



**“YOU ALSO MUST BE READY,
FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT
AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT.”**

LUKE 12:40, ESV

August 11, 2019

WELCOME TO THE STORY

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham and Sarah, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please Stand



CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Merciful God, buffeted by the winds of life,

All: we have grown weary and yearn for your hand to hold us.

P: Pour forth your words of peace, and bring us back to life.

All: Forgive us when we are heedless to the needs of others.

P: Correct our ways when we are self-centered and neglect the poor and powerless.

All: Be our vision when we seek refuge in our wealth and possessions.

P: Draw us to you, Holy One,

All: and lead us into life. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Hear the good news: In Christ, we are united and reconciled with God.

All: We will rejoice in the knowledge that we receive forgiveness and abundant life in God’s name.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From our busy lives, God calls us together to worship and to pray.

All: We are here, Holy Creator!

L: From different places, Christ calls us to gather, to love, and to live.

All: We are here, loving Redeemer!

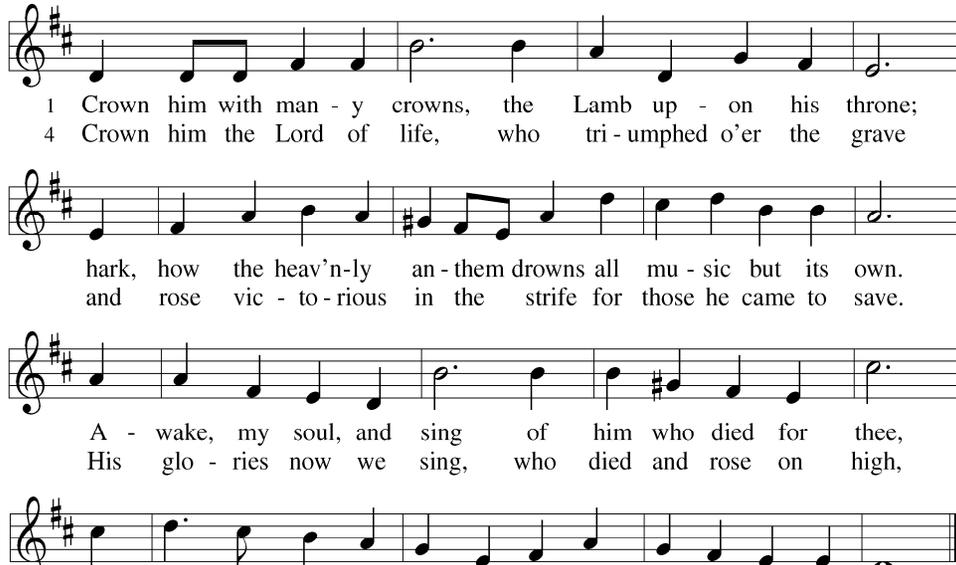
L: From unexpected journeys, the Spirit calls us into unity to serve and to grow.

All: We are here, Holy Spirit! Come! Let us worship.

OPENING HYMN . . . “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

vs. 1, 4

Text: Matthew Bridges - Tune: George J. Elvey - ELW #855
Favorite Hymn of Sharon Chu and Ellen Di Paola



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

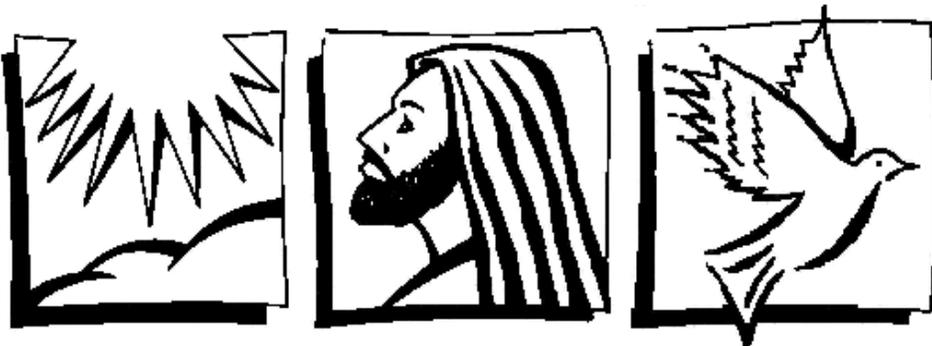
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

GREETING

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.



KYRIE ELEISON . . . “Lord, Have Mercy”

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev-ry day.

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

All: Refrain

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain



HYMN OF PRAISE . . . "Glory to God"

Refrain

All: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.

All: **Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

FIRST READING . . . *Genesis 15:1-6*

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

SECOND READING . . . *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out,

not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twelfth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God’s generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel, the good news of God

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN . . . “What Wondrous Love Is This” vs. 1, 3

Text: North American folk hymn - Tune: W. Walker - ELW #666

Favorite Hymn of Ann Harren



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

Please Stand

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Jesus says, “Take nothing for the journey—no bread, no bags, no money.” Rather, bring yourselves, totally and completely. Bring your love, your gifts, your service, your leadership.

All: May this be so as we share our offerings of monetary gifts in this time together.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring”



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Creating God, thank you for your world of beauty, abundance, and blessing. Use our gifts to bring justice and healing to all people.

All: As we offer our gifts, we also offer our lives in your service, that we may do your will. Amen

THE PRAYERS

L: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes, food for those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to the sick. Be their help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Bless and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children, those in the adoption process, and children longing for parents. Welcome in love those who seek homes in a new community or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to the needs of our newest neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: *Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be;*

All: **from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity;**

P: *in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.*

All: **You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;**

P: *he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us;*

All: **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.**

P: *Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:*

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

P: *We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.*

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

P: *Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;*

All: **we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.**

P: *Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.*

All: **We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray as you taught...

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

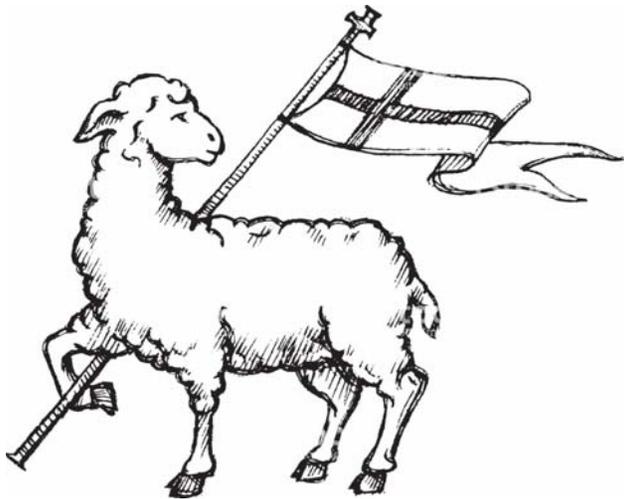
FRACTION RITE

P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: **May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.**

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.



LAMB OF GOD

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-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing Station in the narthex during communion.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Text & Tune: Daniel L. Schutte - ELW #574

Favorite Hymn of Michael Di Paola



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
 3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “In the Garden”

Text & Tune: C. Austin Miles

Favorite Hymn of Leon Klovdahl and June Washburn



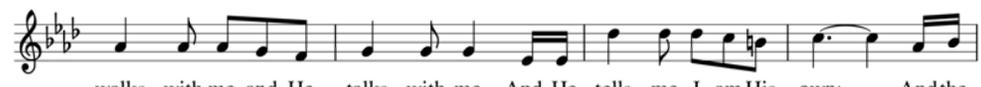
1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the



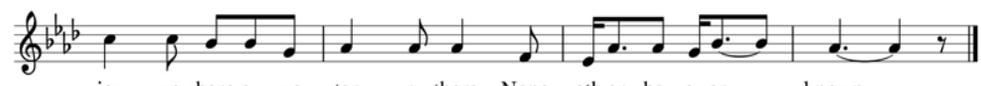
dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear fall - ing
 sweet the birds hush their sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He
 night a - round me be fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the



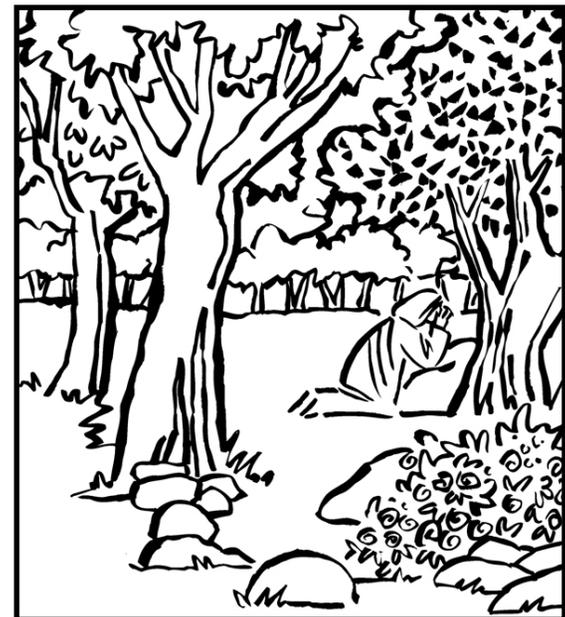
on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es. And He
 gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.



walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the



joy we share as we tar - ry there, None other has ever known.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Text: John Walton - Tune: W. Walker – ELW #779

Favorite Hymn of Katarina Di Paola



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.

All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.

P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.

P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: Know that the seed of God's Spirit grows in your lives,

All: yearning to bear the fruit of justice and compassion.

P: Go with God's grace and peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING OUT. . . "Lead Me, Guide Me" vs. 1

Text & Tune: Doris Akers - ELW #768

Favorite Hymn of Lucille Klovdahl and Faye Williams

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
Refrain
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

No Formal Ushering Out