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Conway, South Carolina



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks 10:00 AM August 17, 2025

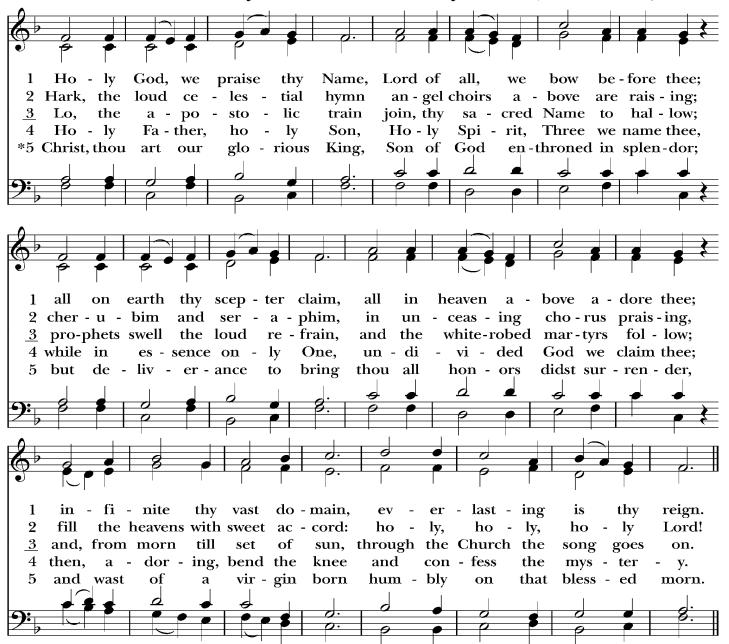
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Blessing of the Backpacks

ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Grosser Gott) (H 366)



- 6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
 Son of God, as Savior given;
 on the cross thy dying breath
 opened wide the realm of heaven.
 In the glory of that land
 thou art set at God's right hand.
- 7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
 Savior, who hast died to win us,
 help thy servants, drawing near.
 Lord, renew our hearts within us.
 Grant that with thy saints we may
 dwell in everlasting day.

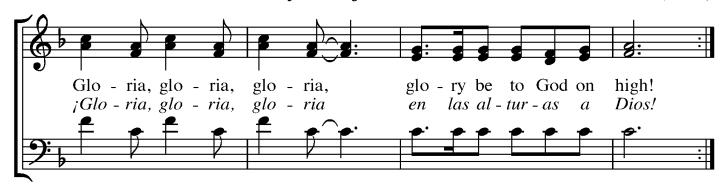
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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*.

SONG OF PRAISE 100 Hymn Of Praise Gloria, Gloria, Gloria (Sosa)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 40

The cantor will sing the refrain and the congregation repeats it. The cantor will sing the psalm verses, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.

Cantor: Lord, Lord, come to my aid!

People: Lord, Lord, come to my aid!

Cantor: The Lord heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, Out of

the mud of the swamp; He set my feet upon a crag; He made firm my

steps.

People: Lord, Lord, come to my aid!

Cantor: And he put a new song into my mouth, A hymn to our God. Many shall

look on in awe and trust in the Lord.

People: Lord, Lord, come to my aid!

Cantor: Though I am afflicted and poor, Yet the Lord thinks of me. You are my

help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!

People: Lord, Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

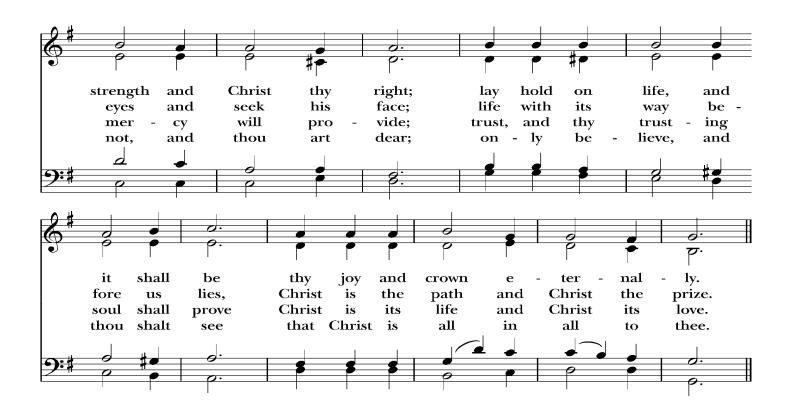
People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Fight The Good Fight With All Thy Might (Pentecost) (H 552)





GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

Please be seated.

