

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Juneteenth

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JUNE 19, 2022 – 9:00 & 11:00AM

Today's liturgical themes celebrate Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, and now a federal holiday, also embraced by the Episcopal Church. Much of our music today comes from the African American tradition, and readings follow the theme of emancipation and liberation. Our guest preacher this morning, joining us by recorded video, is The Rev. R. Jemonde Taylor, Rector of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Fr. Taylor has for many years been an active community leader on issues of racial justice, reparations, and reconciliation. Further opportunities to learn about Juneteenth will be available at a special coffee hour after the service.



*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of God shall be your guard.*

PRELUDE

In Quiet Mood, Florence B. Price (1887 – 1953)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

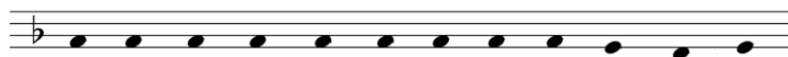
burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt.
 Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

OPENING ACCLAMATION *said at the 9am liturgy; sung at the 11am liturgy*

Blessed be God, who liberates the captive and gives sight to the blind.



Glo - ry to God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,

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Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophets and saints in every age, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-2, 7-12

Moses led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

I waited patiently for you, O God; *
you stooped to me and heard my cry.

You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in you.

Happy are they who trust in you! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O God, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; *
let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

Let those who say “Aha!” and gloat over me be confounded, *
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; *
let those who love your salvation continually say, “Great is the Holy One!”

Setting: D. Hurd

One thing is certain:
If we merge mercy with might, and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy,
and change our children's birthright.
So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left.
With every breath from my bronze-pounded chest
we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.
We will rise from the golden hills of the West.
We will rise from the windswept Northeast where our forefathers first realized revolution.
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the Midwestern states.
We will rise from the sun-baked South.
We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.
And every known nook of our nation and every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful,
will emerge battered and beautiful.
When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid.
The new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

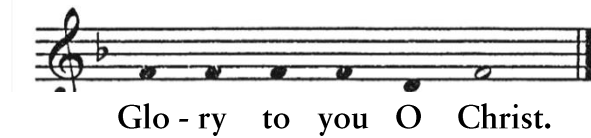
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The Deacon or Priest intones:

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



Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Reverend R. Jemonde Taylor

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is love,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

—1 John 4:8

We believe that Jesus gives us the Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to God's liberating work in the world.

—1 John 4:13

We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.

—John 1:4

We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of abundance
for the world God loves. Amen.

—Philippians 2:3

from Daily Prayer for all Seasons

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of emancipation, we give you thanks this day for the strength, the courage, and the resilient witness to the faith of those enslaved who, as Dr. Howard Thurman said, “by some amazing but vastly creative spiritual insight undertook the redemption of a religion that the master had profaned in their midst.” We pray now in that spirit, and with a hunger for justice.

We give thanks for those who have pressed on through the generations with your Spirit and vision. We celebrate their resistant, resilient community and witness, rooted in your liberating love, which spread your radically expansive vision for justice even in the darkest hour.

In our remembering,
help free us with truth.

We give you thanks for the prophets speaking in our own day, calling us more deeply into conversion and amendment of life, with true and equal justice and liberty for all.

In the struggle for freedom,
help ground us in resilient love.

Forgive us for the ways we have blocked your freeing power and have feared progress that requires sacrifice and change. Help us this day to face into our own struggles with racism and power embedded deep within us, and to open ourselves to your transformation.

In our repenting,
help turn our hearts to justice.

Move us to action, pressing toward a day when all racism is uprooted, in this country and throughout the world. Help us to see each other as you see us, as your beloved children. Allow us with our whole hearts and spirits — and with our hands and feet — to be repairers of the breach, restorers of broken places, part of your vision for a beloved community that knows no limit.

With your power,
open the door to true and sustained progress.

And for what else shall we pray?

