



MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Confirmation Sunday
October 11th, 2026 8:30 and 11 am
Holy Communion, Rite Two

Gathering Season Worship Notes.

The Gospel lessons in early Fall—which we’re calling *Gathering Season*--focus on Jesus’ radical and counter-cultural welcome, to the marginalized and excluded. Parables and stories about the least, the last, and the lost of society attracted to Jesus upside down kingdom of grace. Parables like this, of the Wedding Banquet:

Then the King said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet”. —Matthew 22:8-9

Our preaching theme for this season is *Jesus’ Radical Welcome*.

A Note for Visitors.

Resisting the urge to project our music and liturgy on screens, as Anglican Christians in the Episcopal Church we pray from the Book of Common Prayer and sing from our Hymnal. Other music is found in your worship bulletin. It is our custom to stand when we praise and profess, kneel when we pray, and sit when we listen. Our clergy will do our best to guide you, as will Messiah members.

Liturgy Changes.

Liturgically, we’ve moved to Eucharistic Prayer A and Prayer Form V as we turn towards Fall. We will acknowledge our sinfulness with the General Confession and hear the words of grace in the Absolution. We will also return to the two-song praise set after the Prayer of Humble Access. All three readings will be read by our Lectors at the 8:30am service for the Fall.

With every blessing,

Rev. Dave+



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THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Hymnal #481

Please turn in the hymnal to our opening Hymn, Hymn #481 Rejoice, The Lord Is King

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 413

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #413.

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

All There is one hope in God's call to us:

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All One God and Father of all.

GLORIA/ SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
6 peo - ple of good will. We praise You, we bless you, we a - dore You, we
12 glo - ri - fy You, we give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.
17 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, I - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus
22 Christ, on - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
27 Fa - ther. You take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
32 us; You take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; You are
37 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. have mer - cy on us. For
41 You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,
45 You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly
50

Spir it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A men, a - men, a men a - men a men.

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Please stand.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 234

Leader The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.
 Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

All sit.

THE LESSONS

BCP p. 414

(OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Isaiah 25:1-9)

Bible OT p. 652)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Philippians 4:1-9)

Bible NT p. 198-199

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 198.

After the reading:
Reader The word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

PSALTER: Psalm 23:1-6 (read responsively by whole verse) **BCP p. 612-613**

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #612.

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

Al - le - lu - - - ia, Christ is ris - -

en, al - le - lu - - - ia, he's a - live. 2. To Verse

Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat-tle won.

Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par-a - dise.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL (Matthew 22:1-14) Bible NT p. 24

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 24.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
All Glory to you, Lord Christ.
After the reading:
Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

THE SERMON

the Rt. Rev. Craig Loya

CONFIRMATION

BCP p. 415

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #415.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTIMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

All **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as your self?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers For The Candidates

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their heart to your grace and truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. Amen.

Bishop Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand.

PEACE

BCP p. 419

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.

All And also with you.

Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.

Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.

All sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.

OFFERTORY HYMN

I Shall Not Want

- Verses 1. From the love of my own comfort, from the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions, Deliver me, O God.
2. From the need to be understood, and from a need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely, Deliver me, O God, Deliver me, O God.

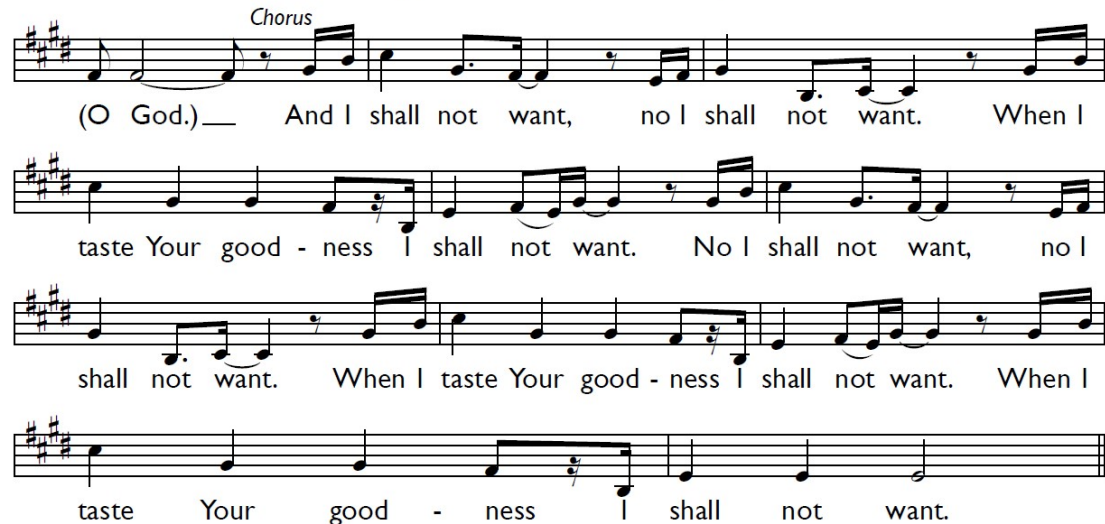
Chorus



(O God.)— And I shall not want, no I shall not want. When I
taste Your good - ness I shall not want. When I
taste Your good - ness I shall not want.

3. From the fear of serving others, Oh and from the fear of death or trial,
And from the fear of humility, Deliver me, O God, Yes, deliver me, O God.

Chorus



(O God.)— And I shall not want, no I shall not want. When I
taste Your good - ness I shall not want. No I shall not want, no I
shall not want. When I taste Your good - ness I shall not want. When I
taste Your good - ness I shall not want.

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All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come from you, O God.

All And from your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP p. 361

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 361

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

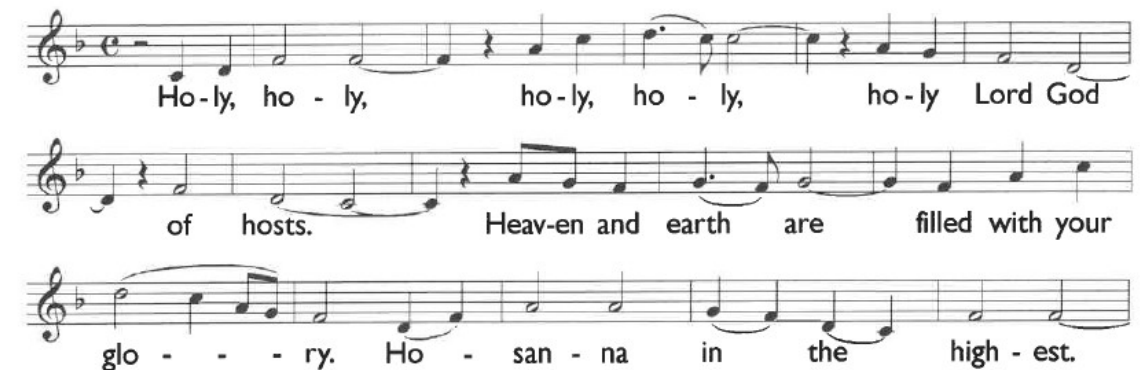
All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

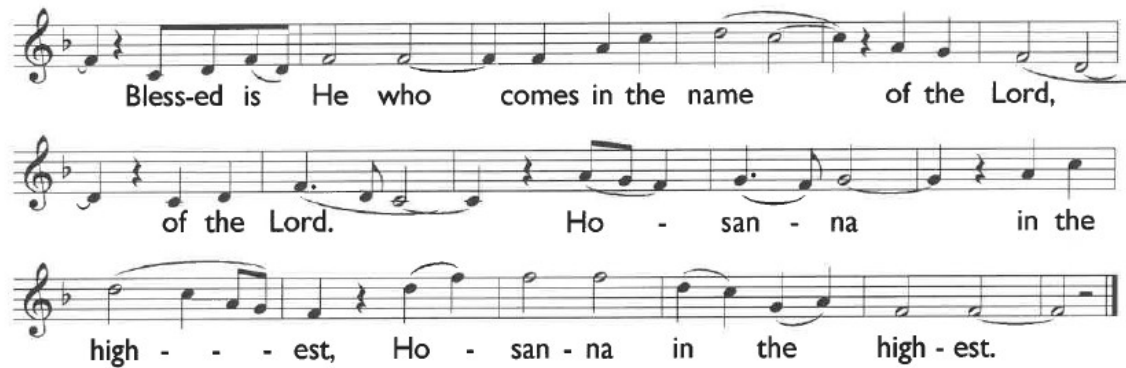
Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS



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.



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Leader Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Leader We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

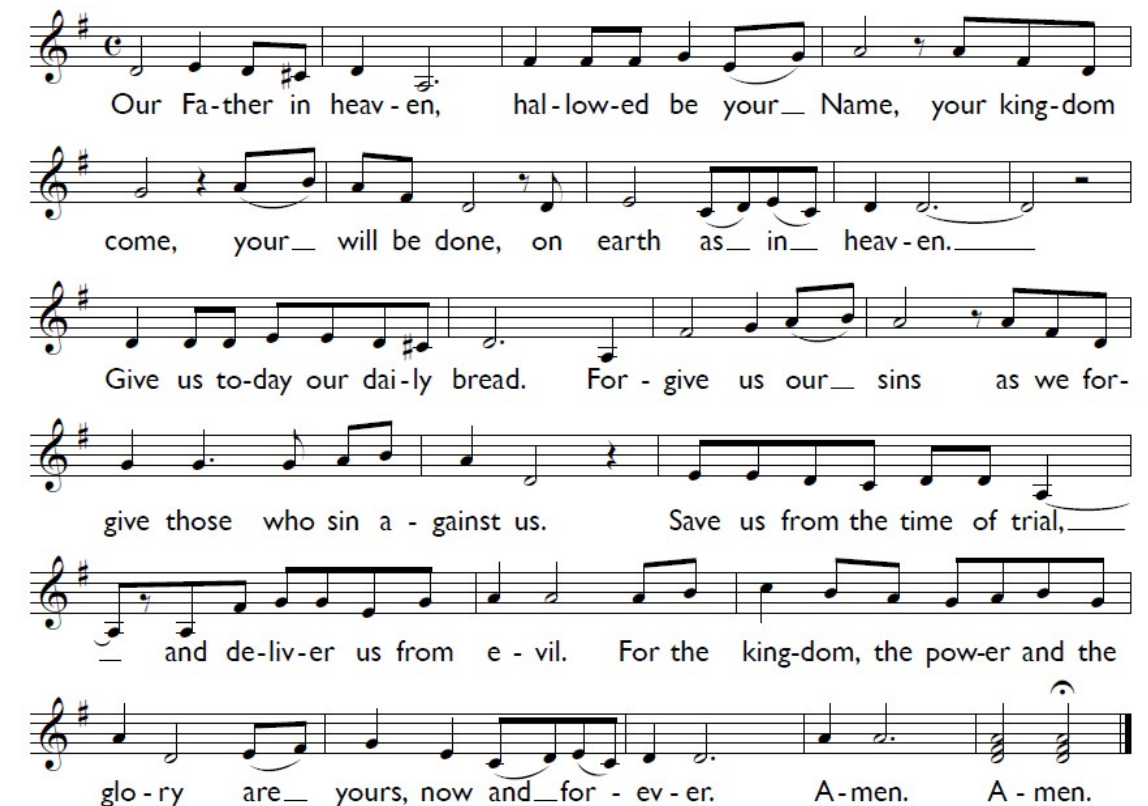
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Please kneel as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say:



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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP p. 364-366

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Leader Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to kneel in prayer at the Communion. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you. Please notify the usher if you need communion brought to you in the pew.

8:30 am service: Healing team members, Deb Baird and Ann Schwarz are available for prayer during communion.
11 am service: Healing team members are available for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slinger and Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - gether.

1. 2. Verses: SOLO/CHOIR

We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be 2. In the dark of 3. Ev - ery vow we've

burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our night, be - fore the dawn, my soul, be not a - bro - - - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful

God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - fraid. For the prom - ised morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, one. And from the gar - - - den to the grave, bind

D.C. (Chorus) 3. 4. Interlude & Coda 1. D.S. (V. 3)

held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up. (more.) 2. Final ending God of Ja - cob, be my strength. Oh, Oh... us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

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Soon And Very Soon

1.8.4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King.
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King.
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King.
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King.

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, we're goin' to see the King!

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At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

Rejoice

1. Rejoice in the Lord now and always
 Sing it again we rejoice
 Delight in the love He has shown us
 Gratefully lift up your voice
 His gentleness among us
 Will join our hearts with praise
 We gather in His goodness
 A family of grace

Chorus With each breath He's given praise the Lord
 In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
 Throughout every season I am sure
 We have every reason to praise the Lord

2. Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
 Praying for all that you need
 Come with a song of thanksgiving
 Lay your requests at His feet
 His peace will fall upon us
 To guard our hearts and minds
 In Christ who reigns eternal
 Shepherd of our lives

3. Rejoice in the Lord now and always
 Tell of the good He has done
 Worship the Lord to remember
 All of the joy yet to come
 The hope that burns within us
 The dark cannot destroy
 With praise that's never ending
 We say again rejoice
 We have every reason to praise the Lord

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP p. 365

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

CLOSING HYMN

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

Hymnal #470

Please turn in the hymnal to our closing Hymn, Hymn #470 There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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