A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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*.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In confidence and longing we enter our needs and hopes to God in prayer as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That your church may be a sacrament, a sure and certain sign of God's saving action in the world. We pray for *Sean*, *our Presiding Bishop*, *Ruth our Bishop*, *and Kevin our priest*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That our nation might be a place of opportunity for all its people and a place where people may live with dignity and in concord with their neighbors. We pray for *Donald*, our President, Henry, our Governor, members of Congress, the Supreme Court and all those in public authority

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That this assembly might be a place where we encounter the living Christ and where we feel safe to be our truest created selves. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Porter-Gaud Episcopal School, Mr. DuBose Egleston, Headmaster*. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Scottish Episcopal Church*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That *Patrick*, as he prepares for Holy Baptism, may be nurtured in the life of the Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and strengthened to walk in the way of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That all people of the world might come together to address our shared global problems and learn to live in peace, we pray.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That those afflicted with illness or injury, those impacted by fear and oppression, and those who despair or are isolated might know relief from their distress and a sense of wholeness and connection. Especially we pray for *Lance, Keith, Maverick, Karen L*,

Karen B, Jesse, Victor, Leslie, George, Bernadine, Steve, Lew, Claudia, Wendy, Millie, Ted, Nelljean, Alex, Amy, Ann and Mike, Ann, Ann S., Betty, Bobby, Danielle and Rowan, Denise, Donna G., Elizabeth, Jeff, Josie, Joyce, Laura, Linda, Mike, Paulette, Susan, Thom and Carol, and Trudy.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That the dying may know peace in your eternal presence and that the grieving may know peace. We pray for *Ty Smithdeal, Jodi Ranney, and Scott Nichols*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Priest: Most Holy God, you have fed your people with your love and with the saving

atonement of Christ. Walk with us that we might confidently travel the

narrow path following in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus, who with you and

the Holy Spirit lives and reigns. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silent reflection is held.

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*.

Priest: 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.

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

The Celebrant says:

God of wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day.

We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for those beginning or returning to school, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks and bags be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year. May they always be guided by your love

May these backpacks be blessed in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. *Amen*.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says:

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High." (*Psalm 50:14*)

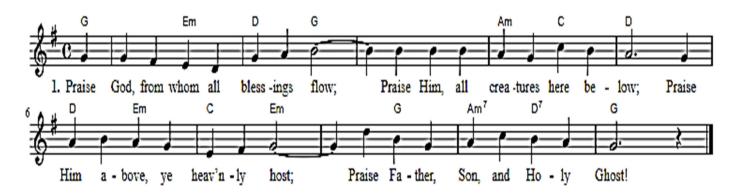
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All Things Now Living

Arr. Lily Topolski Alex Lefevre, piano

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Please stand as you are able.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

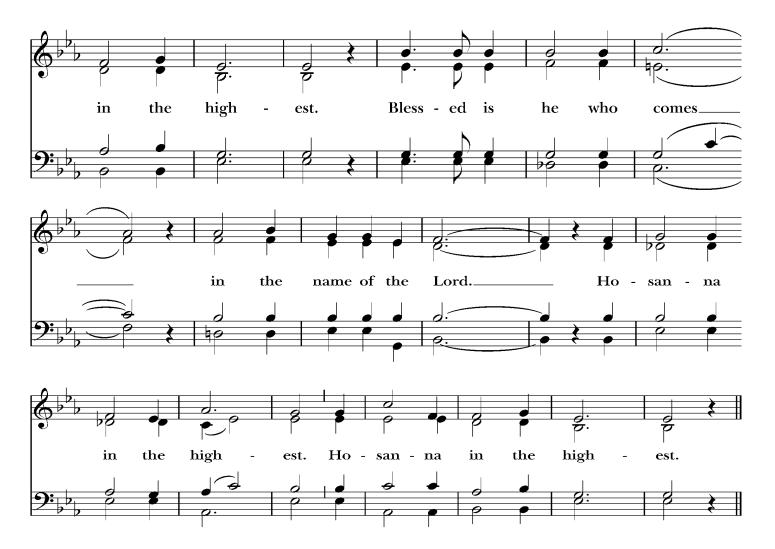
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 130 Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert/Proulx) \mathbf{God} ho Lord, power and might,_ ly, ly, Hoho Lord, \mathbf{ho} might,_ power and God of hea-ven and carth arc full full, of Ho your glo high inthe Но na est. san



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. *Amen*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD A period of silence is kept after the breaking of the bread.

S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) Je - sus, Lamb of God: have cy on mer us. Je - sus, bear - er our sins: have \mathbf{of} cy on mer us. re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: Je - sus, us your peace, peace. give give us your

INVITATION

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Gifts for a Holy People.

All baptized Christians, from any tradition or denomination, are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion at Saint Anne's.

The ushers will guide you when it is time to come forward. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands. You may then either:

- Drink from the chalice by gently guiding it to your lips, or
- Dip (intinct) the bread into the chalice yourself.

Please know that receiving only the bread or only the wine is a full participation in Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available—just let the minister know.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will be honored to offer a blessing.

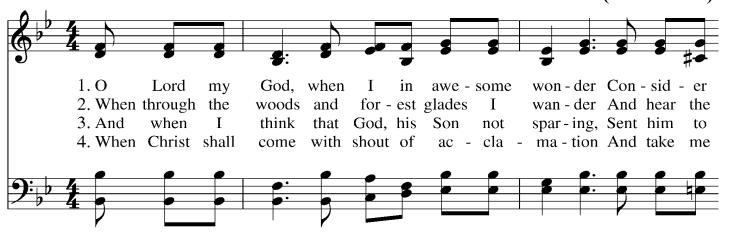
If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Fr. Kevin would be delighted to talk with you.

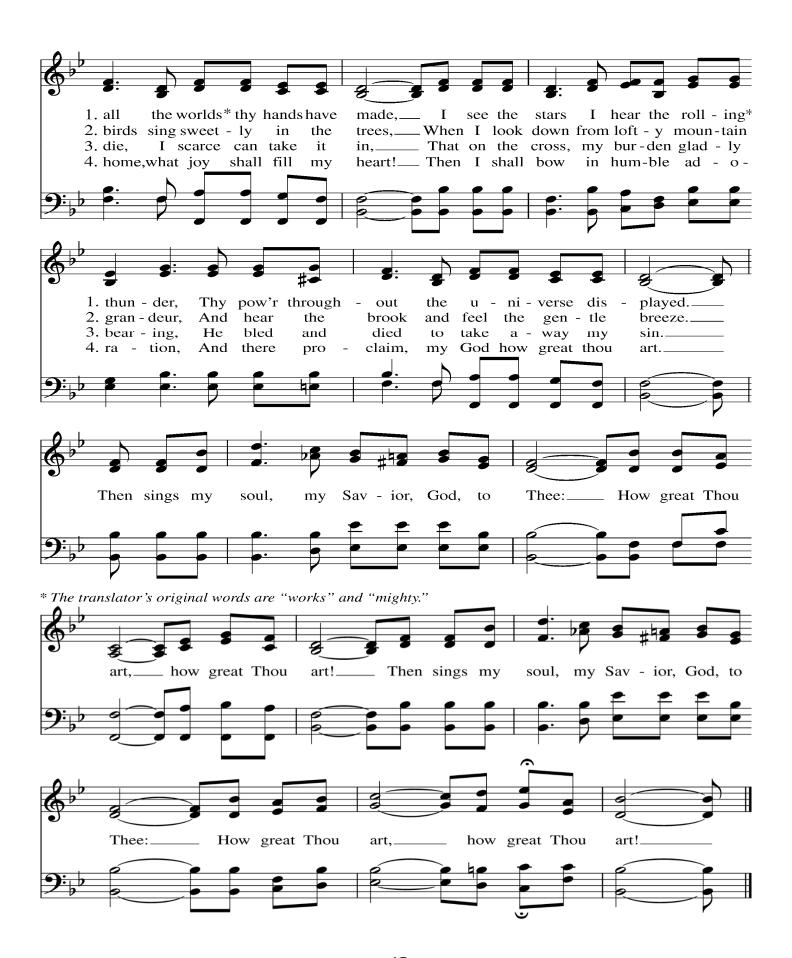
Wherever you are on your journey with God—or toward God—you have a place here, and you are most welcome.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

How Great Thou Art (LEVAS 60)





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray...

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: Rebecca, in the name of Saint Anne's, I send you forth bearing these

holy gifts to Paulette, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many

are one body.

People: Because we all share in one bread, one cup.

BLESSING

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short; Grace to risk something big for something good; Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

So may God take your minds and think through them; May God take your lips and speak through them; May God take your hearts and set them on fire.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

★ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.



DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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| Worship Participants | 8:30 AM | 10:00AM |
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| Lector | Rosemary Jenrette | Brian Bunton |
| Prayers of the People | Rosemary Jenrette | Krystin Dean |
| Ushers | | Debbie Moffitt / Shelley Wagar |
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