

# Holy Eucharist

## St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

**Ministers of St. Michael's: All Members of the Congregation**

**Church Musician:** Nadia Kelham

Welcome to historic St. Michael and All Angels, a Welcoming and Affirming Total Ministry congregation!

### **A Prayer of Welcome:**

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship at St. Michael's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children, in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Mission Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit through our baptism and transformed by Word and Sacrament, we follow Christ to serve the world as ministers of God's redeeming love.

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

January 4, 2026

*Please be seated as we share announcements, concerns, birthdays and anniversaries (inside cover of BCP) and other prayers of thanksgiving.*

**Prelude – Centering Time** *(A time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship)*

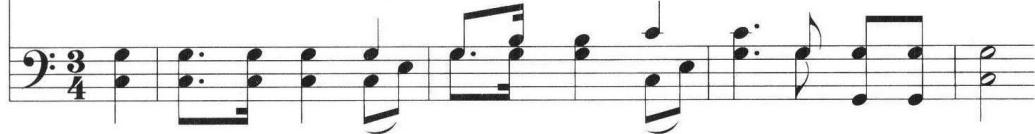
*Please stand for the opening hymn.*

**Hymn ~ To us a child of hope is born**

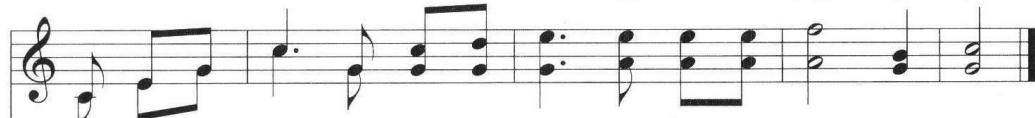
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1 To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n.  
2 His name shall be the Prince of peace, for ev - er-more a - dored,  
3 His pow'r, in-creas-ing, still shall spread, his reign no end shall know.



Him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n,  
the Won-der - ful, the Coun-se - lor, the great and might - y Lord,  
Jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low,



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Text: based on Isaiah 9:6-7; John Morison (Scotland), *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781  
Music: Lowell Mason (USA), *Occasional Psalm and Hymn Tunes*, 1837 or 1838, alt.

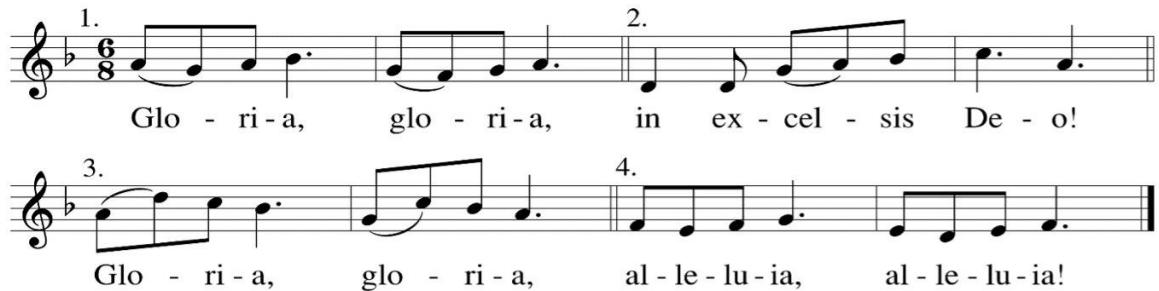
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## Liturgy of the Word

**Celebrant**      **Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**  
**People**            **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for  
ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant and People*

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.*



Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of  
the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People      Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 84

*(Read responsively)*

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

    My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
    my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 *The sparrow has found her a house*

*and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;*  
    *by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,*  
    *my King and my God.*

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!

    they will always be praising you.

4 *Happy are the people whose strength is in you!*

*whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place  
    of springs,

    for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 *They will climb from height to height,*

*and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

    hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 *Behold our defender, O God;*

*and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my  
    own room,

    and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
    than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 *For the LORD God is both sun and shield;*

*he will give grace and glory;*

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O *LORD of hosts,*  
*happy are they who put their trust in you!*

## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the singing of the hymn and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Hymn ~ In the bleak midwinter**

*(See next page)*



1. In the bleak mid-win - ter, frost - y wind made  
2. Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus -  
3. An - gels and arch-an - gels may have gath - ered  
4. What can I give him, poor as I



moan, earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a  
tain; heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to  
there, cher - u - bim and ser - aphim throng - ed the  
am? If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a



stone; snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on  
reign. In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf -  
air; but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en  
lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my



snow, in the bleak mid-win - ter, long a - go.  
ficed the Lord God Al-might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
bliss, wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.



*United Methodist Hymnal 221*  
WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1872 (Lk. 2:8-14)  
MUSIC (CRANHAM, Irr.): Gustav Holst, 1906

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

Cindy Corner

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

    he came down from heaven:  
    by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

    he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*Deacon* God's light breaks through the darkness  
to fill our lives with grace and truth.  
This is the good news of Christmas;  
that Christ came to show us  
how to walk the path of wisdom enlightened by your love.  
Let us pray for the church and the world saying,  
Light of the world, shine in our lives.

*Reader* Eternal Source,  
we pray for Christ's church throughout the world.  
May we, like John the Baptist,  
point others to the Light in all we do in service of your love.  
(*Please pray for the Church and our Partners in Ministry*)  
Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

Divine Wisdom,  
we pray for all leaders of the world.  
May your justice guide us to govern  
with truth and equity for all.  
(*Please pray for the leaders of all nations*)  
Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

Prince of Peace,  
we pray for all those who live and serve  
in places of violence and unrest.  
May you keep them from harm's way.

