

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**May 10, 2026**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**PRELUDE: Prelude in C – G. Nivers**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*During the Confession you may either stand or kneel as you are able.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

## GATHERING HYMN: "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

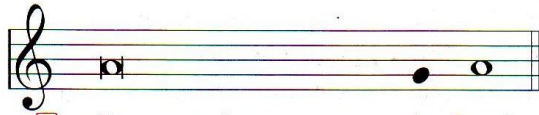
## APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

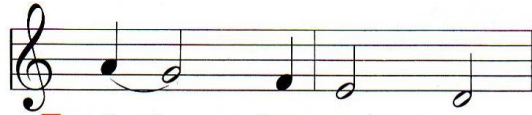
C. And also with you.

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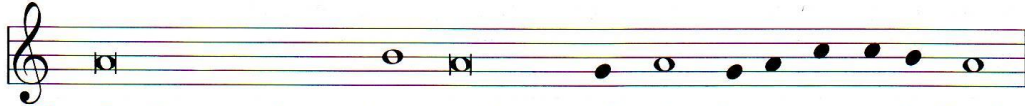
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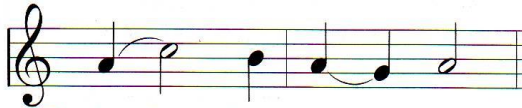
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



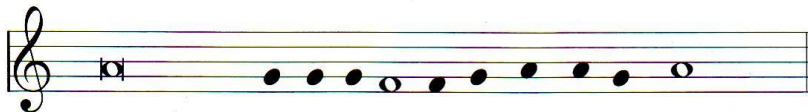
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



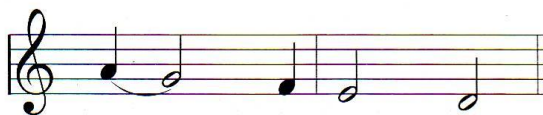
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



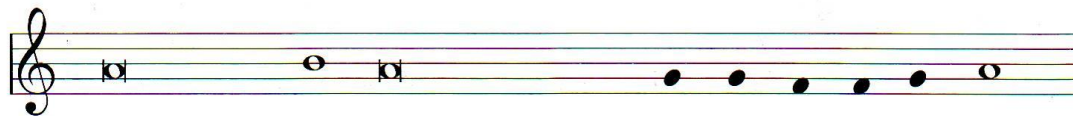
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



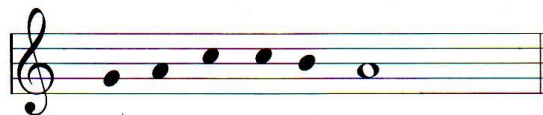
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



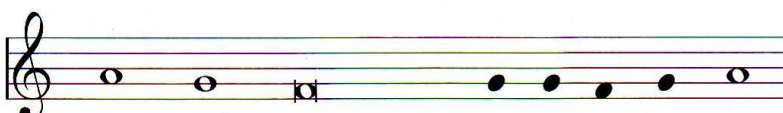
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE:



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



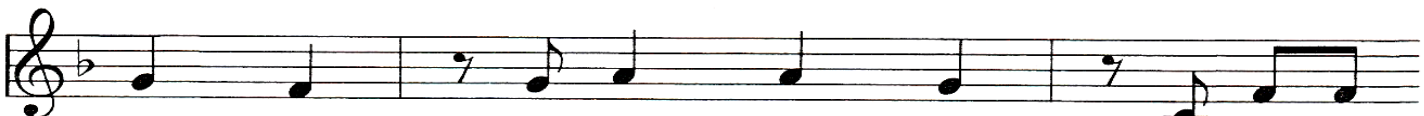
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



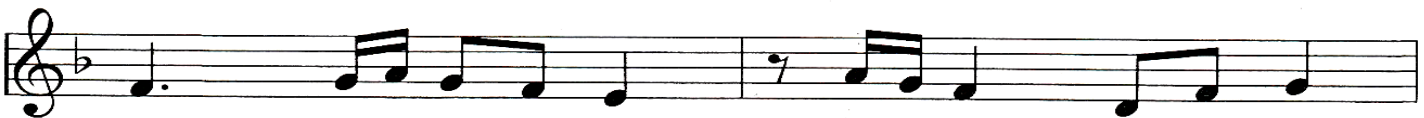
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;



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 Spir - it,



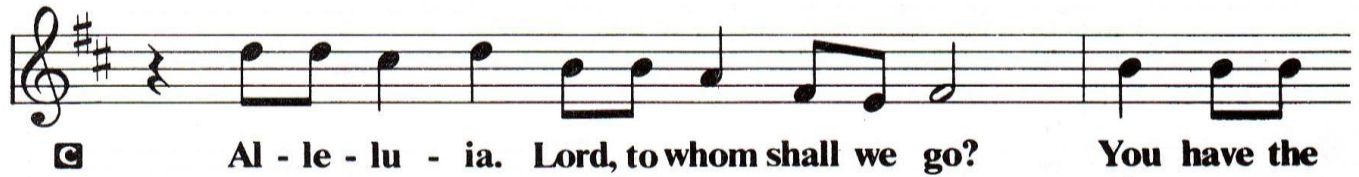
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men



**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*see back of bulletin*

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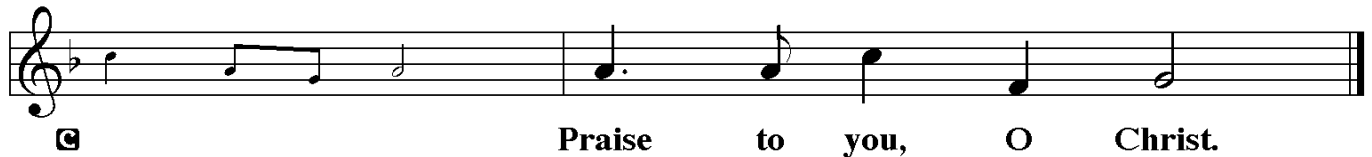


**GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to St. John 14:15-21**

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*After the reading the minister says: "The Gospel of the Lord"*



*Please be seated*

**SERMON: "You Are Not Orphaned"**

**Pastor Amy Bartleson Balcam**



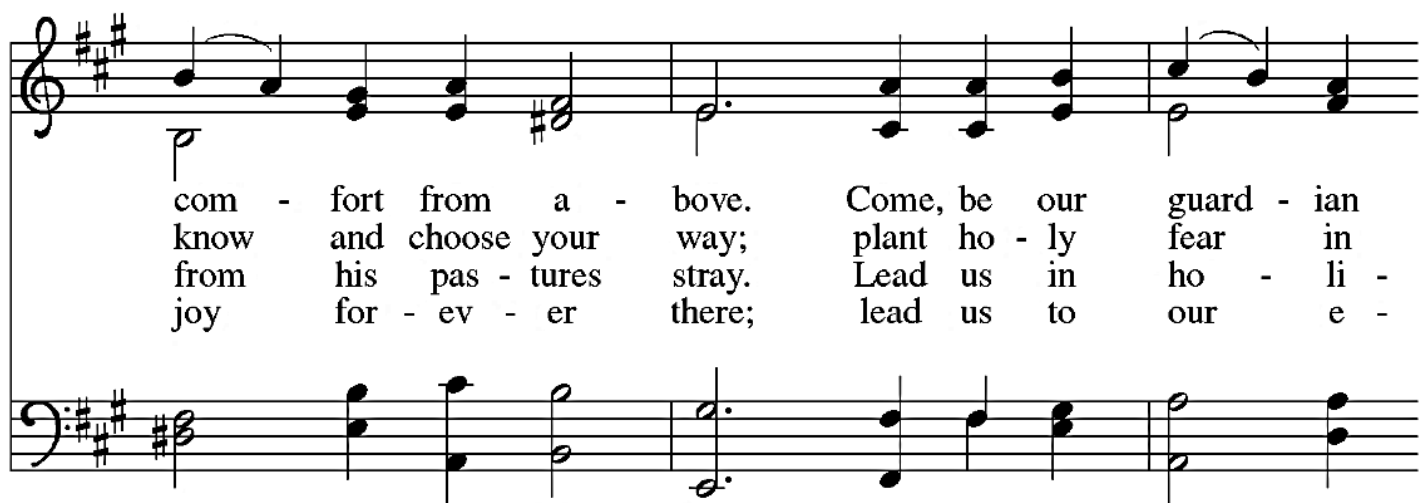
**TODAY'S  
SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -  
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS, German folk tune, 15th cent.

## **APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

**A:** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

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


**C: And also with you.**

*Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.*



**CHOIR ANTHEM: "If Ye Love Me" – Philip Wilby**

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A. Merciful Father,

C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

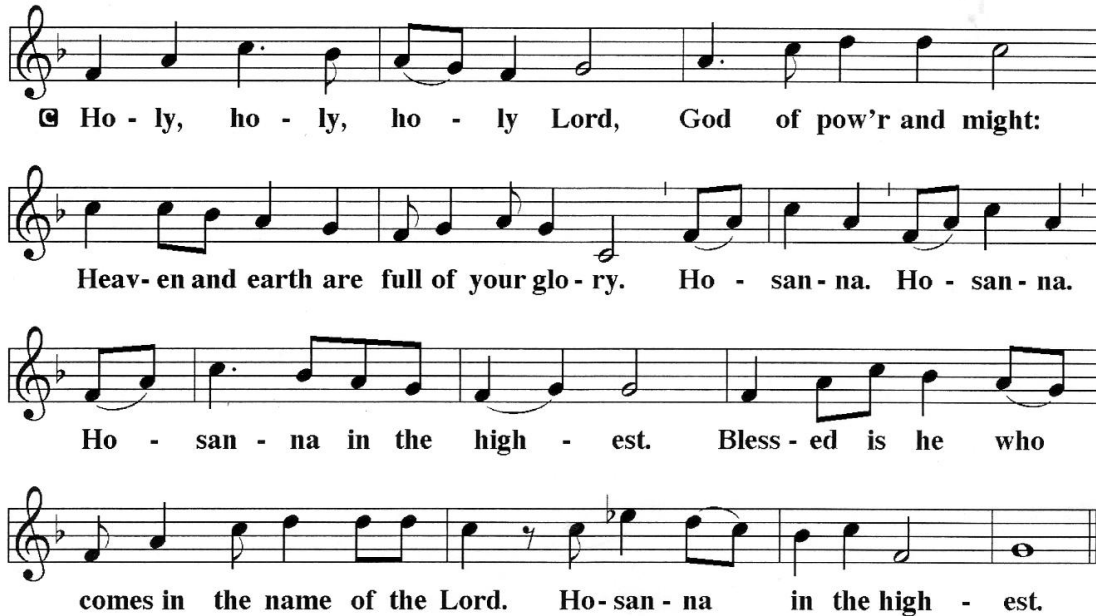
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

