

Gay Pride

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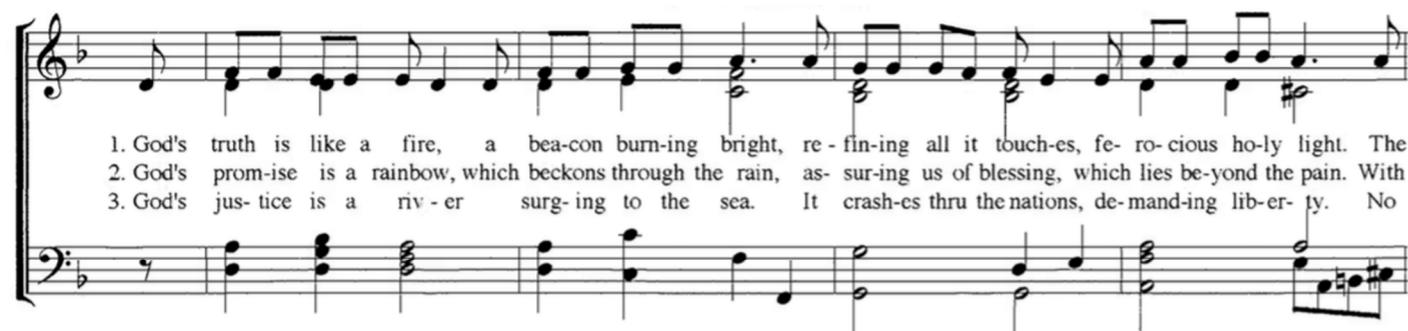
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

WELCOME – NO EXCEPTIONS

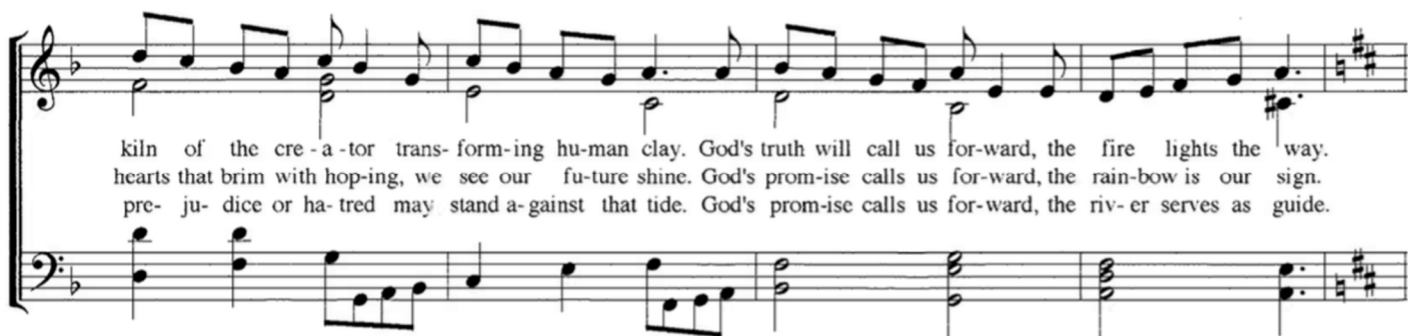
St. Cyprian's is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community of faith, where every person is invited to engage in our worship, mission, and ministry, and ALL are welcomed at our Communion Table. This booklet contains all you will need for this afternoon's worship. If you are a visitor, or new to St. Cyprian's, we would be honored to have your name and contact information to keep you informed of news of our church and ministries; the blue information brochure available from a Greeter has a form that you may use. WELCOME!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN "Exultation Hymn"



1. God's truth is like a fire, a bea-con burn-ing bright, re-fin-ing all it touch-es, fe-ro-cious ho-ly light. The
2. God's prom-ise is a rainbow, which beckons through the rain, as-sur-ing us of blessing, which lies be-yond the pain. With
3. God's jus-tice is a riv-er surg-ing to the sea. It crash-es thru the nations, de-mand-ing lib-er-ty. No



kiln of the cre-a-tor trans-form-ing hu-man clay. God's truth will call us for-ward, the fire lights the way.
hearts that brim with hop-ing, we see our fu-ture shine. God's prom-ise calls us for-ward, the rain-bow is our sign.
pre-ju-dice or ha-tred may stand a-gainst that tide. God's prom-ise calls us for-ward, the riv-er serves as guide.

