

Sunday, August 23, 2026
Proper 16
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



PRELUDE

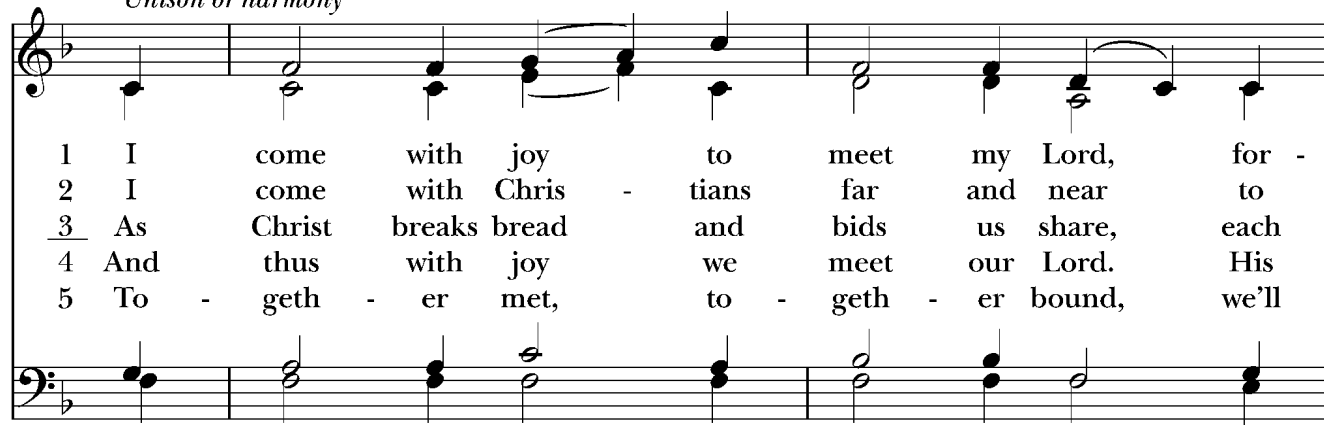
WORDS OF WELCOME

Good morning! We are happy to welcome all of you to St. John's Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan as we celebrate the 12th Sunday after Pentecost.

Let's settle into an awareness of God's presence – and then let us continue our prayer in song.

ENTRANCE HYMN *I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest)* (H 304)

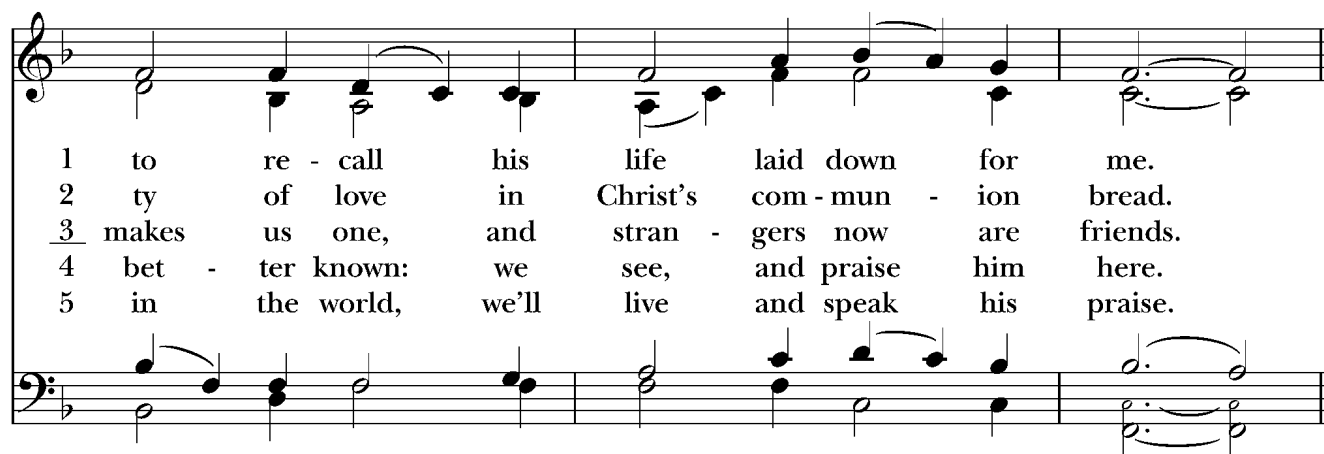
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People

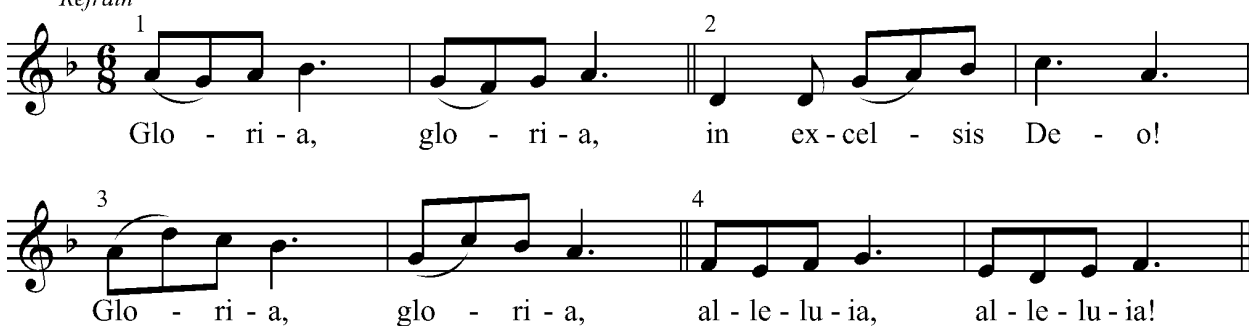
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *MHSO 9 Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! (Berthier) (BCP p. 356)*

Refrain



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM TONE S 411 Simplified chant setting (S 411)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



PSALM: Psalm 138

Remain seated.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole **heart**; *
before the gods I will sing your **praise**.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your **Name**, *
because of your love and **faithfulness**;

³ For you have glorified your **Name** *
and your word above all **things**.

⁴ When I called, you **answered** me; *
you increased my strength within me.

⁵ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O **God**, *
when they have heard the words of your **mouth**.

⁶ They will sing of the ways of **God**, *

that great is the glory of **God**.

⁷ Although on high, God cares for the **lowly** *
and perceives the haughty from **afar**.

⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me **safe**; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall **save** me.

⁹ You will make good your purpose for **me**; *
O God, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your **hands**.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Hallelujah (Maraire)* (MHSO 19)

All stand.

Hal - le - lu - jah, _____ hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah, _____ hal - le - lu - jah!
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

All stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Silence

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN *One Bread, One Body* (LEVAS 151)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words on multiple lines. The score includes a section marked 'Last time' with a cross symbol, a section marked 'D.S.' (Da Capo), and a final section marked 'CODA' with a cross symbol. The lyrics are as follows:

One bread, — one bod - y, —
— one Lord of all, — one cup of
bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though
man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one
Last time ⊕
bod - y in this one — Lord. —
1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y or the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
1. free, wom - an or man, —
2. works, one in the Lord —
3. grown, gath - ered to one —
D.S.
1. — no more. — One
2. — of all. — One
3. — for all. — One
⊕ **CODA**
Lord. —

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS *Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]* (WLP 785)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.**

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. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.
We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, you give the great commission (Abbot's Leigh) (WLP 780)*

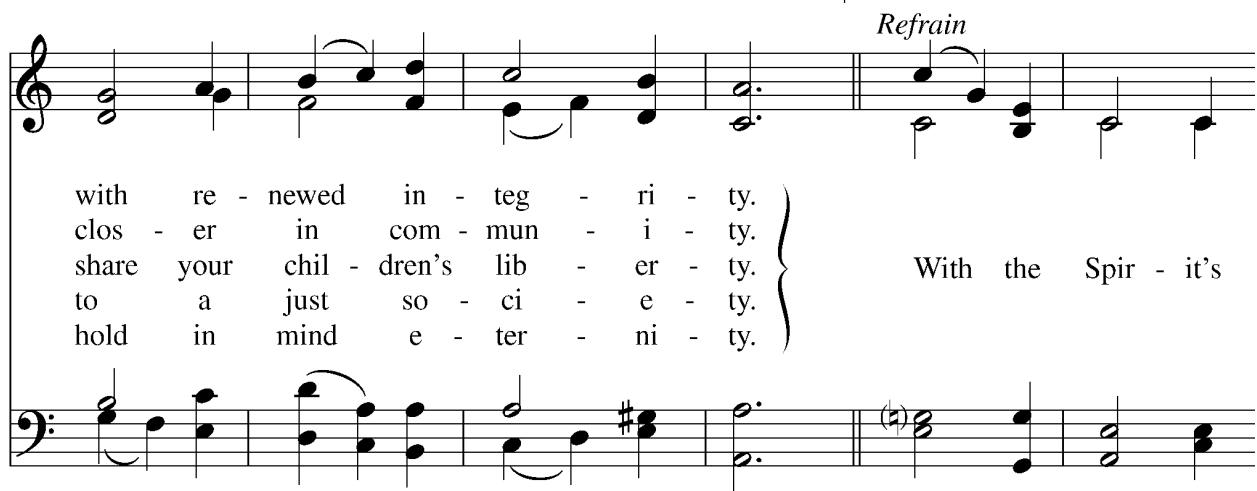
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach - the word." Lest the church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
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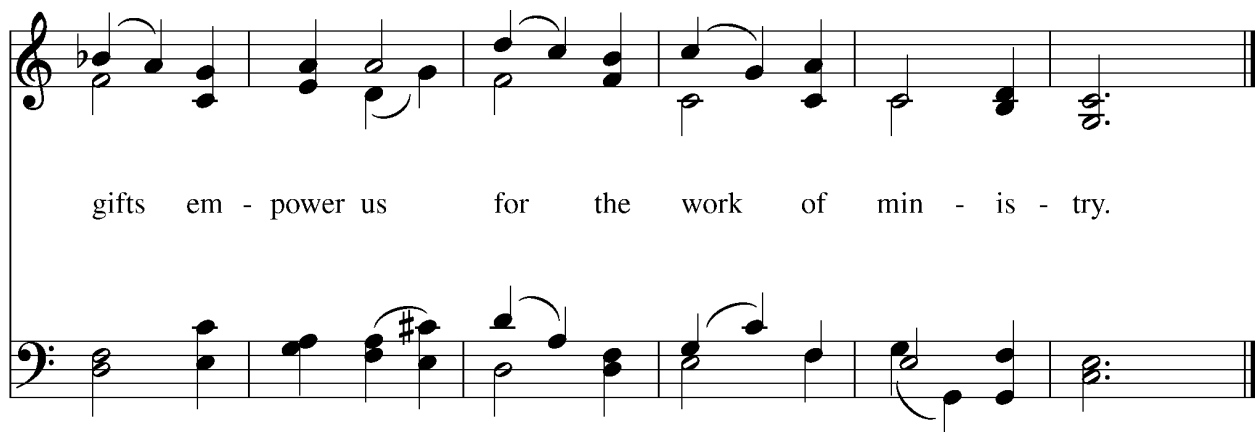
heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,



Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

With the Spir - it's



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

People

Thanks be to God.

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