

# Worship Plan for Sunday, May 05, 2024

Easter 6 ELW Holy Communion Setting 3

## WELCOME & PRELUDE

(Please stand as you are able)

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### GATHERING HYMN: *Come Down, O Love Devine*

(ELW 804)

### GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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

### KYRIE (ELW p. 138)

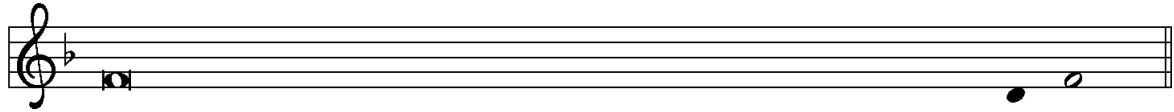
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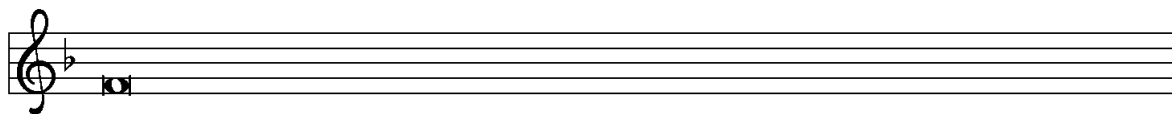
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



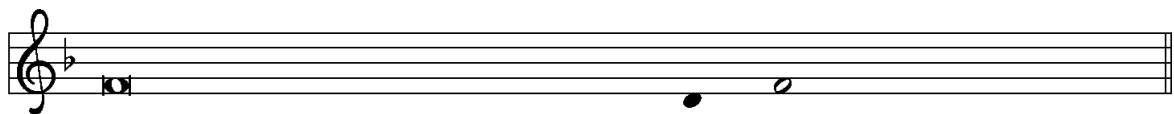
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



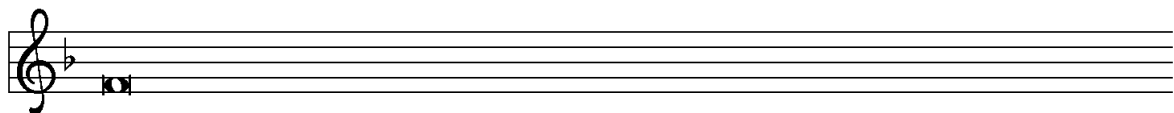
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



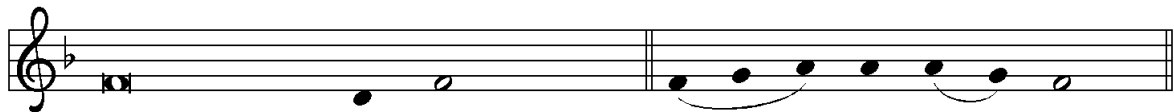
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



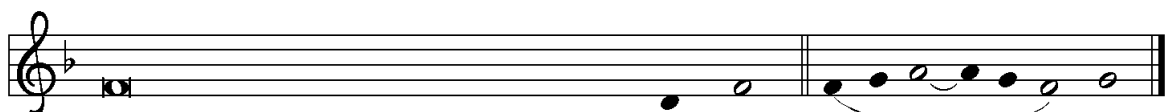
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW P. 140-1)


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb




who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and




strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (S&S)

PM

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

AM

**First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

AM

**PSALM: PSALM 98**



Psalm 98:4  
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- <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of  
Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- <sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes  
to | judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. **R**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

AM

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW p. 142)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PM

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

**GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose

me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

## **RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEERS**

I invite anyone and everyone who has volunteered any of our Community Meals to please come forward and meet me at the altar.

Jesus taught us to Love one another and to take care of each other. These humble volunteers have been doing just that. Every month on the third Sunday you, GLC, sponsor a community meal program so that people in our community can have a hot nutritious meal.

These are the people who make it happen. Often working behind the scenes, they plan meals, buy the food, then prep cook, and serve 60-80 meals each month.

Then after all the work is done, they stay to clean up and then do it all again the following month. Let's show our appreciation.

**Blessing:** God of abundance, you fill the hungry with good things. You give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Send your blessing on those who prepare the food you provide, and make us all ever thankful for daily bread. In Your name we pray. **AMEN**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Come With Joy***

**(ELW 482)**

## **NICENE CREED**

**(ELW p. 105)**

**PM**

Together let us confess our faith using the words from the 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 INTERCESSION**

**AM**

Let us pray for the Churches around and throughout the world for their truth, unity, and stability; that charity may flourish and truth abound:

*Pause for silent reflection and meditation*

Lord, enlighten our hearts and open our minds to see each other all as your children, all beloved by you no matter the color of our skin, our national



heritage, or our political leanings. Join us together for we are all one in mission, we are all one in Christ; we are called. Let us hear your voice. Let us heed your voice. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Shield and guide our military, first responders, and all who are charged with defending life and liberty. Give them wisdom, valor and integrity. Use their skills to establish safety and justice. Heal their bodies, minds and spirits from the hurtful impacts of violence, destruction, and disrespect. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember with sadness the fall of the “Old Man” 13 years ago, and pray today for all those who have lost lives and communities in the recent Midwest tornado and severe storms outbreak. Bless all those in need. Help us to bring your light into lives darkened by sickness, loneliness, mourning, fear and uncertainty. We pray for all those on our prayer list, and those we name in our hearts before you now. Shine the light of your healing and sustaining love upon us all. Comfort the bereaved and help us all to remember your saints who have gone before us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for this world and protect our environment. Yet, your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Bring peace to where there is no peace, to where terrorism and hatred reign. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. Inspire all authorities and politicians to act with wisdom and compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope and meet hate with love. Make us to be broken bread and poured-out wine that we may give back to you what you have first given us, and that we may feed those hungering for your Word and slack the thirst of those seeking for your love. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As spring arrives and green leaves burst forth and flowers emerge, grant the warmth and gentle rains of springtime upon us all, O Lord, and protect us all from the severe storms that often darken our springtime skies. Help our farmers and ranchers to raise the food for our tables, and the fishermen

to bring in bountiful catches. Let us fill our barns not just for ourselves but for the benefit of our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Show us, O God, as much of your purpose, because we have it, as shall steady us. We do not ask that the way be made smooth, or even that you would bestow upon us now the strength which you have promised. We ask only for the grace to use what you have already provided in Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. **Amen.**

#### ALTERNATE PRAYERS:

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

#### *A brief silence.*

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (*We pray especially for . . . .*)

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PM

**PEACE** (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Please share a sign of Peace with each other.

**MEAL OFFERING** (ELW p. 106)

(Please stand as you are able)

**OFFERING HYMN: Create in Me a Clean Heart** (ELW 186)

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

### Offering Song



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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### OFFERING PRAYER

(ELW p. 144)

Let us pray.

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

AM

### GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

(ELW p. 144-5)

PM

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give us thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE** (ELW p. 144)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
That we should at all times and in all places  
Give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

(ELW p. 144)

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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

(ELW p. 145)

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

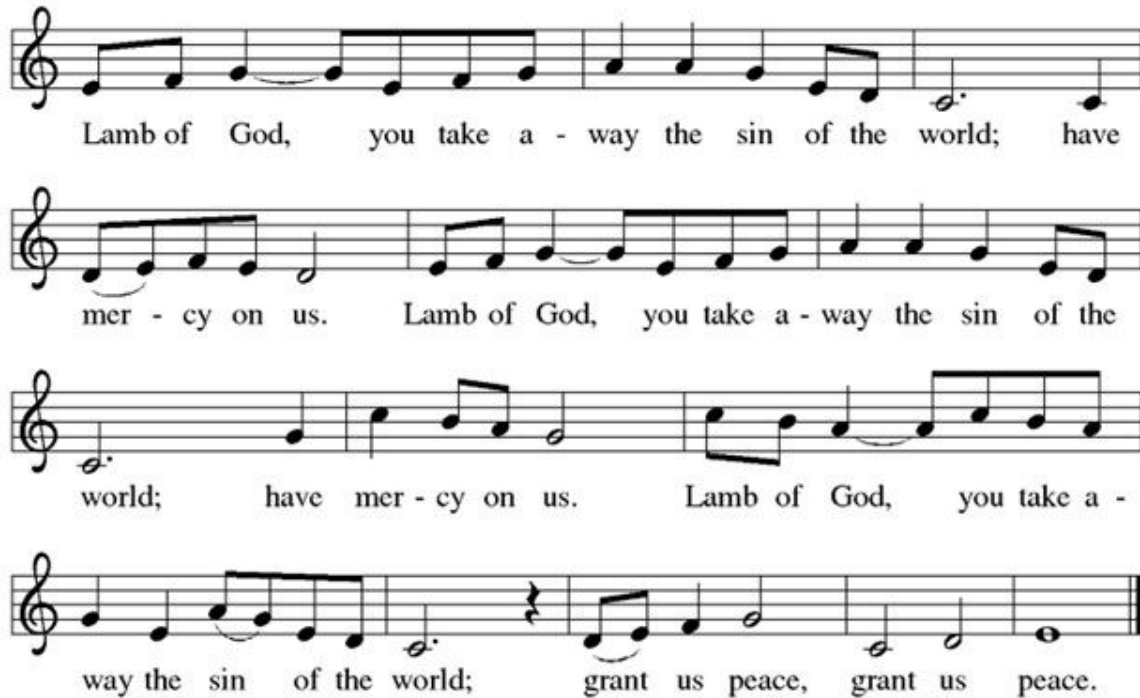
**(ELW p. 145)**

**AM**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

(Please be seated.)

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(ELW p. 146)

PM

Welcome to Christ's meal. We understand that this is not our table, but this is Christ's table, and all are welcome to partake of Christ's meal. If you are participating live stream, we invite you to share in the bread and fruit of the vine. Please follow along.

(Gluten free wafers are available. The pre-filled cups have grape juice in them. You can take an empty cup to be filled with wine from the chalice.)

We will commune our Choir first, then the Right side of the sanctuary and finish with the Left side of the sanctuary.

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table!

## COMMUNION (ELW p. 112)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**



(Please stand as you are able)

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

(ELW p. 113)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

(S&S)

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the  
abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

AM

(Please be seated)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please stand as you are able)

**BLESSING**

(ELW p. 114)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope, ✝ bless you now and always.  
**Amen**

PM

**SENDING SONG: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

(ELW 836)

**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 146)**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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