Chorus:



We're grow-ing in spi-rit. Let all the peo-ple hear it: Our faith has made moun-tains



move. We're gain-ing in strength no mat-ter the length of the jour-ney; we're



home in God's love. home in God's love.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Alleluia! Blessed be God, who loves all creation!

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"All with Joyful Exultation"

Hasidic melody

Refrain Am (Psalm 30) E



All with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our praise;



to the rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas raise.



1 Lord, we sing with joy - ful voic - es; your great
2 Praise to you, our sure sal - va - tion, you, the



power can lift and save; by your heal - ing
Ho - ly One a - bove. End the night so



touch, re - vive us; life re - store be - yond the grave.
dimmed by an - guish, with your light of peace and love.

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Priest: Let us pray.

Holy God, in your Creation you declared each and everyone and everything to be good. May we listen well and attend to what you declare good this day, at this time. In this world of so many names, faces, places, spaces, may we remember that there is room enough for all, each and everyone and everything. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Amen. Amen.**

PSALM 139:1-17, 21-22

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; *
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down, *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, *
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before, *
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit? *
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; *
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning*
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
 even there your hand shall lead me,*
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
 If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,*
and the light around me become night',
 even the darkness is not dark to you;*
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
 For it was you who formed my inward parts;*
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*
Wonderful are your works;
 that I know very well.*
My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was being made in secret,*
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
 In your book were written*
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!*
How vast is the sum of them!
 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;*
I come to the end—I am still with you.
 Search me, O God, and know my heart;*
test me and know my thoughts.
 See if there is any wicked way in me,*
and lead me in the way everlasting.

THE SECOND READING:

Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

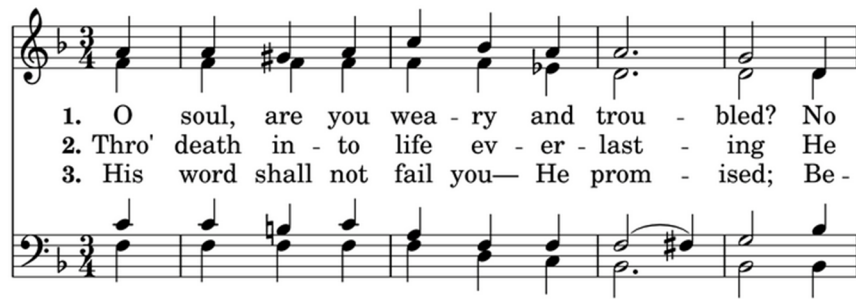
²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

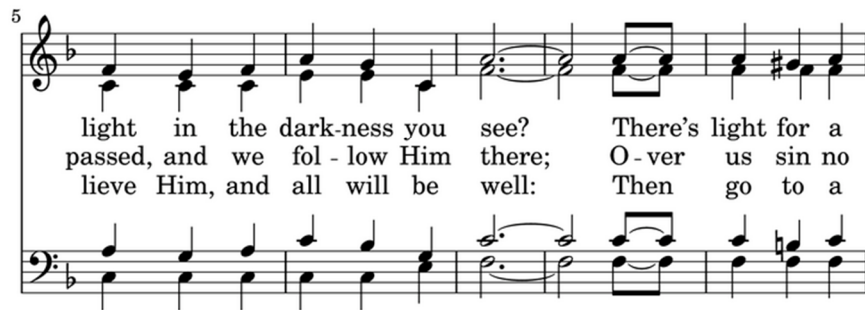
People: **Amen. Amen.**

GRADUAL

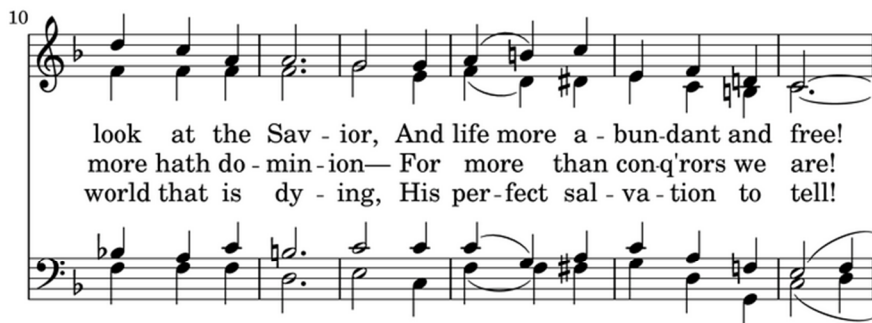
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"



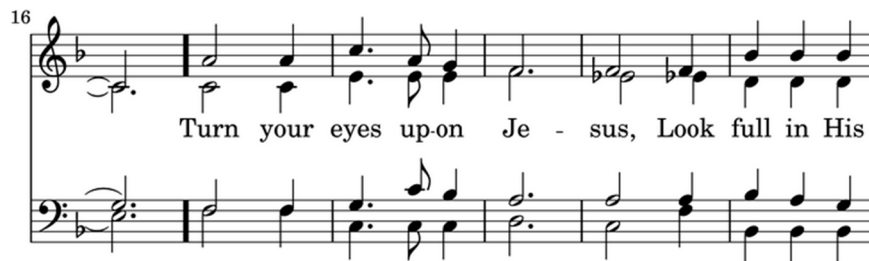
1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No
2. Thro' death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He
3. His word shall not fail you— He prom - ised; Be -



light in the dark-ness you see? There's light for a
passed, and we fol - low Him there; O-ver us sin no
lieve Him, and all will be well: Then go to a



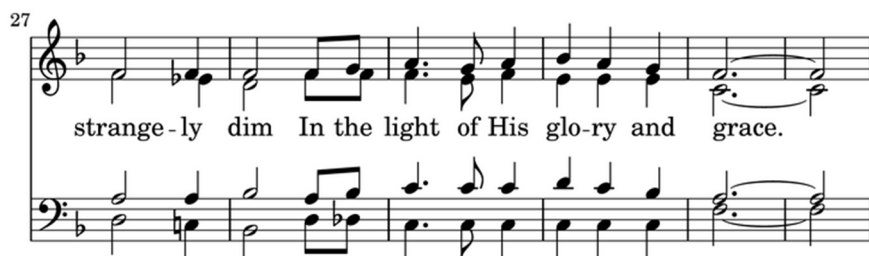
look at the Sav - ior, And life more a - bun-dant and free!
more hath do - min-ion— For more than con-q'rors we are!
world that is dy - ing, His per-fect sal - va - tion to tell!



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His



won-der-ful face, And the things of earth will grow



strange-ly dim In the light of His glo-ry and grace.

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 25:31-46

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE SERMON

FR. TED VOORHEES

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

**I believe in the one true God, the Creator of humanity,
who creates and sustains the universe
in wisdom and power,
who calls us into being and into relationship
with God by grace,
whose nature is love.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
who lived that we might see God,
who died that we might be reconciled to God,
who rose again that we might experience the life of God,
who freely accepts and welcomes all who come to him,
not on the basis of merit,
but on the basis of unconditional love.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
who is God present with us now,
who shows us our need for God,
who assures us of God's love in all circumstances,
who lives the life and love of Jesus Christ through us.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Blessed are you eternal God. You are above us, you are beneath us. You are beside us, you are within us.

People: **Be our Companion on our journey.**

Leader: When we are afraid to ask for help, when we are too proud to acknowledge our weakness and pain, when we feel unworthy because of what others say against us, or when we do the same diminishing our self-worth,

People : **Be our Companion on our journey.**

Leader: We thank you for the sanctity of our bodies, the miracle that we are. May we always look at ourselves with tenderness. May we honor the temple in which you dwell.

People : **Be our Companion on our journey.**

Leader: We pray for those who lead us. Those in government, and those in our community. Give them clear vision to lead us in the way of freedom, peace, and love. Raise up among us your wisest and most loving children. Keep us mindful that they need our support and energy to create a world that you envision.

People : **Be our Companion on our journey.**

Leader: We pray for our sisters and brothers who are living with dis-ease. We pray for those whose minds are filled with fear. Send your Spirit to fill them with healing, and give us grace to carry them when they are too weak to go alone.

People : **Be our Companion on our journey.**

(Individual prayers may be offered aloud or in the silence of your hearts ...)

Leader: We pray for those who have died and gone before us leading the way. We miss their presence next to us. We entrust them into your ever-loving care knowing we all share the journey with you.

People: **Be our Companion on our journey.**

(Individual prayers may be offered aloud or in the silence of your hearts ...)

Leader: We celebrate our uniqueness, our worth as daughters and sons. We are your prophets and your clowns, your dreamers, your sages, and your mystics. We are fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters. We are Black and White, and all hues between. We are Lesbian and Gay, Straight and Bi-sexual. We are Transgender, Non-binary, and questioning. We are partnered, celibate, and single. May we always know you are our companion on our journey, O God.

People : **Be our Companion on our journey.**

Leader: Lord you have called us to serve you.

People: **Grant that we may walk in your presence:**

Your love in our hearts,

Your truth in our minds,

Your strength in our wills,

Until, at the end of our journey,

We may know the joy of our homecoming

And the welcome of your embrace,

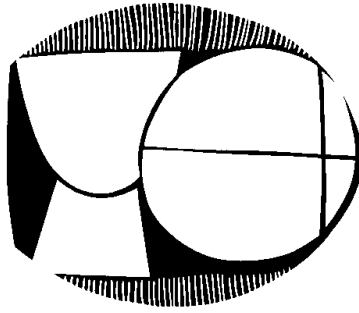
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERTORY HYMN

"Spirit Song"

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With his spirit and his love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life,
And make you whole

Refrain:

Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs

Oh, come and sing the song with gladness,
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Refrain:

Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to our God.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, who created us to love one another and who called us to be a covenant community. We come you today, gathered in gratitude, grateful for this celebration of our lives in your creation, grateful for the cycles of sowing and reaping, for the joy of work, and play, and rest, and for the Jubilee that restores equality to all persons.

And so we join our voices in song, as our ancestors have done before us, to praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy ... holy, holy ... holy Lord God of hosts.

LEVAS 255

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
... of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest ... hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, God, and blessed is this gathering today, for we come around this table as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet – as a manifestation of your realm on earth. This day we are reminded that you created and are creating a world of diversity and change – of new things. By coming to this table, we participate with you in your creation.

At this table, we can be present with Jesus on the night before meeting with death, when he took bread, gave thanks to you, and broke it for his disciples saying, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

And likewise, after an evening of fellowship and eating together around the table, Jesus took the cup saying, “This cup is the New Covenant poured out for you. Drink of it in remembrance of me.”

And so, he initiated this holy sacrament – a way to remember your presence through Christ – a way for us to celebrate your presence among us. We participate in this holy mystery and offer to make Christ in the world a reality we embrace. Christ is present for us so that we can be present for the world as we proclaim this mystery of faith.

Priest and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Pour out you Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be the bread of life and the quenching cup of blessings, so that we may feast and drink deeply and be the Eucharist – the Great Thanksgiving – for the world, co-creating the realm of God until all are reconciled, and we feast at your table forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Priest and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest: Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DURING COMMUNION

*How could anyone ever tell you ,you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you ,you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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

Live without fear. Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you,
and loves you with a power and a presence that is stronger than death.

May God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you,
and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

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.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE