Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

August 23, 2026
A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

Prelude: *God is Live*

Music: Thomas C. Griggs arr. by Keith D Rowley

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #525 *The Church's One Foundation*

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia. Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Celebrant: As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:
People: Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.
Celebrant: In your Wisdom, speak in us:
People: and bring us strength, healing and peace.
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

All pray together: **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.**

My Heart Sings Out #34 *Amen, we praise your name*

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Exodus 1:8–2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages."

So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

Psalm 124

'If the Lord had not been on our side,' now may Israel say:
'If the Lord had not been on our side when our enemies rose up against us,
'then they would have swallowed us alive:
when their fury was roused against us.
'Then the flood would have swept us away:
and the torrent would have covered us.
'Then the raging waters:
would have gone right over our heads.
'But praised be the Lord:
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
'We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare:
the snare is broken and we are free.
'Our help is in the name of the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.'

At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #383 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Words: German composite Tr. pub. New York 1850. Music: *St. Elizabeth* from *Schlesische Volkslieder,* 1842 Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)
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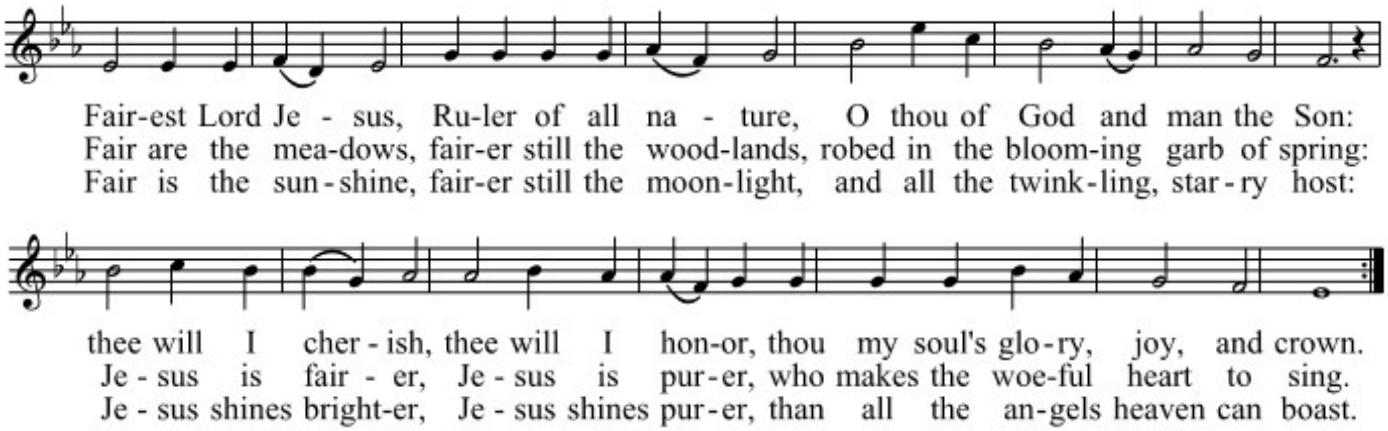

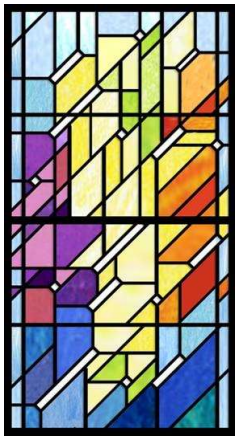

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:13–20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon: Mary Frances Bruce

The Creed: Wonder, Love and Praise #769 *I believe in God almighty*

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The Prayers of the People

God our Strength, in this challenging time in our life together as a people, as a country, as a world, we pray to you, offering our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

God our Light, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of this world and the bounty your good earth provides. We thank you for science and knowledge and for the wisdom to use them wisely. We ask you to give us courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for generations yet to come, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Peace, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the people of St. George's, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Wisdom, we pray for those in authority in our country and across the world, that they may govern in truth and compassion. Prosper the labors of those seeking justice and peace we pray, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Protector, we pray for those in places of conflict around the world and all who are in harm's way. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and Gaza, Lebanon and Haiti, Sudan and anywhere there is war. Shelter them under your wings, O Lord we pray, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Compassion, we pray for those who are hungry, those who are poor, those who are afraid, those who seek compassion and justice, especially immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. May we be moved to action on their behalf, we pray saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Hope, we pray for those who are sick or suffering; we pray for those who have died. *The people may add their own petitions*. We pray saying **O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Grace, we pray in gratitude for the many blessings of our lives and give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, saying **O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

We offer our prayers to you in the presence of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

All pray together: **God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. We dishonor your generosity by withholding ourselves and our resources from those in need; we disregard your compassion by judging the sins of others. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Spirit, renew us and free us from our bondage, that with open hearts we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing on all creation. Amen.**

May 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #189 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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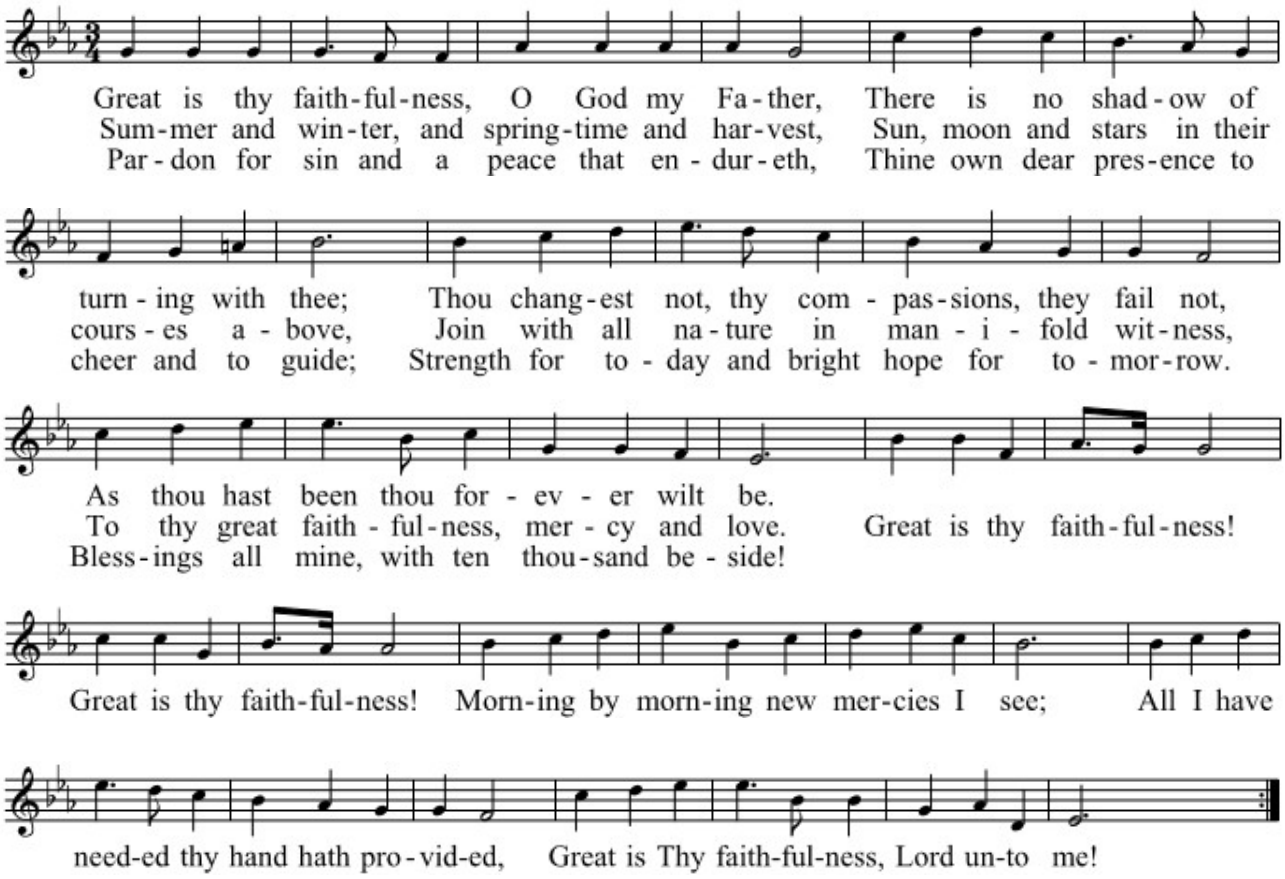

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org. (*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise Holy God, lover of creation, for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we were faithless, your love never failed. Your Spirit speaks through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin, so that you might judge us, forgive us, and teach us, sharing with us the vision of your new creation.

And now you have called us from our wilderness and wandering to this place, where you feed us with your Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we praise you with every gift we have to offer, as we join in the song of the universe, proclaiming your glory as we sing:

Sanctus: Gather #223

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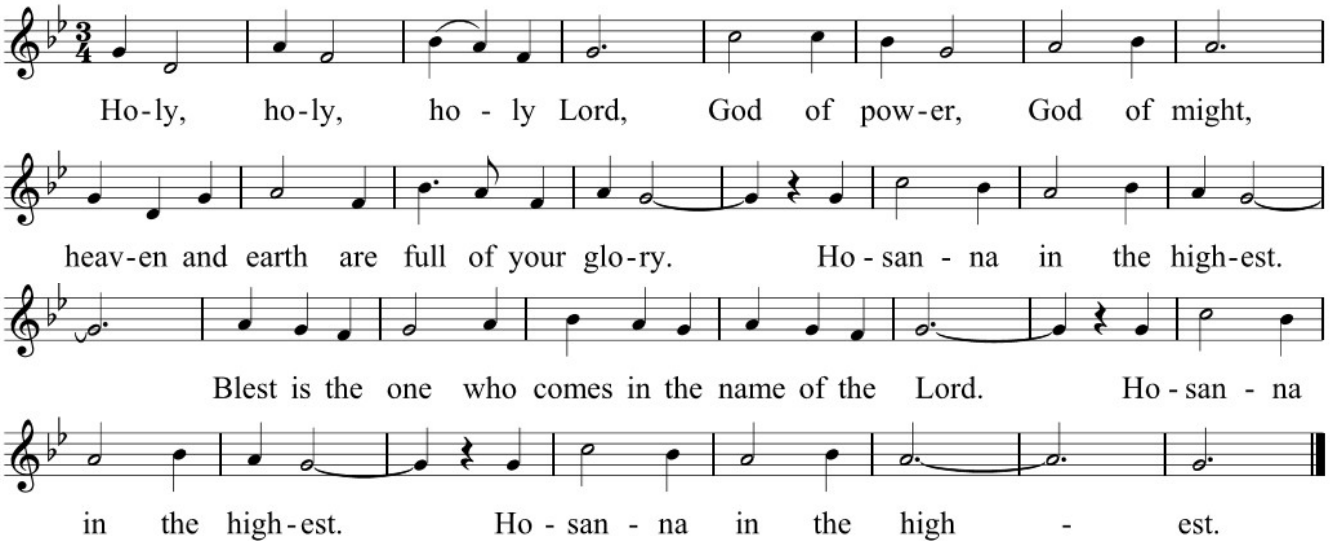

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who comes behind the doors we have closed, breathing his grace and love into our fear and making us whole.

He came among us as the Word made flesh and through his life and teaching he invites us into the dance of your Spirit.

And so we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. As he blessed them with his love around that table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you O Holy One, broke it and gave it to them, saying "take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

When supper had ended Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying "drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Therefore, remembering all that was done for us, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and the ascension, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.

As we share the feast that Christ has prepared,

We pray that you O God would receive the gifts of our lives, and make them beautiful, true, and good.

And now Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts that this bread, this cup, and we your people may be your body and blood, given in love for the world.

Make us one body in Christ, and keep us faithful in our calling until we meet again at the feast of beauty and joy that we will share in your eternal realm.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we give you all honor and praise, Living God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Living Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 *May We Be One*

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Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

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

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe,
know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing;
cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Hymn 1: Gather #504 *The Love of the Lord*

Words: Philippians 3: 7-11 Michael Joncas (b. 1951) Music: Michael Joncas. © 1968 GIA Publications, Inc.
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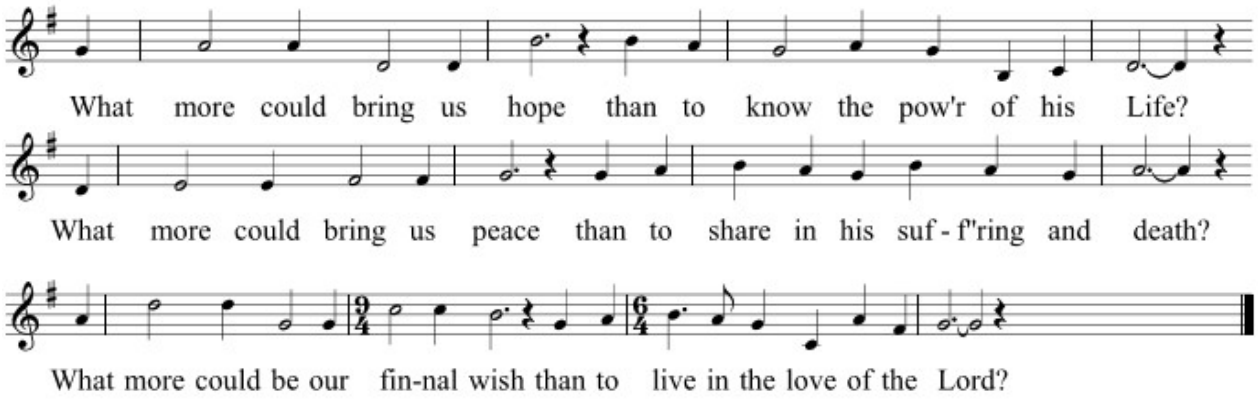

Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #151 *One Bread, One Body*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Holy and Gracious One, we give you thanks that through Word and Sacrament, Jesus has once again shared himself with us. As we leave this place, we pray that you send us out inspired by your Spirit to be Christ's love to others, that our daily living may show forth our gratitude and our lives become a praise to you, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**

The people may be seated for announcements

Announcements

The Blessing

We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #12 *We're Marching to Zion*

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Ave Maria*

Music: Franz Schubert

Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:45 for our Zoom Meeting
for *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*
as we explore the stories from Chapter 13 about the major prophets.

1 Kings 17:8-24 | 181-2, 17-40 | 19:9-18
Isaiah 6:1-8 | 5:8-9, 11-12, 20-25
Jeremiah 1:4-10 | 5:19-31 | 7:1-15, 30