

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING NARRATION – Often in our lives, the celebration of a new year—a birthday, an anniversary, a new school term, a new calendar—provides a natural time for reflection. We see ways that we are not the same as we were a year ago, and we think about how the events of the past year have shaped us.

Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. The wheel of our church year has come full circle, and we are poised on the eve of a new year. **Today** we are invited to look back—to recall the stories of the seasons we have shared—and to turn with anticipation toward the year to come. **Today** we are invited to reflect on how our encounter with the Word of the living God has shaped us; for as we worship, we do more than remember—we enter into God’s story of redemption and new life... we experience God’s saving action... and we are changed.

And so, on **this day**, we are invited NOT to sit back and relax as we begin our worship. Rather, we are invited to enter in to the presence of the living Lord. Through word and music and prayer, we join with the whole church—gathered here in this place and throughout all times and places—to worship and adore Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted King!

INVOCATION – We begin our worship as we are called to begin each day of our life—in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY – O God of power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ADVENT – The word “advent” (which means “coming”) is a good word with which to begin the Church Year. When we are tempted to ask, “What’s coming?”... the better question would be “Who’s coming?” The answer is Jesus. The entire Old Testament points to Jesus as the One who is coming. The New Testament points to Jesus as the One who has come... and the One who will come again. All 3 of these “comings”—past, present, and future—show up in the Church’s Advent readings, almost stumbling over one another to make sure we get the point.

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The 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. ³His 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; ⁴but 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. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The 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. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰On 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.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CHRISTMAS – “The Lord has come!” Christmas shouts, one of the happiest times of the year. The message of Christmas is that when the Lord who was promised to come did come, the way he did it was as a baby, a human being like us. Angels were sent to announce his coming—to Mary and Joseph... to the shepherds near Bethlehem... and to Simeon and Anna in the temple. In Jesus, God came to dwell with us...

Matthew 1:18-23

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

"Joy to the World"

EPIPHANY – On the day we call “the Epiphany of our Lord,” astrologers from the Near East found the world power predicted by their cosmic calculation—Jesus, God in the flesh. Were they disappointed at the child shown proudly by working-class parents, Mary and Joseph? They left extravagant gifts, fit for a king—if only, perhaps, to help the poor family raise their star-crossed son.

The day of Epiphany is a celebration by all of us who are not Jewish descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... a celebration that HOPE—light in the darkness—is ours, too, in Jesus Christ, the Lord. In this way, the day of Epiphany opens a season of light—the Lord’s light—that has entered our lives and helps us see beyond the darkness, and energizes our lives with his work in the world.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

BAPTISM OF JESUS – If Christmas presented the Son of God as a human infant, and then as a growing child, the readings for Epiphany seem to ask the question, “But who is this really?” The first Sunday after the Epiphany presents God’s own answer. At the baptism of Jesus, the voice of God from heaven declares Jesus to be God’s beloved Son...

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD – The final Sunday in the season of Epiphany celebrates the Transfiguration of our Lord, when Jesus leads his 3 closest disciples up a mountain, where they see him shining with brilliant light—the glory of God.

As the Epiphany season began with the voice of God from heaven at Jesus' baptism, proclaiming Jesus to be God's beloved Son, so the season ends with that voice again... with the very same message. If the Christmas season ended by making us wonder, "Who is this baby, really? And what is he going to become?"... the time of Epiphany offers a shining response: "This is the Son of God, who speaks God's good word and does God's wonderful deeds." The wise men had it right: This is the One who deserves to be worshiped!

Matthew 17:1-9

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

"How God Lord to Be Here!"

ASH WEDNESDAY – Why did the One we have seen and heard to be God's beloved Son have to give up his life for us? The very first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, tells us that story. On Ash Wednesday we learn, again, how Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord God in the Garden of Eden. God had created Adam "from the dust of the earth," so the story said. God had given Adam and Eve everything in the Garden to eat—except the fruit of one tree. "In the day you eat of that one, you will die," God warned them. But they were tempted by the serpent, and they disobeyed. God confronted them: "What have you done?"... and God reminded them of the consequences: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." That's why we observe Ash Wednesday by wearing ashes on our foreheads. That's also why the Scripture readings for Ash Wednesday urge us to "return to the Lord" by confessing our sins and seeking God's forgiveness—"Create in me a clean heart, O God."

Psalm 51:1-13

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. ⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. ⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

"Change My Heart, O God"

PALM SUNDAY – On the last Sunday of the Lenten Season, we join the crowds of Jerusalem in welcoming Jesus with waving palm branches and cheers and shouts of “Hosanna” = “Save Us!”). But all too soon the story turns very somber once again, as our Scripture readings all of Holy Week lead us through the betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion of God’s beloved Son. That is why this Sunday is referred to as both Palm Sunday... and Passion Sunday.

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

MAUNDY THURSDAY – On Maundy Thursday, the day of the “new commandment” to love and serve one another, we hear Jesus speak of his death as his “glorification.” In the sharing of the Passover meal with his disciples, he institutes the Lord’s Supper, our joyful celebration of the Lamb of God’s paschal sacrifice. “Maundy” comes from the old word for “commandment” (Latin: *mandatum*) because on that night Jesus gave his disciples what he called a new commandment, that you “love one another”—with a basin and towel, he showed them what he meant.

John 13:1-5, 12-17

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am.

¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

GOOD FRIDAY – The day of Jesus’ death we call Good Friday. We hear Jesus’ last words... we see and feel the darkness “take over”... we shudder at the solemn silence as Jesus’ body is laid to rest and the tomb is sealed tight. Through it all, we remember and give thanks that God took the awful events of this day and made them work for the good of all humankind, turning it into a truly good Friday.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals — ¹⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

¹Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

"Were You There"

EASTER – If Lent has been gray and somber as it is intended to be, then Easter bursts onto the scene with brilliance! The sanctuary not only looks like Easter; it smells like Easter... and it sounds like Easter, too! On the day of Easter, the whole Church throughout the world and all time rises with its Lord—alive as Jesus is alive, free of the burden of sin and death as Jesus is free... full of hope and expectation, for a loving Lord reigns over life and eternity! Our world is different! We are different too!

Jesus' resurrection on Easter not only reconciles all the contradictions of Holy Week; it reconciles God with humanity and shares with us life eternal, in spite of today's defeat, loss, and even death. For us, the Easter Season's 50 days is a time to rediscover how the mystery of salvation and resurrection now can become a more influential part of our life for the coming year. The Easter celebration continues, for every Sunday is a "little Easter."

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – 40 days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord to heaven. We easily focus on the visual of this event—what was amazing to the disciples and ever stranger to us in a scientific age—Jesus physical movement into the sky. But behind this gesture of our Lord is the truth that his visual, physical presence has been removed from us so that the Holy Spirit may come—through which Christ will be with us always! Ascension appears to be a sad moment; but the disciples returned home rejoicing. Why? Because Christ has returned triumphant to his heavenly Father... where he now reigns in glory *for us*.

Luke 24:50-53

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

PENTECOST – "I will not leave you alone," Jesus promised his disciples (and us), even before he died. "I will come to you." The way he would do that, he said, was by sending the Holy Spirit to be with them. Chapters 14-16 in John's Gospel spell out these promises in detail: the Holy Spirit would be a kind of "heavenly helper"—to teach... and lead... to inspire... and encourage... to point them (and us) to Jesus.

The coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (the 50th day after Easter; "Pentecost" means "50th") is described in the 2nd chapter of the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Some people say that the name of the book should really be the "Acts of the Holy Spirit" because the Spirit is the one who moves the apostles to do what they do in the name of Jesus and works through them to accomplish wonderful things...

Acts 2:1-12

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?" ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,

Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,¹¹ Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

THE PRAYERS

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Almighty God, your merciful rule encompasses all the world. Help us to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless the social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve those who are hungry / isolated and alone, those who are homeless / struggling financially, those who are imprisoned / battling addiction. Watch over us as we witness to your good news. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Guide our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. May our care for all of your creation reflect your shepherding love for all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to places where conflict rages—across the globe and in our own country. Restore our capacity to see your image in all whom we meet. Help us to bridge divisions among us... and through your Spirit, usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. And be with international organizations that shine your light in places of disaster and strife—especially those hit hard by recent hurricanes / storms. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the injured and hurting, comfort the grief stricken and lonely, strengthen the weak and struggling, and bring healing to all who are battling COVID or illness, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery or sickness. We pray especially for: *Jane, Kevin, Jerry, Marge, Julius, Scott, Shelley, Bob, Sue, Melissa, Amber, Kendra, Tom, Kathy, Laurie, Bev, Jon, DeWayne, Joan, Tom, Mark, Dan, Rita, John, Richard, Loretta, Kyle, Sharon, Lori, Doug, Gene, and those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts...).* Give strength and wisdom to counselors, doctors, nurses, and all in professions that provide healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shepherd your churches to welcome the stranger and immigrant in our midst. Call all your people to welcome, clothe, feed, and visit those in need just as you have provided for the lost and despairing throughout the ages. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us the hope to which you call us, our glorious inheritance with all your saints. Enrich our lives with the faith and vision of those saints who have died in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord... who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

CHRIST THE KING – Our church year closes with the celebration of Christ the King – when we celebrate the kingly rule of Christ, who was enthroned upon the cross... who sits at God's right hand and reigns on high... who will return as our ultimate king and judge...

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

BLESSING

The love of God surround you;
the grace of  Christ release you;
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE