



The Season After Pentecost  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**St. George's Church**  
Glenn Dale Parish •  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

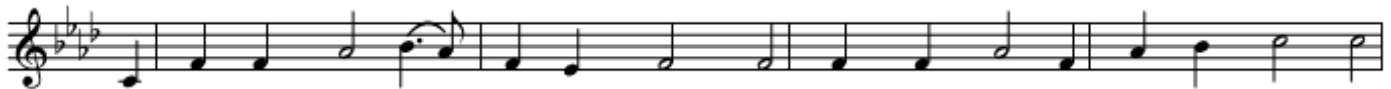
**September 12, 2021**

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

**Prelude: *The Old Rugged Cross* by George Bennard, arr. Victor Labenske**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 675 *Take Up Your Cross***

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Take up your cross, the Sa-*vior* said, if you would my dis - ci - ple be; take  
Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his  
Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool - ish heart be still; the  
Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave; it  
Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for



up your cross with wil - ling heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
strength shall bear your spir - it up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
Lord for you ac - cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
guides you to a - bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

**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.

## Gloria: Hymnal 1982 #S280

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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-y 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.

## 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: **O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Wisdom 7:26-8:1

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 19

The heavens proclaim the glory of God: **and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.**

One day speaks to another: **and night shares its knowledge with night.**

and this without speech or language: **their voices are not heard.**

But their sound goes out into all lands: **their words to the ends of the earth.**

In them God has pitched a tent for the sun:

**which comes out like a bridegroom, like an athlete eager to run a race.**

Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the other:

**and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul:

**the instruction of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

**the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

The awe of the Lord is clean, and endures forever:

**the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous every one.**

They are more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold:

**sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb.**

By them is your servant taught: **and for keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can discern unwitting sins?: **O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the better of me:

**then shall I be clean, and innocent of great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart:

**be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer.**

## Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #204 *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

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Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in dark earth  
In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, think - ing that nev - er  
Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, he that for three days  
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, thy touch can call us



man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
he would wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Mark 8:27-38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**The Sermon      Mary Frances Bruce**



## The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

Words: Nicene Creed paraphrased by Terry Doyle TSSF.

Music: 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol, *Piccardy*; Hymnal 1982 # 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

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1. We be - lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry  
 2. We be - lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and  
 3. Christ now con - quers death on the third day, and as - cends to  
 4. We be - lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of Life sus -  
 5. We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one



u - ni - verse, who was and will be for -  
 love from love, one in be - ing with the Cre -  
 God's ho ly throne, God tri - une now rules for  
 - tain - ing Earth. For the Spir - it groans in  
 Church and made whole. One with seek - ers, saints, and



- e - ver, source of all that live and breathe.  
 - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one.  
 all time as the course of stars will run.  
 la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth.  
 sin - ners, trust - ing in God's mer - cy and love.



All things vis - i - ble and all that is un - seen  
 Je - sus born of Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed,  
 Christ now comes a - gain as judge of all on Earth,  
 And the Spir - it now re - news all life on Earth,  
 As God's lov - ing kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds,



come to be through God the One.  
 shared our flesh and died our death.  
 re - con - cil - ing all to God.  
 in God's end - less flow - ing love.  
 be - yond death we're raised to new life.

## The Prayers of the People

God of mercy, God of graciousness, God of compassion: In your abounding love for us and the whole human race, you nurture our spirits; and in your loving-kindness you calm our fears. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, grace your church with your love, that we may know that Jesus is present to us and your whole church. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Chilton our Assisting Bishop, Connie our rector, Sarah and Thelma as they offer pastoral support, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God who hears the cries of all who suffer, we pray for all who are hungry, for those caught in violence and war, for those experiencing homelessness, and for those who suffer storms and natural disasters. We pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. Inspire us to be your hands serving those in need. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we know that you are always present with us to give comfort in our fears. With your generous touch, heal those for whom we pray: for those who are sick, and those who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in our hearts. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer, and ask for your presence with those who mourn. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you bless us with so many reasons to celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Holy One, your people look to you for nurture and healing: Fill our lives with the outpouring of your Spirit that we may be courageous and faithful disciples of the one whose mercy and loving-kindness reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

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

*All pray together:* **Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers often timid, and our gratitude frequently unconvincing. Yet when we feel far from you, you draw near to us with mercy to forgiveness. Wash us with the water of life, that we may live again through the grace and compassion of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, the will for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **Announcements and 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.

*Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net). There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.*

## **Offertory Anthem: Lord of the Dance arr. Neil Harmon**

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*(Refrain) Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

*And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance said he.*

*I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me.*

*I danced for the fisherman, for James and John; and they came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;*

*they whipped, and they stripped and they hung me on high; and they left me there on a cross to die.*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;*

*they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on.*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that will never, never die;*

*I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)*

## **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.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

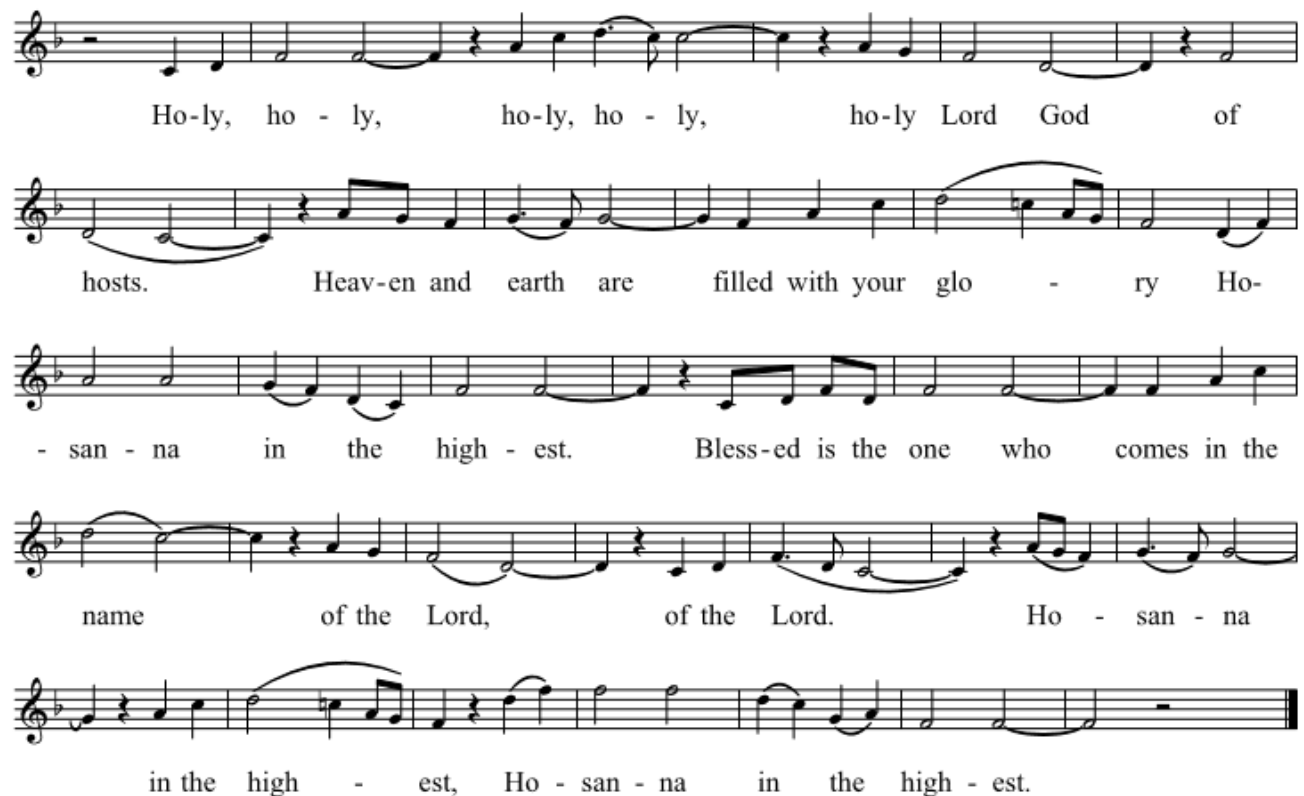
We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

You created us to love you with our whole hearts, and to love each other as ourselves, but we turn against you and against each other. Yet, in Jesus your Son, you call us back, bring healing to our world, and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wondrous name, as we sing:

## Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas # 255

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho-  
- san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues:*

We give you thanks and praise O God because in sending us Jesus you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry; he suffers with the sick and rejected. Yet even betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death, and by raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all people. **Glory to you forever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to them saying 'Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said 'Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you, proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

And now, O Holy One, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the risen life with him and all your people. **Glory to you forever and ever.**



Holy One, You call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather with joy at the table of your kingdom.

**We sing your praise, O God, through Jesus our Lord, in the power of the Spirit, now and always. Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**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 and silence is kept, all sing the fraction anthem.*

#### Fraction Anthem: *Be Known to Us Wonder Love and Praise # 875*

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The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. be bread. One bod-y are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break - ing of the bread." The score includes performance directions: "Cantor or choir" for the first staff, "1. Congregation" and "2. Cantor or choir" for the second staff, and "Congregation" for the third staff. A small copyright notice "WLP 875" is visible at the bottom left of the fourth staff.

*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.**

### The Communion

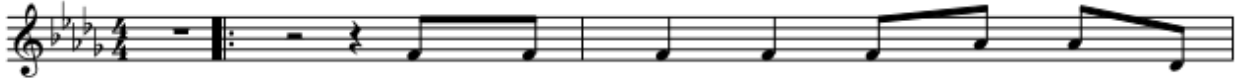
*If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door.*

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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.

### Communion Hymn 1: Wonder, Love, and Praise #757 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

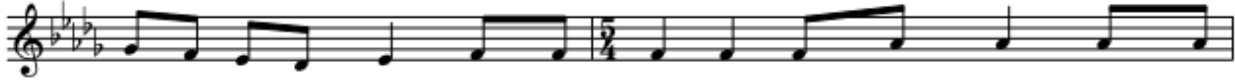
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Will you come and fol - low me if  
Will you leave your self be - hind if  
Will you let the blind - ed see if  
Will you love the "You" you hide if  
Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and  
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you  
nev - er be the same? Will your risk the hos - tile stare should your  
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do  
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -  
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my name be known? Will you let my life be grown in  
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in  
such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in  
- shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in  
love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in



you and you in me?  
you and you in me?  
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you and you in me.

## Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #192 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

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I need thee ev-'ry hour, Most gra - cious Lord; No ten - der voice like thine Can peace af - ford.  
I need thee ev-'ry hour, Stay thou near by; Temp - ta - tions lose their power When thou art night.  
I need thee ev-'ry hour, In joy or pain; Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.  
I need thee ev-'ry hour, Teach me thy will, And thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.



I need thee, O I need thee, Ev-'ry hour I need thee; O bless me now, my sav - ior, I come to thee.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray:

**Almighty and ever living 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 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 him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant:* May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour out blessings upon all creation, and upon us God's people, that we may use the gifts God has given us to do justice and bring peace. And may the blessing of God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



## Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #136 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded  
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low, Though no one join me,  
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me,



to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus,  
still I will fol - low, Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!

### The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*, Indian Folk Song, arr. Victor Labenske

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