

Order of Worship
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
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22nd Sunday after Pentecost. We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

***=ALL STAND** for this part of worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression, and do not embrace the
freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and

2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and

4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row

6 O sis- ters, bro - thers, take your part, and wor-ship God with humble



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor

grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,

grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your

heart: Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Oh, praise the Father, praise the



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:

clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.

GLORIAGlory to God*

ELW 163

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth. 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.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp). It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Phrasing slurs are used to group notes that belong to a single syllable of text. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:

**O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Job 19:23-27a

²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

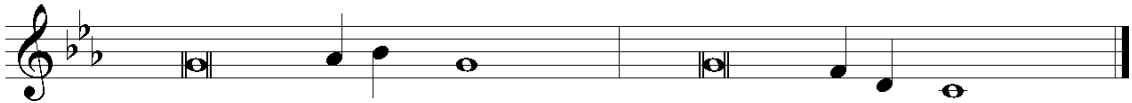
PSALM 17:1-9 (Sung)

PSALM REFRAIN



Lord, lend your ear and hear my prayer

PSALM TONE



- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
- ² **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
- ³ Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
- ⁴ **I have not regarded what | others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. R
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;**
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who | rise against them.
- ⁸ **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;**
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. **R**

SECOND READING:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for

that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose God called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The musical score is written for two systems, each with a soprano and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and lyrics.

Cantor: Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Repeat gospel acclamation

***GOSPEL:**

Luke 20:27-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.” ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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Silence is kept for reflection.



1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor-row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.
 2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth-ing to be - lieve.
 3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic-t'ry; sin has lost its poi-son sting.



Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev-'ry pow'r.
 Je - sus' prom - ise is ac-comp-lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."
 Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



Why then seek the liv-ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?
 Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re-stored.
 For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.
 Doubt dis - pel-ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!
 Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

We now profess the faith we share using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your Church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation, in anticipation of Christ's return.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body, especially *Mary, Mabel, Doris, June, Ann, Julie, Rita, Carol, Anne, Judy, Gloria, Tom, Lydia, Brian, James & Grace, Wil, Amy, Bob & Jane, Barbara, Scott, Lynda, Ron & Flo, Mac, Monica, Avery, Doris, John, Abby, Mike, Tim, Arleen, Betty, Linda, Jeff, Natalie, Henry, Gary, Greg, Helen & Ron, and Max & Michelle*. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastor and lay leaders, worship assistants and musicians, Kandyn, our Parish Administrator, and all who help care for our buildings and grounds at Grace Lutheran. May all find joy in mutual service as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GRATITUDE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amen (Because He Lives)

Ed Cash, et. al.

*OFFERING SONG

If We Live, We Live to the Lord

ACS 1025

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.' The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three measures of music on each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket. The third staff also has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket. The final measure of the third staff ends with a double bar line.

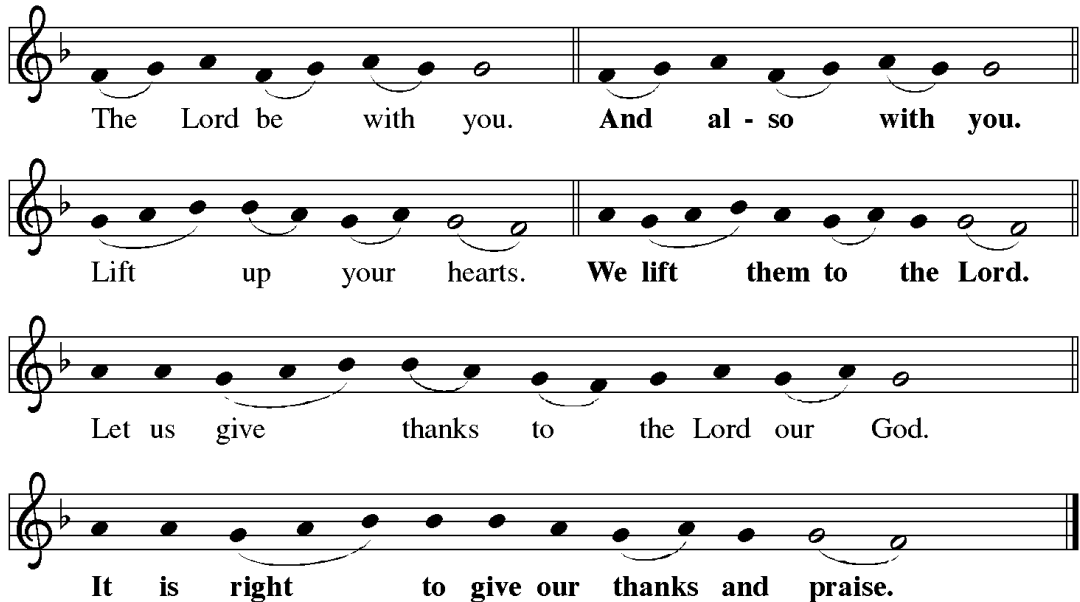
If we live, we live to the Lord. If we
die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or
wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body
of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



The musical notation for the Dialogue section consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, and the lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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 192



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age, you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was handed over,
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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Fath - er in — Hea - ven

Hal - low - ed be your name. Your King - dom come your — will be done in

earth as it is in Heav'n Give us this day our

dai - ly bread. For give us our sins as

we for - give those who sin a - gainst - us Save us from the time of trials and de -

liv - er us from e - vil For the King - dom the po - wer and the

Glo - ry are Yours Now and for - ev - er

A - - Men

Chords: C, C, C, C/B, Am, Am7/G, F, G, C, C, C/B, Am, Am7/G, F, G, C, Em, Dm, G, C, Eb, Cm/Ab, Fm, Gsus, G, C, C/B, Am, Am7/G, F, G, Em, Eb, F, E, Am, Am/G, F, C, Ab, Bb, C

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

The baptized children of God are invited by the Lord to the Lord's Table where we receive Jesus' very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. We commune at the communion rail where we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. If you wish to commune, but cannot come forward, let an usher know and Pastor will come to you. If you do not wish to commune, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You may wish to remain at the rail for a time of personal prayer following which you may return to your pew down the side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW 195

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.

COMMUNION HYMN(S)

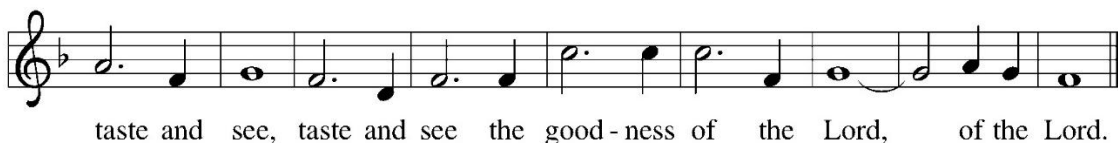
Taste and See

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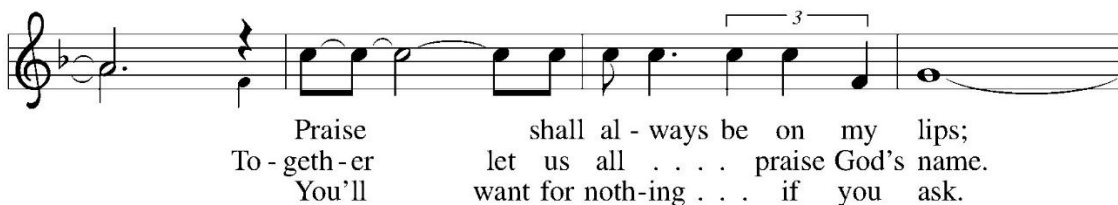
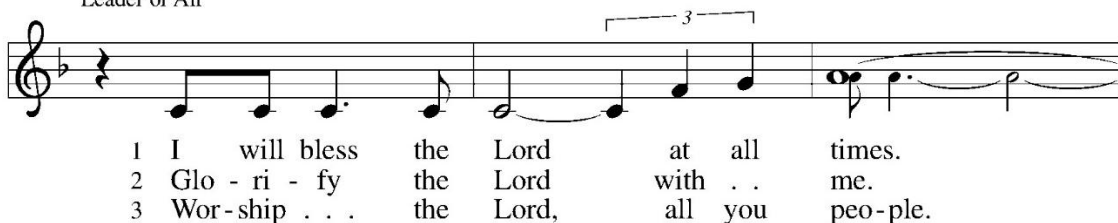
Let Us Break Bread Together

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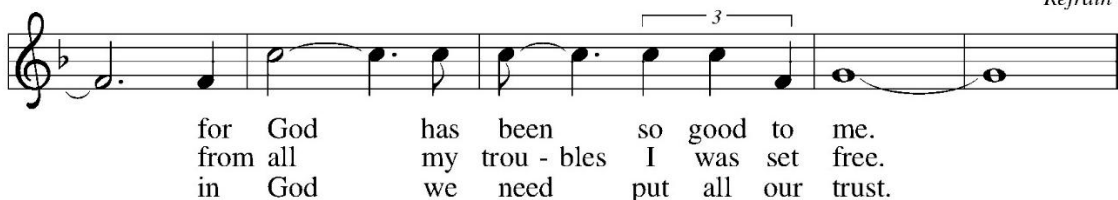
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Leader or All



Refrain





1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

Amen.

***POST COMMUNION SONG** *Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life* ELW 210



***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**God of field and flower,
wheat and grape,
you have nourished us
with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body
and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts
for all who hunger and thirst,
and embolden us
to love and serve
in Christ's name.
Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

***BENEDICTION**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

ACS 950

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