**PRELUDE:** Majestic Peace Dino Kartsonakis

Please be seated as the choir sings the Call to Worship

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** I am bound for the Kingdom Mosie Lister

# PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

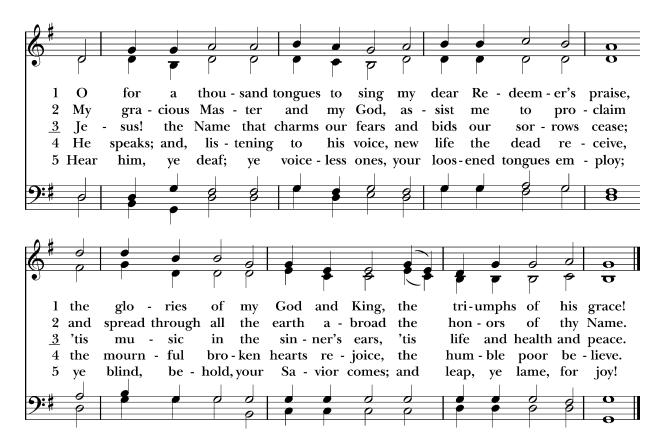
(Peoples' responses in bold)

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# 10:00 AM ALTAR COPY

The people, standing

HYMN 493: O for a thousand tongue to sing



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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Presider Blessed be God: [Sign of the cross] Father, Son, and Holy Spirit **People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

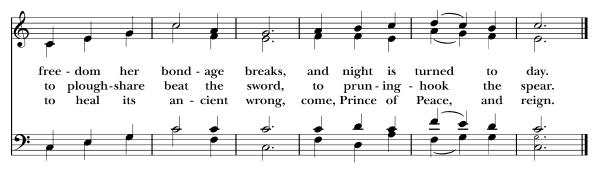
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Presider [Orans] Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## Sung in unison

# SONG OF PRAISE, HYMN 542 (vs. 1): Christ is the world's true Light





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#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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Presider [Hands together] The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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

The people, seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

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

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

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

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

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

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

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

Sung in unison, beginning after the asterisk in the first verse

**RESPONSE:** Psalm 1, Beatus vir qui non abiit

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

# SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

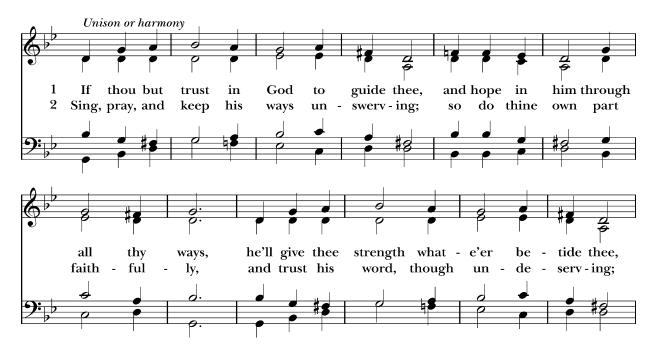
Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are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

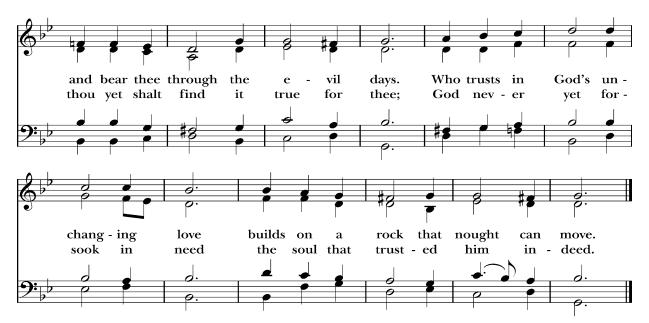
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

The people, standing as able through the Gospel Reading

# **HYMN 635:** If thou but trust in God to guide thee





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

The people, standing as able through the Gospel Reading

[The presider moves to the center of the altar table, retrieves the Gospel Book, proceeds to the lectern, signs the cross over the altar book, and begins]

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

- "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."
- "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
- "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

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

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

[The Presider returns the Gospel Book to the stand on the Altar Table and returns to the lectern to begin the sermon]

\*\*\*\*\*All children are now invited to follow the Cross to Children's Chapel.\*\*\*\*

The people, seated

**THE SERMON:** The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

### The people, standing as able

## THE NICENE CREED (In unison)

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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, [low bow] 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 [low bow]: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. [Stand erect] 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 [Sign of the cross] of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The People, standing as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

especially Glenn our Governor, Gerry our Representative, Tim and Mark our Senators, Donald our President, the justices and judges of the federal courts, Richard our delegate, Jennifer our Senator to the state legislature,

and the justices and judges of the commonwealth courts.

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader We pray for the St. Francis Creche School, the Scouts, the Recovery

Community of St. Francis, and the Search Committee for a new Director of Family Ministries. We give thanks for the daily Morning Prayer Group and the Black-Tie Dinner & Auction Fundraising event. We pray also for all Franciscans who are currently preparing for Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into The Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal

Vows. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.** 

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear for their lives, who face turbulent conditions caused by us and by nature, and whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances: people in the United States of America, people of Holy Family Church and Mills River, NC, people impacted by the mid-air collision over the Potomac river; people of the Ezo Diocese, Afghanistan, China, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, the Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Russia, Ukraine, and the West Bank.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We ask you to care for: Dana, Luke, David, Martin, Janet, Barbara & Bill, Terri, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., Nora Lee, Cathy, Lawrence, David, Jon, Jessica, Paula, Clara Sue, Grace, Sofia & Larry, Debra, Taylor, Kelly & Alex, Nick & Hilary, and Dut. We give thanks for the birth of Charlotte Bowden, daughter of Mattie & Duncan Bowden. We pray also for Mel Diaz & Lillian Moring as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

People Hear our prayer.

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Presider 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 for ever. **Amen.** 

### The people, kneeling as able through the absolution

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence)

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.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you [Sign the cross], 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.** 

#### **EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND LIFE TRANSITIONS

# **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Eucharist is an ongoing participation in and renewal of our Baptism. Come forward at the invitation of the ushers to share in this sacrament. Gluten free host is available. Signify your desire to for this form of bread by placing your right-hand palm down on top of your left.

The people, seated, the alms plates are passed by the ushers.

**OFFERTORY, Anthem:** O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

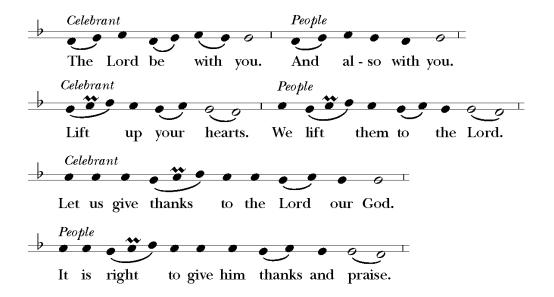
The people, standing as able

The gifts of the people, bread, wine, and alms are brought forward and placed on the altar while the anthem is sung, the people standing, as able.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** (Eucharistic Prayer B)

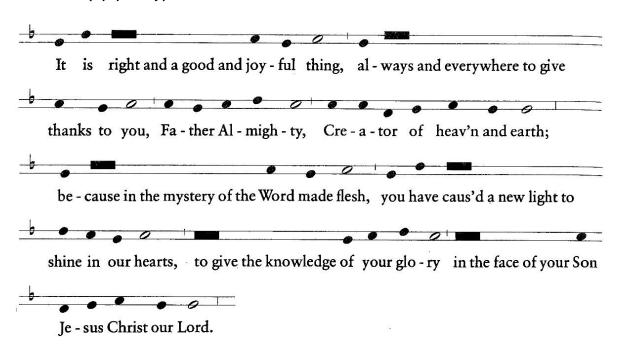
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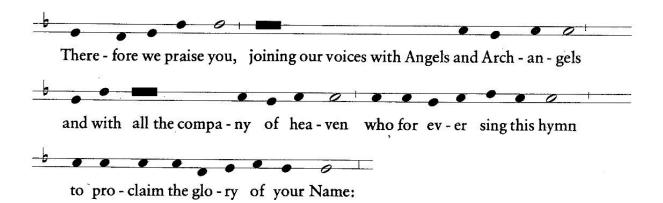
[Hands folded, looking at the people]



## [Orans]

Presider: (Epiphany)





# S 131 Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus



[Stand erect and assume the orans posture during the last line of the sanctus]

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. [fold hands]

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took [attend to each vessel and firmly lay hands on them] 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 [attend to each vessel and firmly lay hands on them]; 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."

Therefore, [assuming the orans posture] according to his command, O Father,

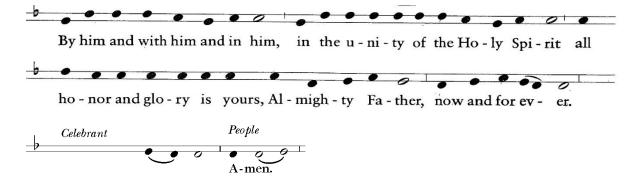
## Celebrant and People

# We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine [joins hands].

We pray you, gracious God, [epiclesis] to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified [solemn bow] by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Francis of Assisi, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

# [raise the vessels high]

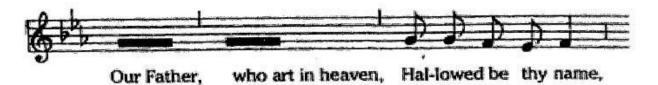


# [Solemn Bow.]

## Intoned by the Presider and People

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Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en



Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And forgive us our trespasses,



As we lorgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in - to



temp-ta-tion, but de-liv er us from e - vil. For thine is the kingdom,

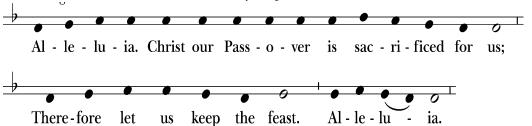


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# [Bring hands together]

[Pick the bread off the paten and break it, then hold it over the cup and say]

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, S 152 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover



## [Point to the gifts and say]

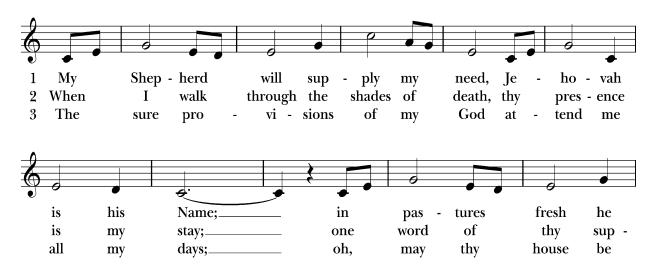
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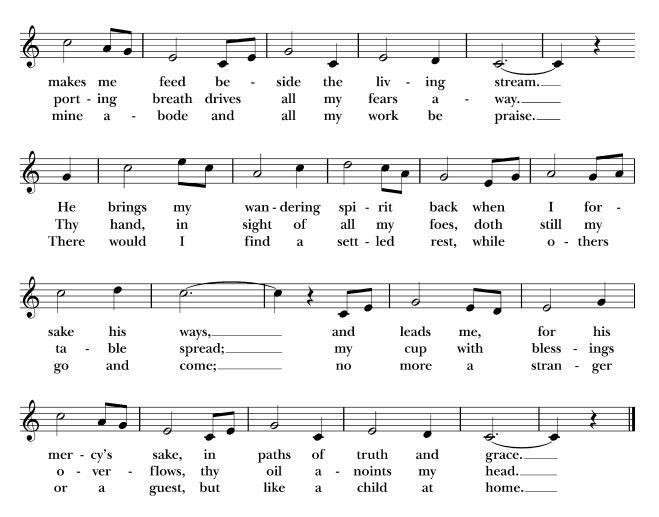
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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants.

# HYMN 664: My Shepherd will supply my need





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: Resignation, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

#### The people, standing

#### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

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Presider Let us pray.

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.

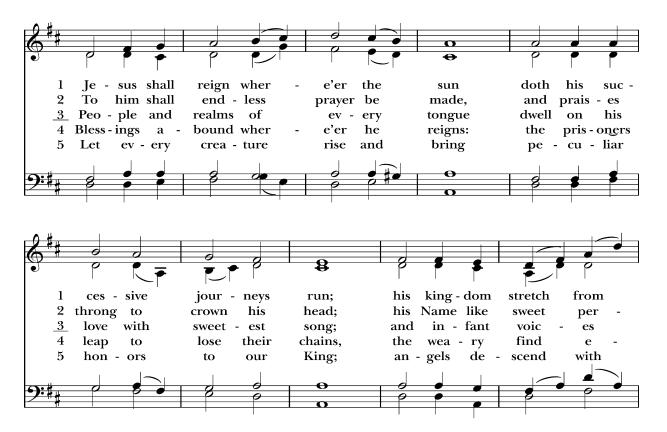
#### THE BLESSING

# Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

# Choir and Altar party recess from the church

**HYMN 544:** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793).

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Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude

**POSTLUDE:** Postlude Charles Tournemire