*(Please pray for those in the military)*

Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

Spirit breath, we pray for the beauty of creation  
witnessed from the vault of heaven to the depths of the sea.

May your goodness stir up in us  
a willingness to care for the precious resources  
with which you have entrusted us.

*(Please pray for our care of creation)*

Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

Joy of every human heart,  
we pray for all who suffer sickness or sorrow.

May your healing love find a dwelling place in our lives this day.

*(Please pray for those in any kind of need)*

Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

Holy Comforter,  
we pray for those in need of food and shelter.

May your abiding presence shelter them with mercy  
as we build communities of care.

*(Please offer prayers)*

Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

Eternal Dayspring from on High,  
we pray for those who are dying and those who have died.

May they find in you a resting place by springs of living water.

*(Please pray for those who have died and those who mourn)*

Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

Loving God, we lift to you our thanks for all you give us ~  
for all our joys and blessings,

*(Please pray)*

for those celebrating birthday and anniversaries,

*(Please pray)*

and for those who teach and the opportunity to learn

*(Please pray)*

Light of the world, **shine in our lives.**

O Great Mystery,

eternity entered time in your Word

and our lives are embraced within the compassion of your Word.

Open our hearts to the Wonder of your love,

that Wisdom may find a home in us and forever speak your praise.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon* Trusting in God's love made known in the gift of Jesus,  
let us confess our sins.

*Deacon and People*

Holy God,

we confess that we are a distracted people  
and forgetful of your love.

We make selfish choices,

hurt each other and perpetuate injustice in your world.

We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry  
and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation.

By the power of your Spirit,

forgive, restore, and strengthen us

to live in your light and walk in your truth;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

*Please be seated after the exchange of the Peace. We remain seated as we sing the offertory hymn.*

## Offertory

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



**Hymn ~ Christ is made the sure foundation**

*(See next page)*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing-kind - ness;  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er-more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!



*Glory to God 394*

TEXT: Latin, 7th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
MUSIC (WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7): Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1843

## **Doxology** *(Please stand)*

Sing to the tune of “What Child is This.”

Praise God, from whom all blessings come,  
Praise God, whose spirit makes us one,  
The Mother-Father and the Son,  
and the Spirit, three in One!  
Praise, praise, we gladly sing!  
Our grateful hearts and gifts we bring.  
Praise, praise, Emmanuel,  
God with us now and forever.

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## **Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

Revealing God, you send the light of a star,

and in that light we see

the truth of who you are and the truth of who we are.

Like the magi you call us to worship you,

but like the magi we mistake

where you truly belong and where we truly belong.

Yet in revelation you direct us to yourself

and in incarnation you meet us in yourself.

You become what we are that we might become what you are.

And so you draw us to the company where your angels gather  
around your eternal throne, singing their hymn of unending praise:

1 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Wonder, God of love and source of light,  
all Cre - a - tion shows your glo-ry, shin-ing with your pre-sence  
bright. Blessed is the one who comes in your name and in your love.  
Sing Ho - san - na in the high-est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing on high.

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*The Celebrant continues*

God of wonder, as the magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense,  
and myrrh, so we bring these gifts of bread and wine.

In those gifts we see your grief at the way

we crucified your Son, the holy one among us,  
but also the wonder of how you raised him to be  
our king in glory forever.

Send down your Holy Spirit, that we may discover

what it means to be of you and in you,  
and that this bread of honest toil  
and this wine of joyous celebration

may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and people*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

God of Wisdom, as the magi brought gold,  
bring your whole church, living and departed,  
to the vision of your glory.

As the magi brought frankincense,  
infuse all who seek you with the beauty of your holiness.  
As the magi brought myrrh, embrace all who suffer  
until the time comes when you flood the whole creation  
with justice and mercy.  
In this banquet restore us in your image,  
surround us with your company,  
and prepare us for your freedom;  
that we may come to resemble your Son,  
through whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*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.

*All are welcome to receive communion at God's table. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is received by carefully dipping the bread into the chalice when it is presented. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving communion we return to our seats and remain seated as we finish singing the communion hymn.*

**Hymn ~ Of the Father's love begotten**      (See next page)



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)  
and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

87. 87. 87 with Refrain

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Please stand*

*Celebrant and People*

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.

### **Blessing**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things  
earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the  
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Hymn ~ To God be the glory

1 To God be the glor - y, great things he has  
2 O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of  
3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath  
4 To you be the glo - ry, our Lord and our

done! So loved he the world that he gave us his  
blood! To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the pro-mise of  
done, And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the  
God! Now send us to spread these glad tid-ings a -

Son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin,  
God; The vil - est of - fen-der who tru - ly be-lieves,  
Son; But pur - er and high-er and great - er will be  
broad! In - spire us to wit-ness by deed and by word,

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TEXT: verses 1-3 Fanny Crosby (1875); verse 4 Peter C Blum (© 2025, used by permission.)  
MUSIC (TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11 11.11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1875



## **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go forth rejoicing in the grace of Christ.

Go forth walking in the light of Christ.

Go forth serving in the love of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **Postlude**



*Thank you for being here!*

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