

St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

October 29, 2023

The Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

Jesus' summary of the law in today's Gospel echoes reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the Gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by Word and Meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your minds and hearts as we prepare for worship.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Travelers

Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRELUDE

Peaceful Valley Medley

Eurydice Osterman

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

Love Has Brought Us Here Together ACS-1040



Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly, love of friends; love, our
Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and kind in deeds. Love is
Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es in the right. Keen in



vow till death should part us; love, God's gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through
strong and nev - er pom-pous; love puts first the oth - er's needs. Not quick tem - pered
giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread-ing love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple



out our life - time, love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of
or re - sent - ful, prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex -
pledge their u - nion, all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing



wa - ters can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
cels in grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
at love's earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

THE KYRIE (7:45)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*

Glory to God

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace___ to God's peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb_ of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, -
you a- lone_ are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God___ the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

YHWH told Moses to tell the entire Israelite community these things:

Be holy, for I, YHWH, am holy.

Do not be corrupt in administering justice. Do not show partiality to the poor or give honor to the great. Judge your neighbor with fairness. Do not go about slandering others.

Do not profit by the blood of your neighbor. I am YHWH.

Do not nurse hatred for a neighbor. If you are angry with your neighbor, speak frankly about it, to avoid storing up ill feelings. Never seek revenge or hold a grudge toward your relatives. You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. I am YHWH.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM I *Beatus vir qui non abiit!*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

**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!**

**Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, *
and they meditate on that law day and night.**

**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.**

**It is not so with wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;**

**For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate
Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.**

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

And you yourselves know, my dear friends, that our coming among you was not without effect. We had, as you know, been given rough treatment at Philippi, and it was our God who gave us the courage to proclaim the Good News to you in the face of stiff opposition. We don't preach because of impure motives or deceit or any sort of trickery; rather, it was God who decided that we are fit to be entrusted with the Good News, and when we are speaking, we're trying to please not mortals, but God, who can read our inmost thoughts.

You know very well—and we can swear it before God— that never at any time has our speech been simple flattery or a cover for trying to get money; nor have we ever looked for any special honor from you or from anyone else—even though we could have imposed ourselves on you as apostles of Christ. On the contrary, while we were with you we were as gentle as any nursing mother caring for her little ones.

So well disposed were we toward you, in fact, that we were willing to share with you not only the Good News, but our very lives as well—you had become that dear to us.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (9:30)*

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:34-46*

The Holy Gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?"

Jesus answered:

"You must love the Most High God
with all your heart,

with all your soul and
with all your mind.’

“That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well.”

While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?”

They said, “David’s.”

Then Jesus asked, “Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah ‘Sovereign’? For he says,

‘The Most High said to my Sovereign,
“Sit at my right hand
until I place your enemies under your foot.”’

“If David calls the Messiah ‘Sovereign,’ how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?”

No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions.

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died.

The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once.*

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the Church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

Silence for reflection.

We pray for the Church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern our nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve, especially Mark, Melinda, Tim, Tracy, Ann, Judy, Ryan and family, the Mehn family, the people of Ukraine, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Israel and Gaza, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace; especially Mike, Grace, Bob, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Accompany us on our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, Holy God, in the Name of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

In a moment of silence, let us reflect on our separation from God, ourselves, our neighbors, and the creation.

Silence for reflection.

Almighty God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God +forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. Through Christ, God has put away your sin. Approach your God in peace. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem

We Shall Walk Through the Valley Undine Smith Moore

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

and of thine own have we given thee.

The Offertory Hymn (9:30)*

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow H-380

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and rests.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise
God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface (7:45)

God be with you.

And also with you.

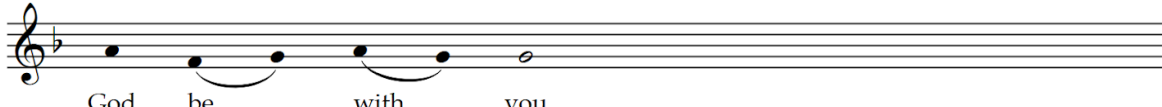
Lift up your hearts.

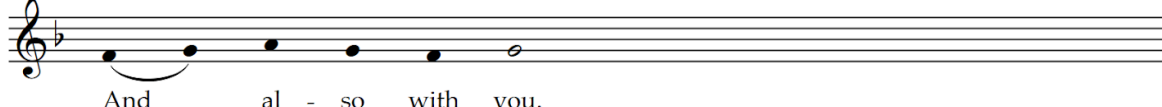
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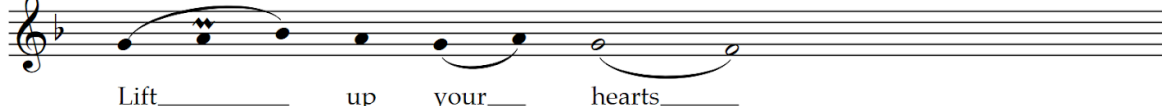
Let us give thanks to our God.


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

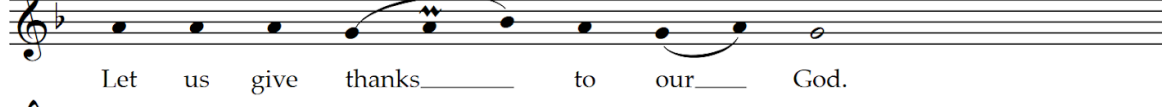
The Preface and Proper Preface (9:30)*

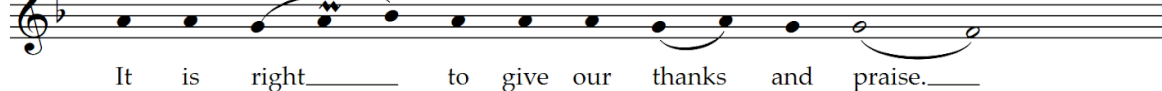
Celebrant 
God be with you.

People 
And also with you.

Celebrant 
Lift up your hearts.

People 
We lift them to God.

Celebrant 
Let us give thanks to our God.

People 
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus (7:45)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

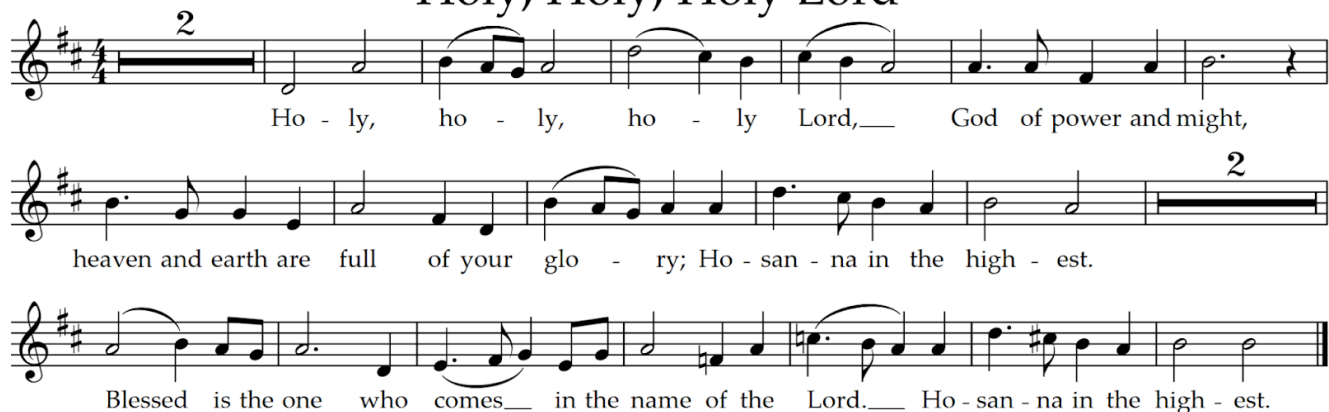
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus (9:30)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Maker of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Mike, blessed Grace, blessed Bob, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (7:45)

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (7:45)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (9:30)*

Alleluia S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus invites you to this Table. Come, eat and live.

*Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table.
Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will*

place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Hymn During Communion

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act ELW-360

Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and hal - oes mer - cy's deeds; it
 When in the sha - dow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet of
 Love serves and wil - ling stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true has
 sheds a be - ne - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
 his di - sci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
 free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Beloved One our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, 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 Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Liturgy of Sending

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind; and +the blessing of the One who made us, who loves us, and who walks the way with us still be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN (9:30)*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! H-362



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, cast - ing down their
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, though the sin - ful
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to thee: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;
praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y, God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
fall - ing down be - fore thee, which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
there is none be - side thee, per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
Mer - ci - ful and might - y, God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

We Believe in One God J.S. Bach

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