C. Amen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

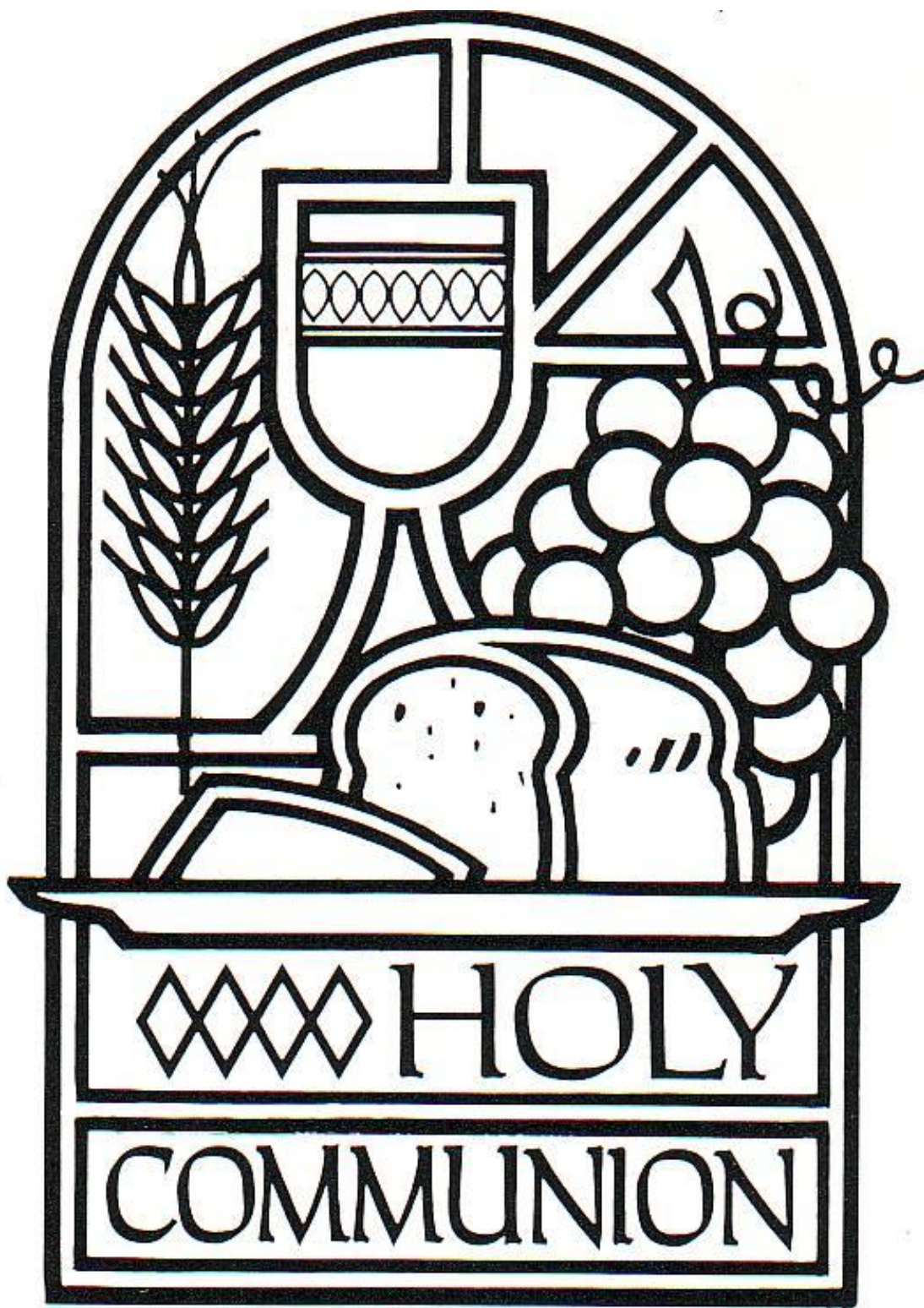
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P. Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.



◆◆◆ HOLY

COMMUNION

Sit

## HOLY COMMUNION:

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the “real presence” of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.*

## AGNUS DEI:



□ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please stand as you are able*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

## BENEDICTION:

P. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: "O Zion, Haste"



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

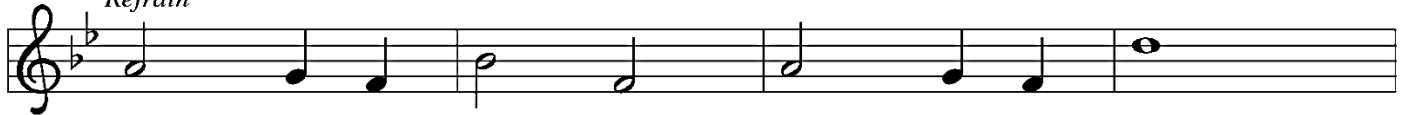


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

### *Refrain*



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923

Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

## DISMISSAL:

A. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE: Fanfare – C. S. Lang

Today's altar flowers are given by Bob & Lucie Stricker in honor of all providers of motherly care and love.



*THANKS FOR*

**Worshiping**

*WITH US*