The People offer their prayers, aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes

Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. May your justice continue to roll down like mighty waters and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Let us see the day when this is so, O God, and let it be so among us this Emancipation Day. **Amen.**

Adapted from the 2021 Juneteenth prayer service at Duke University Chapel, and the Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PEACE

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

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

No matter what people say
Say or think about me
I am a child
I am a child of God

No matter what people say
Say or think about you
You are a child
You are a child of God

No matter what the world says
Says or thinks about me
I am a child
I am a child of God

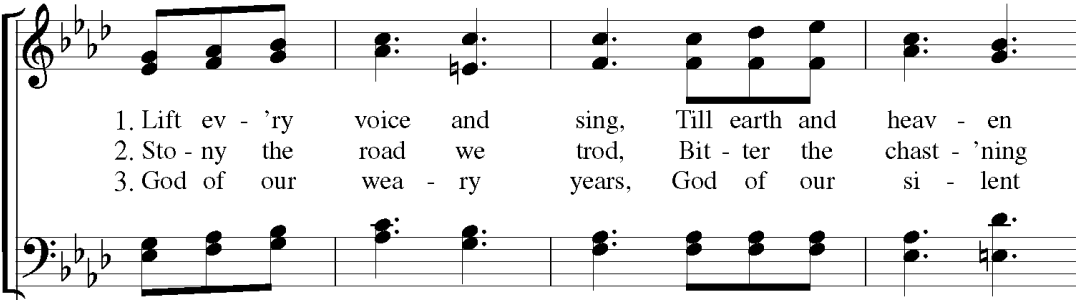
No matter what the church says
Decisions, pronouncements on you
You are a child
You are a child of God

And there is no thing, or no one who can separate, they can't separate you from the truth, that you are someone, you are family, you are meant to be a child, a child of God.

You are a child of God.

Mark Miller

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



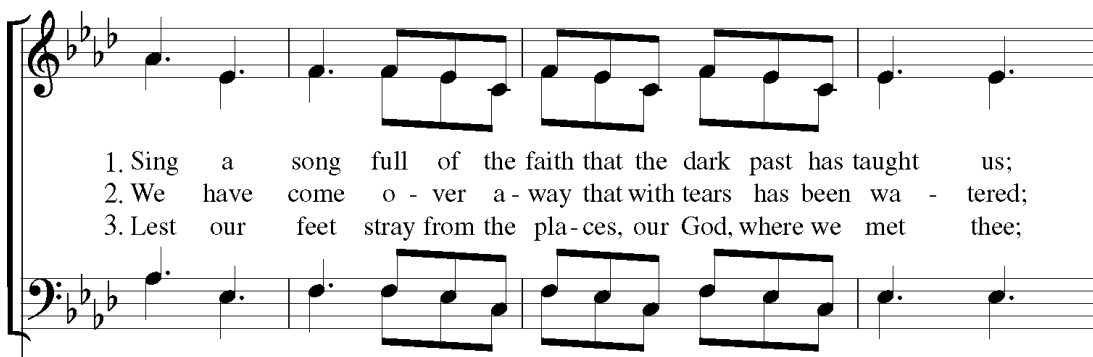
1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the



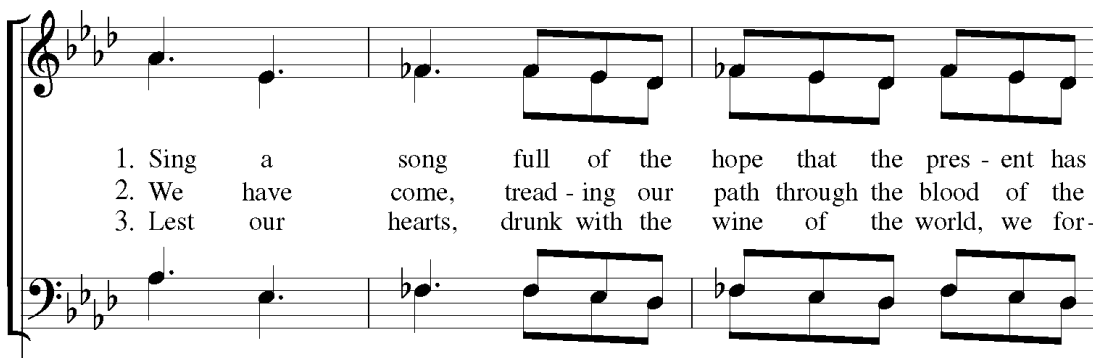
1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the



