



THE COMMON CUP RETURNS

Last Sunday, after more than two-and-a-half years without sharing one common chalice as a St. Francis community, we returned to sharing a common cup. This is a moment to rejoice.

The Bishop has offered new guidance for reception of the cup: some based on theology and some based on biology. Theologically, the Bishop has discontinued the use of small, single-serve cups in the diocese of Missouri. The Bishop writes, "The use of individual containers for the distribution of the consecrated wine was an intermediate step toward the restoration of the common cup." We use one cup because we are one Body in Christ. At St. Francis, we also receive from one loaf instead of receiving individual wafers. This is the theological reason for the return to one cup. For reasons of biology, the Bishop has expressly forbidden self-intinction (a congregant taking the bread and dipping it into the chalice). In an email to Laurie+, the Bishop said, forbidding self-intinction, "was a purely scientific decision. A recent study has reaffirmed that many hands in the chalice are a prescription for the spread of disease and pathogens. The fewer hands in the chalice the better. Either the Presider or the Chalice Bearer should hand sanitize and dip the consecrated host into the wine and place it in the hands of the communicant." Last Sunday, as required by the Bishop, we began to follow these new directives. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Laurie+.

THE LECTIONARY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. There are three years—A, B and C—to the lectionary cycle. We are in Year C.

During the long green season after Pentecost, churches can choose one of two "tracks" (or strands) for the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) readings. Once a track is chosen, it should be used throughout the entire season.

The first track from Hebrew Scripture follows major stories and themes, read continuously from week to week. In Year C, we read from the later prophets. The second track of readings follows the Roman Catholic tradition of thematically pairing the Hebrew Scripture with the Gospel reading, often using a foretelling of Jesus Christ life and Ministry.

This Pentecost, St. Francis will use **track one** which follows the major and minor prophets Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel and Habbakuk.

BACKGROUND TO TODAY'S READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

We continue to read through the prophets, which we began doing in June. Now we hear from Joel, who lived well after the time of Jeremiah. Joel rejoices in God's goodness and the blessings the Lord has given them. He says that in the days to come God will also pour out the Spirit upon the people and all who call on God will be saved.

PRELUDE

COME THOU FOUNT

ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

COME THOU FOUNT

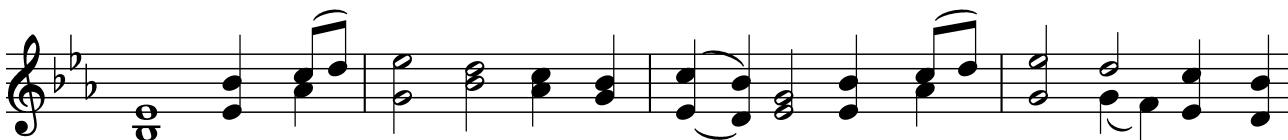
LEVAS 111



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con-strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Standing*

Presider Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. 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.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive — our — prayer. 6. For

you a - lone — are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are — the Lord,

Unison

7. You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the
 glo-ry of the Fa-ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho-ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we
 Praise your Ho-ly name.
 A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Book of Joel.

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the LORD your God;
 for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible
day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved;
for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said,
and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

The Word of the Lord.

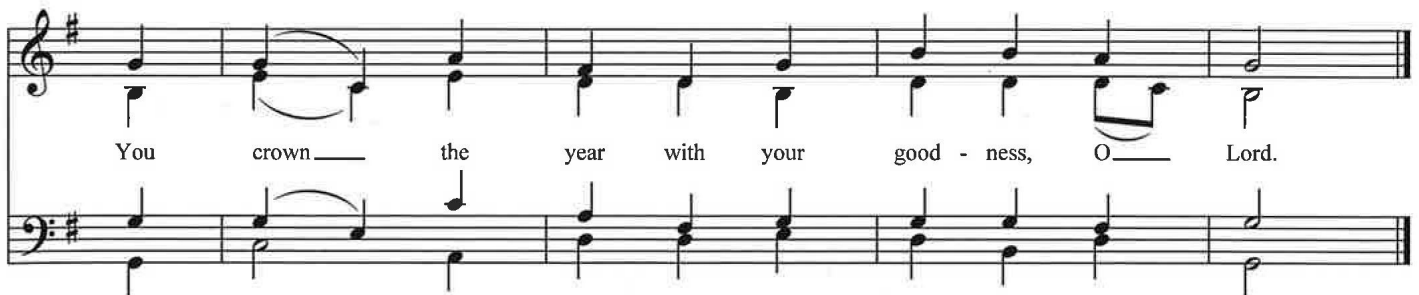
People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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All are invited to sing the antiphon and speak the verses.



- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!

- they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away. **ANTIPHON**
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **ANTIPHON**
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. **ANTIPHON**
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the second letter to Timothy. 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er

pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple

free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple

free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

THE GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 18:9-14

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REV. ANNE KELSEY

After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

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

Presider: Merciful God, you know our every need before we ask. In your loving presence, we lift our prayers to you saying; "Lord, in your mercy; *hear our prayer.*"

After each prayer, all say, "Hear our prayer."

Presider: Holy One, we bring our prayers to you, confident that you hear them; sure that you know even those prayers for which we do not yet have words. And all of these come to you through your Child, Jesus Christ, and the living Spirit that blows among us.

People: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

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.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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

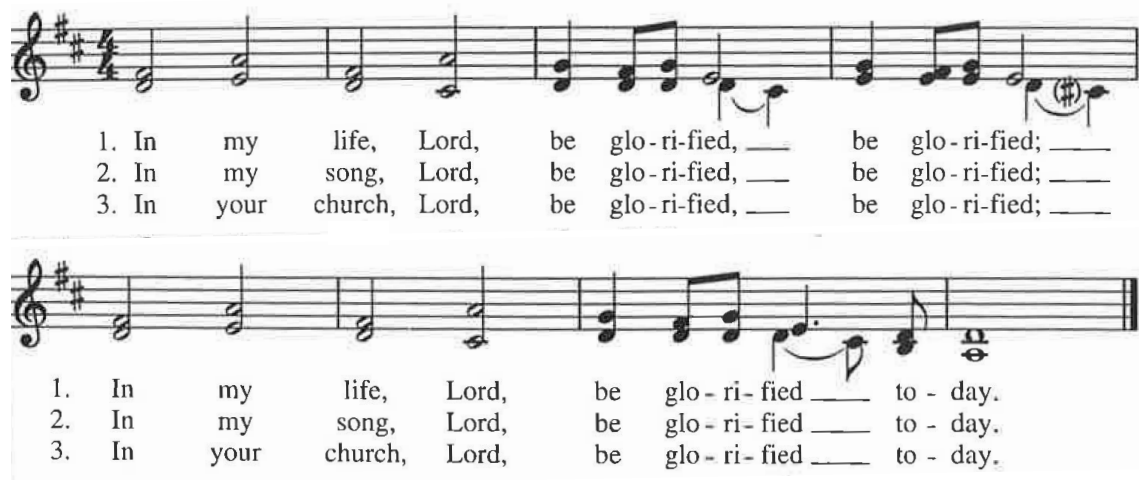
ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

STEWARDSHIP TALK

DORIS SCHAEFER

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S 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. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, — be glo-ri-fied; —
 2. In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, — be glo-ri-fied; —
 3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, — be glo-ri-fied; —

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied — to - day.
 2. In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied — to - day.
 3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied — to - day.

DOXOLOGY

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

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**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

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
 For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ.

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:

Ho - ly, 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.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

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

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command,

People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider

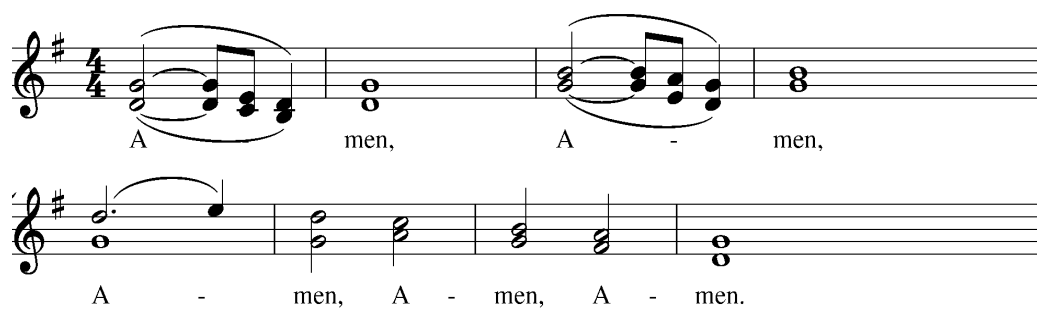
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN

LEVAS 233



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

LEVAS 269

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.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

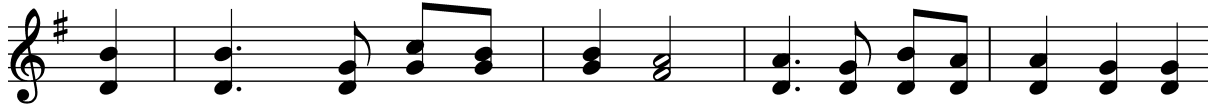
LEVAS 192



1. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Most gra - cious__
2. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Stay thou near__
3. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, In joy or__
4. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Teach me thy__



1. Lord; No ten - der voice like thine Can peace__ af - ford.
2. by; Temp - ta - tions lose their power When thou__ art__ nigh.
3. pain; Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life__ is__ vain.
4. will, And thy rich prom - is - es In me__ ful - fill.



I need thee, O I need thee, Ev - 'ry hour I need thee; O



bless me now, my sav - ior, I come__ to thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, 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. Amen.**

BLESSING

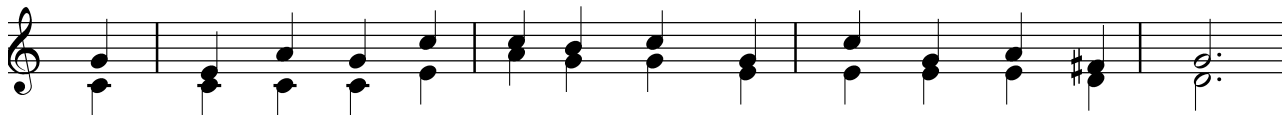
Presider May the Lord of peace
 give you peace at all times and in every way.
 And the blessing of the
 One, Holy and Undivided Trinity
 remain with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

H 680



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

DISMISSAL

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with
 us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE