



St. Peter's Anglican Church  
Loveland, CO

HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

WELCOME  
IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST



July 23, 2023



## **Prelude**

### **Processional: All Creatures of Our God and King – H #372**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*Chorus:*

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice; (chorus)

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou fire so beautiful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light, (chorus)

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part;  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who both pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care; (chorus)

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, God the Son,  
Praise God the Spirit, Three in One; (chorus)

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his 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.**

*Deacon/Priest:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is  
the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself. On these two commandments depend all  
the Law and the Prophets. - *Matthew 22:37-40*

## **The Kyrie**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy upon us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

## **Collect for the Day**

*Celebrant:* O God, you declare your almighty power  
chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the  
fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your  
promises, may become partakers of your heavenly  
treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
and ever. **Amen.**

*(The people may sit.)*

## **The First Lesson: Wisdom 12:13, 16–19**

13 For neither is there any god besides you whose care  
is for all people, to whom you should prove that you  
have not judged unjustly,

16 For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.  
17 For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. 18 Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose. 19 Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm 86**

*Inclina, Domine*

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and **hear** me, \*  
for I am poor / and in **mis**-ery.  
2 Preserve my life, for I am **faith**-ful; \*  
my God, save your servant who puts / his trust **in** you.  
3 Be merciful unto me, O **Lord**, \*  
for I will call dai-/ly **u-pon** you.  
4 Comfort the soul of your **ser**-vant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, do I / lift up **my** soul.  
5 For you, Lord, are good and **gra**-cious, \*  
and of great mercy to all those who / call **u-pon** you.  
6 Give ear, Lord, unto my **prayer**, \*  
and attend to the voice of my humble / sup-**pli**-ca-tions.  
7 In the time of my trouble I will call **u-pon** you, \*  
for you answer / me when **I** call.  
8 Among the gods there is none like you, O **Lord**, \*  
nor are there an-/y deeds **like** yours.  
9 All nations that you have made shall come and  
worship you, O **Lord**, \*  
and shall glo-/ri-fy **your** Name.  
10 For you are great and do wondrous **things**; \*  
indeed, you / are God **a**-lone.  
11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your  
**truth**; \*  
O knit my heart to you, that I / may fear **your** Name.  
12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my **heart**, \*  
and will praise your Name /for **e-ver**-more.  
13 For great is your mercy **toward** me; \*  
you have delivered my life from the /ne-ther-**most** Pit.  
14 O God, the proud have risen up **a-gainst** me, \*  
and the company of violent men have sought after my  
life, and have not set you / be-fore **their** eyes.  
15 But you, O Lord God, are full of compassion and  
**mer**-cy, \*  
long-suffering, plenteous in / good-ness **and** truth.  
16 O turn then unto me, and have mercy **u-pon** me; \*

give your strength unto your servant, and help the son /  
of your **hand**-maid.

17 Show me some token of your favor, that those who  
hate me may see it and be **a-shamed**, \*  
because you, Lord, have been my hel-/per and **com**-  
forter.

*All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And / to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for-/ever A-men.*

### **The Second Lesson: Romans 8:18–25**

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be  
revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager  
longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the  
creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but  
because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the  
creation itself will be set free from its bondage to  
corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the  
children of God. 22 For we know that the whole  
creation has been groaning together in the pains of  
childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but  
we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons,  
the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we  
were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who  
hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we  
do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **Speak O Lord - H #486 (V. 1-2)**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us,  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

*Deacon or Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30, 34–43**

24 He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ 28 He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ 29 But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

34 All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. 35 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.” 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” 37 He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

*Deacon or Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

***Speak O Lord - H #486 (V. 3)***

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down thro' eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak O Lord, till your Church is built,  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

***The Sermon***

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

*(Please kneel, stand, or sit as you are able.)*

**Prayers of the People**

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

*Intercessor:* For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our Archbishop, Dr. Foley Beach; for our Bishop, Dr. Bill Atwood; for our Rector, Father Matt Rucker, and for our assisting clergy: Father Bill Easterling, and Deacon Larry Doyle.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others including those we serve in our Outreach Programs, naming especially Voice of the Martyrs, American Red Cross, and Operation Christmas Child.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President, Joseph, and our Governor, Jared. Give them a discerning heart and a wise mind to lead and serve as God desires. We also pray for those in our armed forces serving our country both home and abroad.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all the blessings of this life and for the many reasons we have to give thanksgiving, especially for those celebrating *Birthdays: Bruce Harris (07/25), Genevieve Rucker (07/25), Edwin Germono (Zeteo) (07/26), Carole DeLorme (07/28), Grace DeLorme (07/28), and Mercedes Maeda (07/28).*

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*(Additional petitions may be made during this moment of silence.)*

*Deacon or Priest:* Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *I John 2:1-2*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*(Announcements)*

### **The Offering**

*“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.*

*Ephesians 5:2*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **Offertory: Be Thou My Vision - H #365**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day or in the night;  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r;  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, heaven's bright Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

**People: And of your own have we given you.**

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Proper Preface)* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

### **The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*(The people may kneel, stand, or sit.)*

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will,

he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*

### *Prayer of Humble Access*

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### *Fraction Anthem*

*Cantor: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, Says the Lord.*

**My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, Says the Lord.**

*Cantor: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, And I in them.*

**My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, Says the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)*

### *Communion Hymns*

#### *Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist Did Pray*

Lord, who at thy first Eucharist did pray  
That all thy Church might be forever one,  
Grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.



At that first Eucharist before you died,  
O Lord, you prayed that all be one in you;  
At this our Eucharist again preside,  
And in our hearts your law of love renew.  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each, to each we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
Thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

We pray thee, too, for wand'ers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;  
Soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love;  
More blessed still in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.

### **Psalm 126**

*(Bifrost Arts)*

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.  
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

*Chorus:*

*Although we are weeping,  
Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of your kingdom  
For the day you will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry,  
Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping  
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say: God has done great things!  
The nations will sing songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

*(Chorus)*

### **We Will Feast In The House of Zion**

*Chorus:*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord, our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

*(Chorus)*

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh, how long?  
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

*(Chorus)*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

*(Chorus)*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Recessional: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers - H #16***

Rejoice, rejoice, believers!  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
And soon he will draw nigh:  
Up, watch in expectation!  
At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning;  
Replenish them with oil;  
Look now for your salvation,  
The end of sin and toil.  
The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go meet him, as he cometh,  
With alleluias clear.

O wise and holy virgins,  
Now raise your voices higher,  
Until in songs of triumph  
Ye meet the angel choir.  
The marriage feast is waiting,  
The gates wide open stand;  
Raise up, ye heirs of glory!  
The Bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption,  
And ever be with thee!

***The Dismissal***

*Deacon or Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into  
the world, rejoicing in the power of  
the Holy Spirit.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