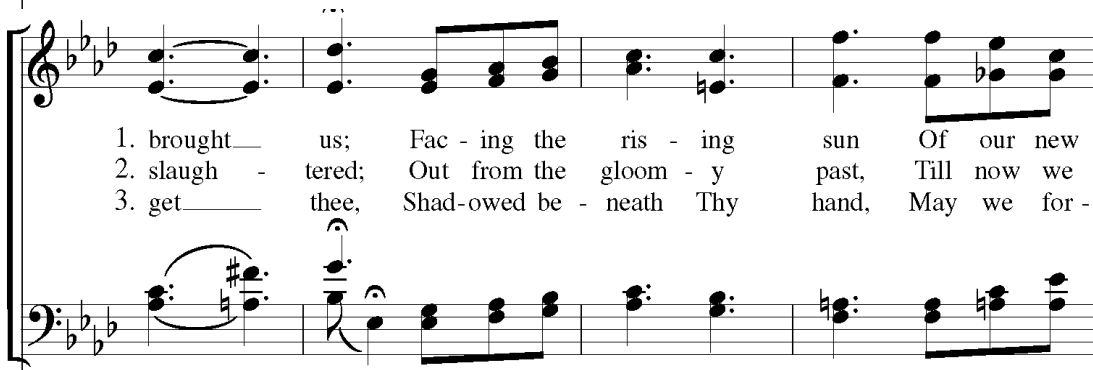
1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



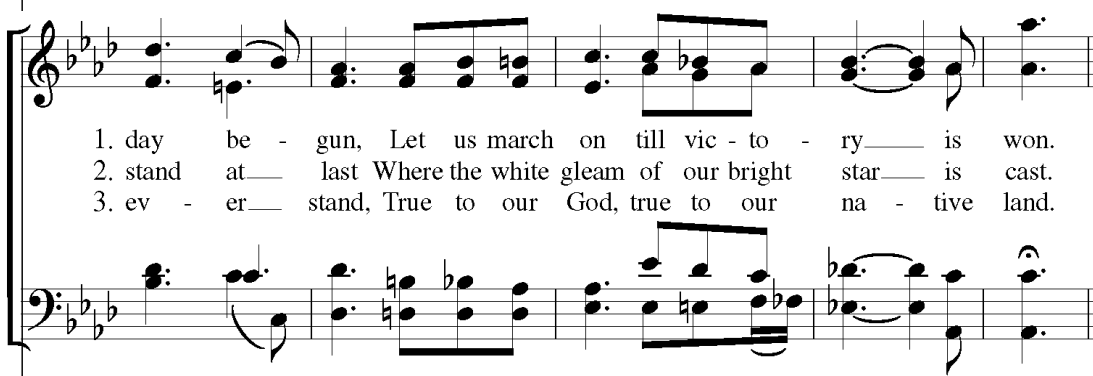
1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love. You have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Land of Rest, arr. Richard Proulx

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused and enslaved one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over hatred and evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Land of Rest

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the fullness of liberation with all your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Richard Proulx

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - 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 tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

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THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.
Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

sung by the Choir

This Little Light of Mine

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

standing

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe we can make a difference in the world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God, + who creates, liberates, and illumines,
be upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

A Franciscan Blessing

HYMN IN PROCESSION

♩ = ca. 102

G D7 G/D G C/G G C

We are march - ing in the light of God, — we are

D C/D D G/D G G/D D C/D G/D G

1. march - ing in the light of God. — 2. of God —

3. of God —

G7 G7/D C C/E

We are march - ing

light of God. — We are march - ing, march - ing, we are

G C D C/D D G/D G

Oo — We are

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God. —

v.2 We are living in the love of God...

v.3 We are moving in the love of God...

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to proclaim God's liberating freedom for all! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please join the special coffee hour downstairs in the Parish Hall after this service.

Special thanks to Gail Bindley-Taylor, Will Doreza, Bob Giolitto, Natalie Kikkenborg, and Dorothy Mason for helping to shape today's liturgy.

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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