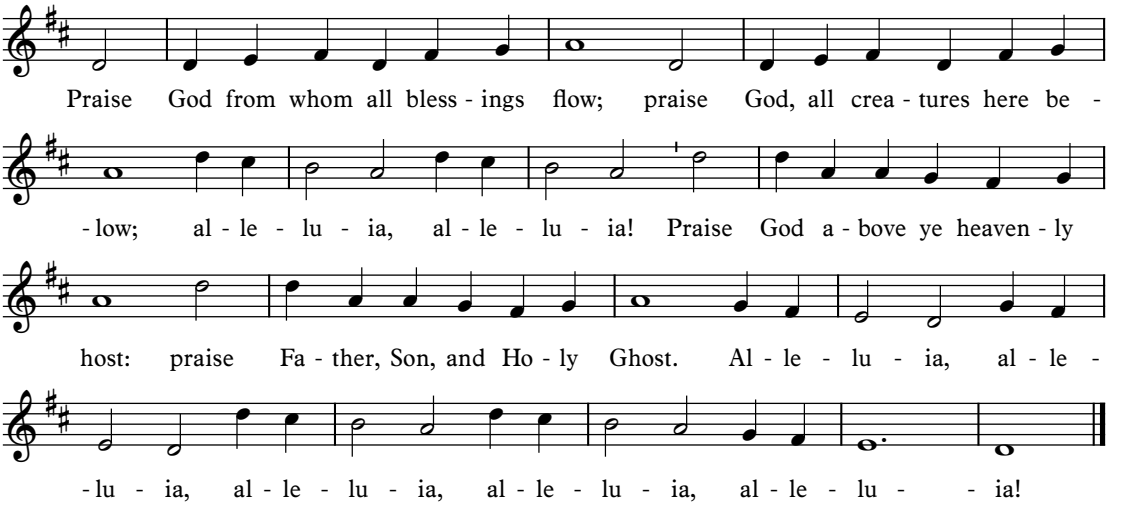
DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



— 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.

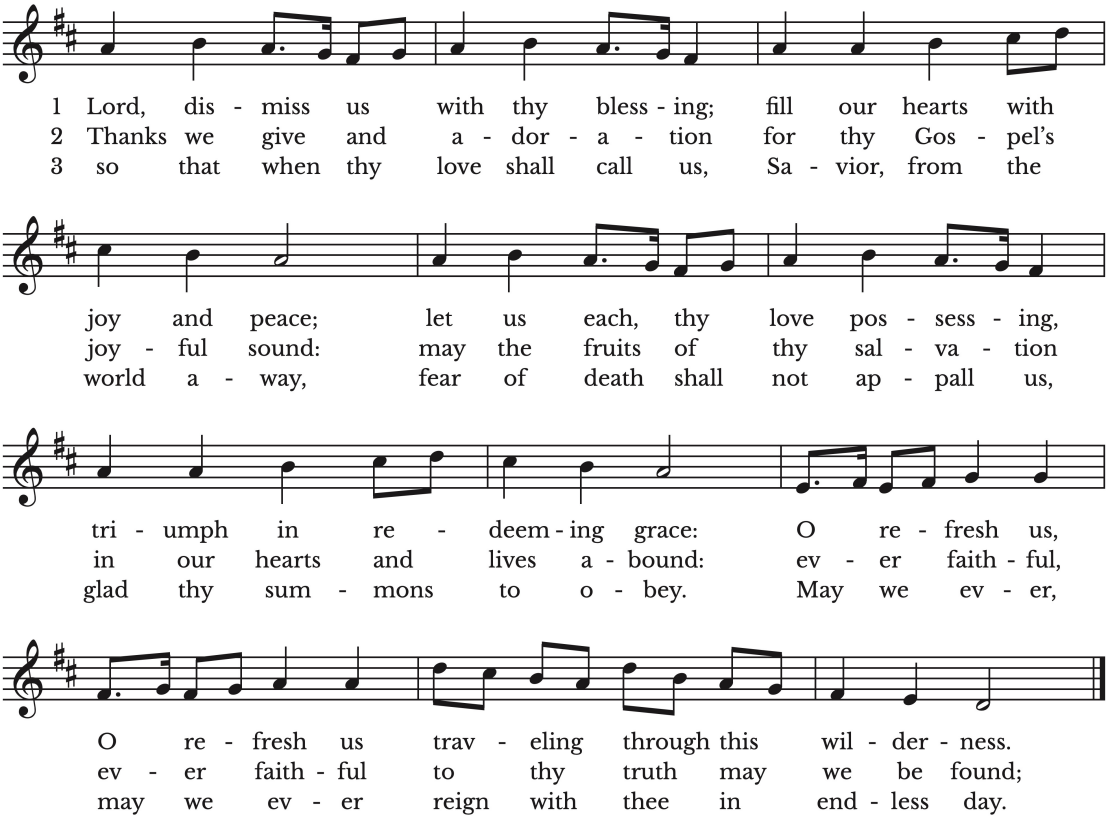
All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness 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 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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