

# Sunday Worship with Holy Communion



## Eastertide

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church

## GATHERING

### EASTERTIDE GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C (Boldly) Christ is risen indeed, alleluia.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 645

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

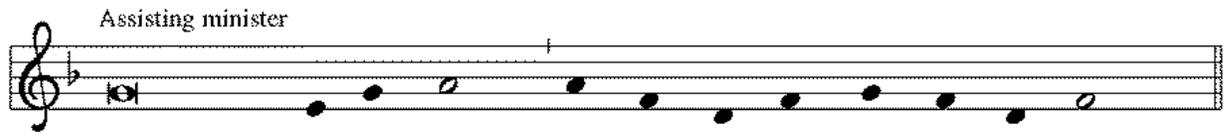
### GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

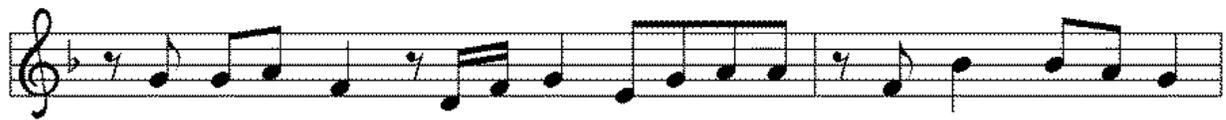
All



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.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



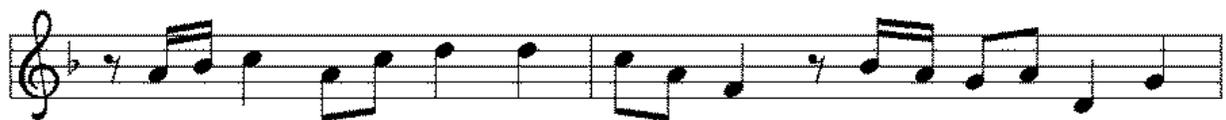
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

**Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”



**who rules o-<sup>l</sup>ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow <sup>l</sup>down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel  
be-<sup>l</sup>fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall <sup>l</sup>serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera-<sup>l</sup>tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people <sup>l</sup>yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The <sup>l</sup>LORD has acted!"

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **1 John 4:7-21**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does  
not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was  
revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world  
so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved  
God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice  
for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought  
to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one  
another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he  
has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the  
Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in  
those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in  
God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God  
abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we  
may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are  
we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out  
fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not  
reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved  
us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters,  
are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they

have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*after the lesson is read*

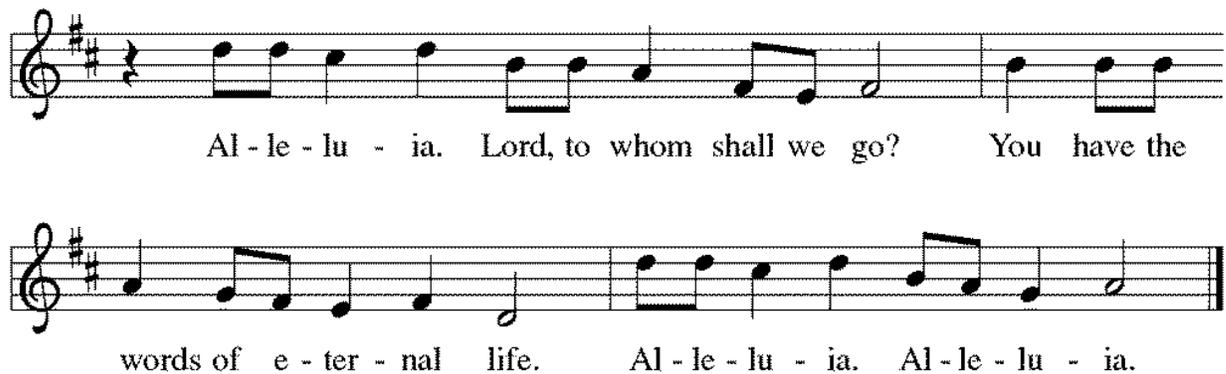
**R** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 15:1-8**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to ...

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My

Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*After the gospel is read*

**P** This is the gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 639**

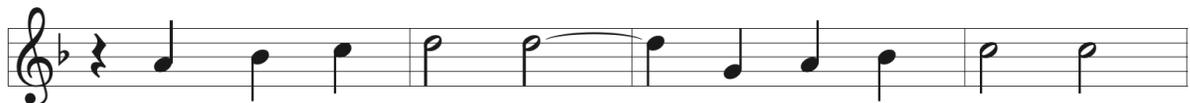
## When We Are Living *Pues si vivimos*



*Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*  
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . . .  
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . . .



*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.*  
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .  
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .  
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
and when we help them, or when we feed them,



*so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.*  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

**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**

## PRAYERS

*We gather our individual and communal intercessions and thanksgivings, remembering our connection to the universal Church on earth and heaven.*

L Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*each petition ends with*

L God of grace,  
C hear our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE

*Before we approach the Table of the Lord, we take the time to embody our calling to be agents of reconciliation and peace with one another. Let us ensure that each person in this room knows that God's peace is intended for them as we greet each other with the words, "Peace be with you."*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

*After you have greeted your neighbors, you are invited to sit.*

## THE OFFERING

*We join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources. The mission and ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon the faithful stewardship of what God has given us. Our offering is a significant act of worship.*

*We stand.*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

**All Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE MEAL

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

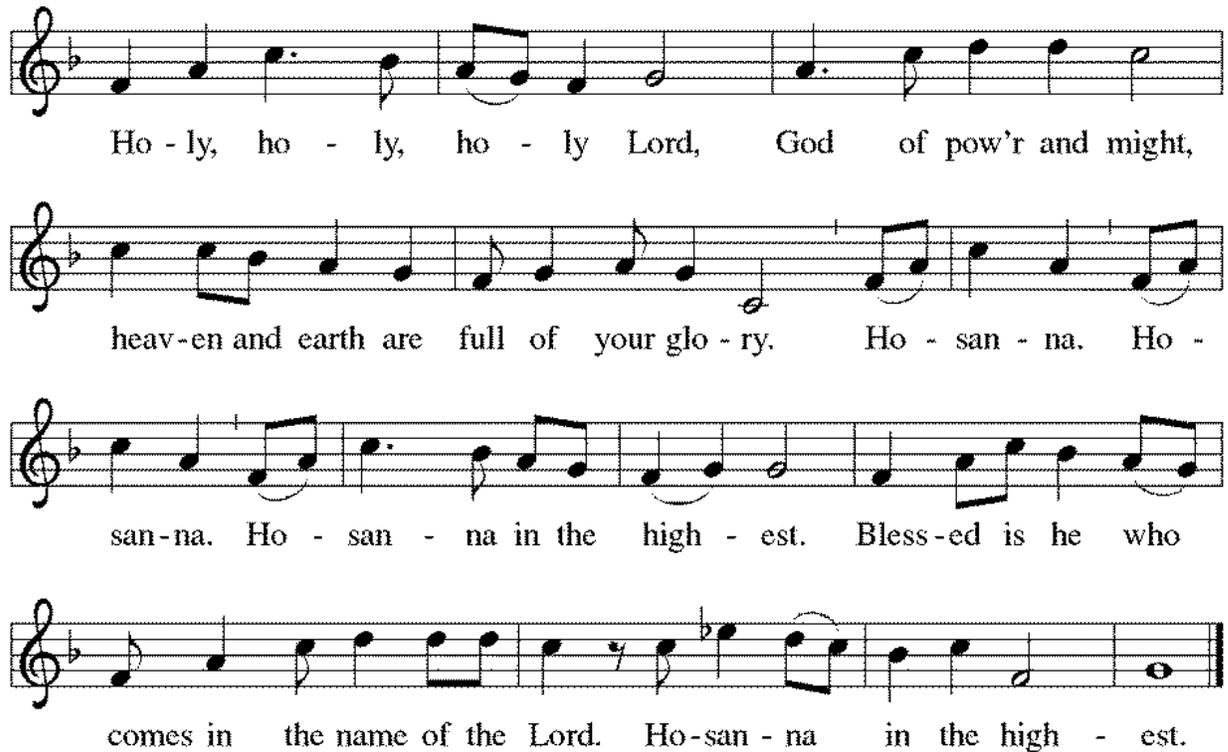
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, ... And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their

creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able... to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught

US.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



**DISTRIBUTION**

*The Table of the Lord is open to all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament. "In, with, and under" the signs of bread and wine are indeed the very Body and Blood of Christ, given for us. If you wish to receive communion please wait until the usher has invited you to come forward. After you have received the bread and the wine, please take your cup with you and place it in the ceramic bowl as you return to your pew. A post-communion blessing will be offered to the entire congregation once everyone who wishes to receive communion has done so. If you are not yet baptized but would like to explore this beautiful and precious gift from God to you, please reach out to Pastor Chris and she would love to talk to you about it.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**ELW 656**

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Having shared in this holy meal, we now prepare to leave the table, giving thanks for spiritual nourishment and praying for strength to be sent in witness to the world.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray together.

**C God of Abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. 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 Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

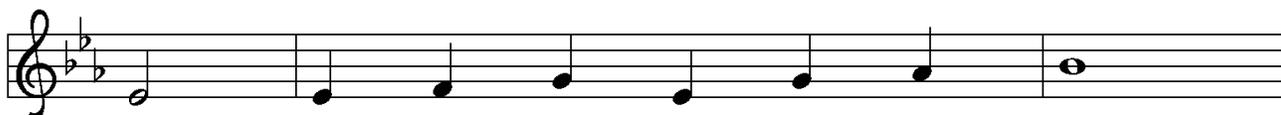
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

### SENDING HYMN

ELW 367

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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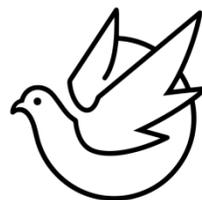
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*We are dismissed in joy and peace, entering the mission field to do God's work with our hands.*

**P** Go in peace. Proclaim God's mission for us in the world! For God loves us and calls us to:

**C** Love God! Love one another! Grow in Christ and go in Christ!  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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