



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



DO YOU NOTICE THE LITURGICAL CHANGES OF EASTER?

Color: Easter is the season of white and gold, the colors of joy and resurrection.

Flowers: Easter is the only season in which St. Francis has flowers present at the altar each week. This highlights the importance and celebration not just of Easter Day, but of the entire 50-day Easter season.

Seating: In Lent, our seating was “choir style” or facing one another as we confess our sins and weakness to God and to one another. In Easter, we face forward toward the white, gold, flowers, and signs of “Alleluia!”

Candles: We add the tall Paschal Candle next to the altar in Easter. Paschal means “passover.” We believe Jesus “passed over” from death to life. The Paschal Candle is lit and prominently placed next to the altar to convey in sign and symbol a central theme of Easter—the unconquered light of Christ.

Liturgical language: “Alleluia” means “God be praised!” This is an Easter word. Can you find the places where “Alleluia” is used in the liturgy? How does it change those pieces of the liturgy?

Readings from Sacred Story: Throughout the year, the first reading comes from Hebrew Scriptures. Only during Easter is the first reading from the New Testament, the Book of Acts. Acts shares the story of Jesus’ followers in the days, weeks and months after Jesus’ death.

Confession: Where did it go? In Lent, we opened our liturgy with the Penitential Rite which includes the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy) and the confession. For the seven Sundays of Easter, we omit the confession altogether. This liturgical change emphasizes Christ’s definitive reconciling power for us all.

Eucharistic Prayer: We use the Eucharistic Prayer One from Enriching Our Worship during the Easter season this year. Enriching Our Worship is a liturgical resource from the Episcopal Church that provides additional resources to assist worshipping communities to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship. As we pray the Eucharistic prayer together, what parts speak particularly well to the themes of the Easter season?

“No mistakes in worship:” At St. Francis’, we say, “there are no mistakes in worship.” Of course we make mistakes, but this is our way of saying that our focus is praise, thanks and dwelling with God as a community. If we sing off key, stand or sit at the wrong time, or make some other error, God is still praised. That is our priority! So if you make a mistake while you are with us, welcome to the club and God be praised!

Cover Art: The photograph on the cover of our bulletins during the Easter season was taken by parishioner Ann Widner.

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

PRELUDE *10:30 only*

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *10:30 only*

RAIN DOWN

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA

At 8am, read together.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Creator,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Child of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father.
Amen.

GLORIA

At 10:30am, sing all.

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

To Verses

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

1 Thessalonians 2:7

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider O Gracious God in Heaven, you sent your apostles to be gentle among us, like a nurse tenderly caring for her children: Be with us now as we seek to care for the sick, the oppressed, and the broken hearted, that they might be healed by the touch of your saving embrace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 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, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

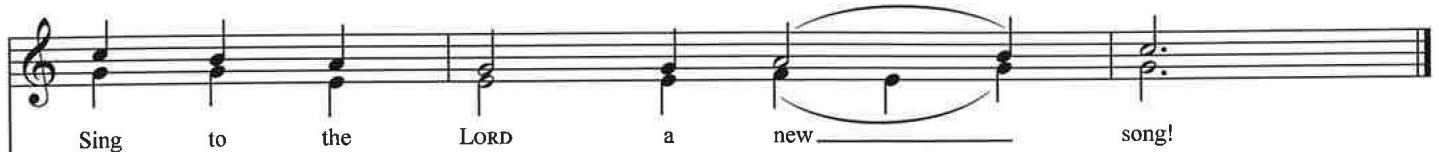
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 98

At 8am, spoken. At 10:30am, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord. **ANTIPHON**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter of John.

5:1-6

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

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.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand and sing twice.*



THE GOSPEL

Deacon

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

15:9-17

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Sing the music on previous page one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LINDY HARDWICK

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 THE PEOPLE

Deacon God of hope, we bring our prayers to you as we sing.

At 8am, the response is spoken. At 10:30am, the congregation sings the response one time after each prayer.



Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your family and fulfill our desires and petitions as may be best for us through your child Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on the bulletin, for biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed at StFrancisEureka.com or on paper at the back of the church.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

At 10:30am, the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

H 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God all creatures here below.
 Praise God above you heavenly host:
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Stand*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Say at 8am: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in blue. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

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 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 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. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

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 everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and 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.

At 8am: People

Amen.

AMEN *At 10:30am, sing twice.*



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People	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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

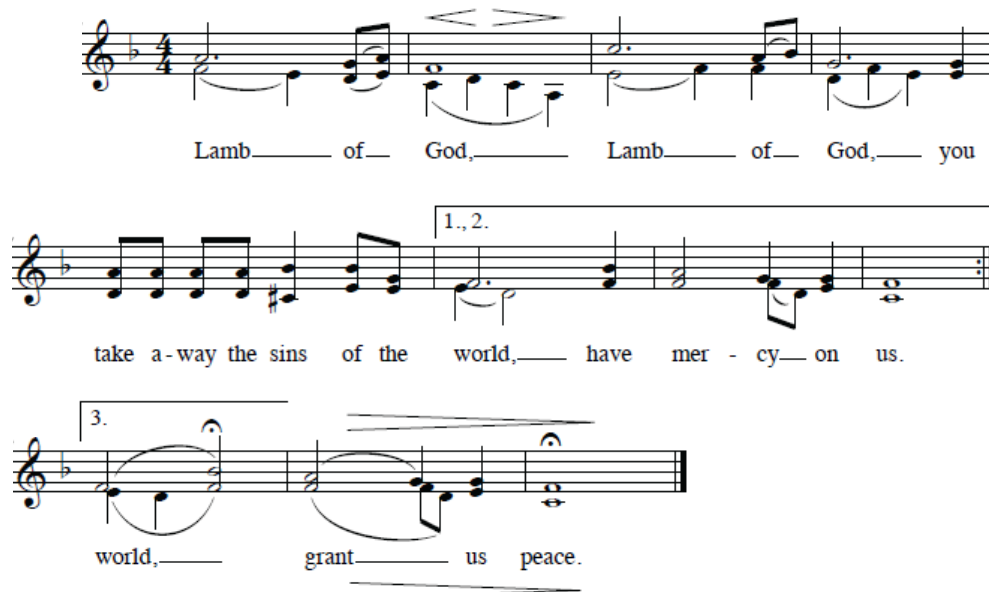
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM *8:00am*

People Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

FRACTION ANTHEM 10:30am



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Deacon The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus. It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world, with whom Jesus identified.

Presider So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

People **Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.**

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.



1. Just ___ as I am, ___ with - out ___ one plea, But
2. Just ___ as I am, ___ though tossed ___ a - bout With
3. Just ___ as I am, ___ poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
4. Just ___ as I am, ___ thou wilt ___ re - ceive; Wilt
5. Just ___ as I am, ___ thy love ___ un - known Has
6. Just ___ as I am, ___ of thy ___ great love The



1. that ___ thy blood was shed for me,
2. ma - ny-a con - flict, ma - ny-a doubt;
3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
6. breadth, ___ length, depth, and height to prove,



1. And ___ that thou bidd'st ___ me come to thee, ___ O
2. Fight - ings and fears ___ with - in, with - out, ___ O
3. Yea, ___ all I need ___ in thee to find, ___ O
4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, ___ O
5. Now ___ to be thine, ___ yea, thine a - lone, ___ O
6. Here ___ for a sea - son, then a - bove: ___ O



Lamb of God, ___ I come, I come. ___

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

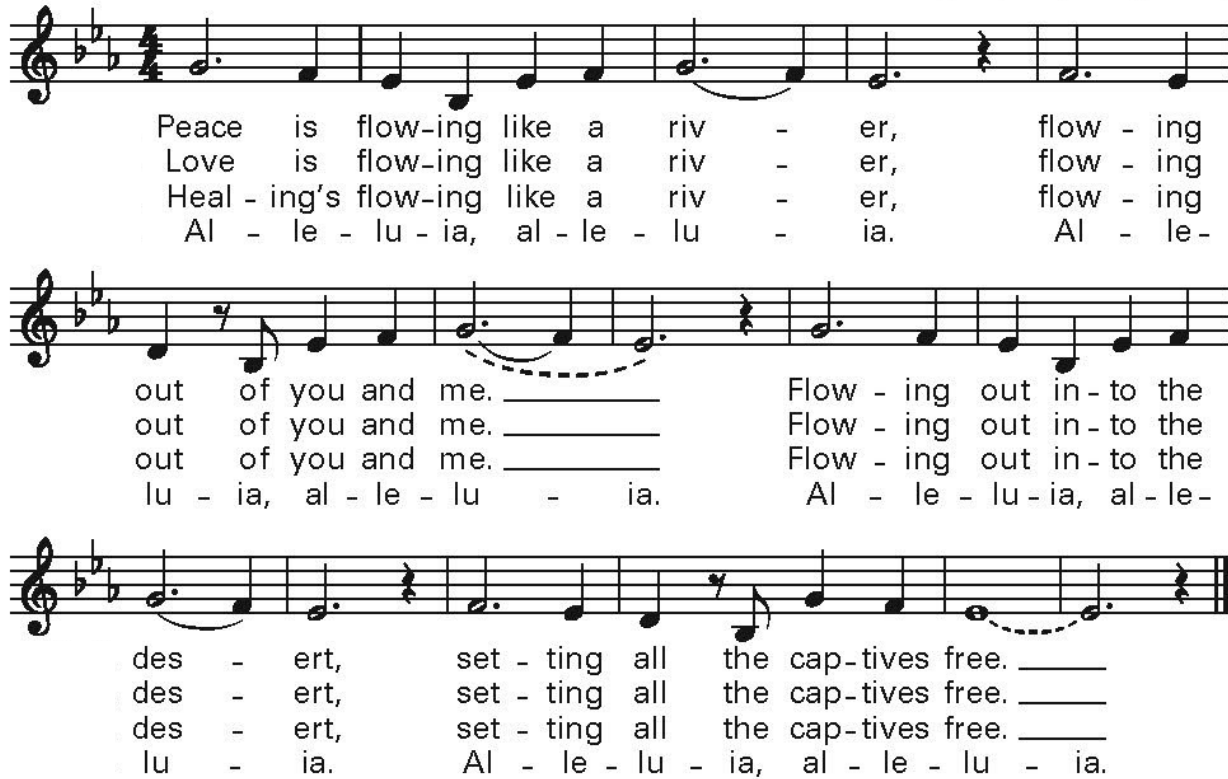
People **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.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

BLESSING

Presider May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always.

People **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *10:30am* **PEACE IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER**



Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
Love is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
Heal - ing's flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

des - ert, set - ting all the cap-tives free. _____
des - ert, set - ting all the cap-tives free. _____
des - ert, set - ting all the cap-tives free. _____
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Share the love of the risen Christ with the world and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **We will share the love of Christ with the world! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**