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Welcome to St. Andrews Lutheran Church in San Mateo, CA and our online worship service. Please feel free to pause this video, you may want to have a lit candle in front of you. Materials you may want to have: small bowl of water, a small bit of olive or cooking oil, bread/cracker/tortilla, and wine/juice. Feel share this bulletin and this worship service with friends, family, or neighbors.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

**“We welcome all people as children of God** and invite them to participate fully in the life and ministry at St. Andrew’s regardless of age, race, education, ethnic origin, marital or family status, cultural heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic reality or diversity of ability. We resolve to be a church with open hearts, open minds, open doors and seeking to be reconciled to God and one another.” St. Andrews voted to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation that has a special welcome for the LGBTQ+ community.

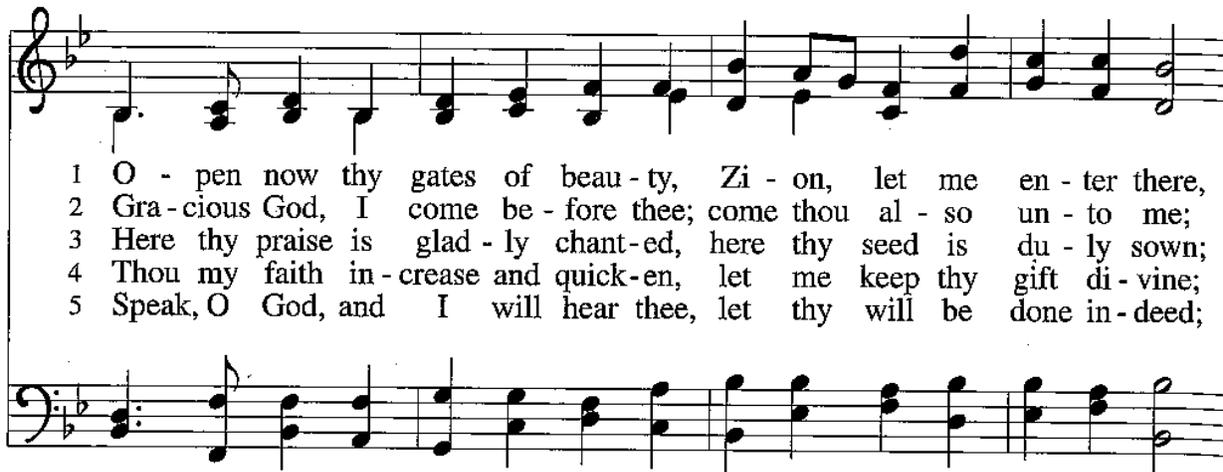
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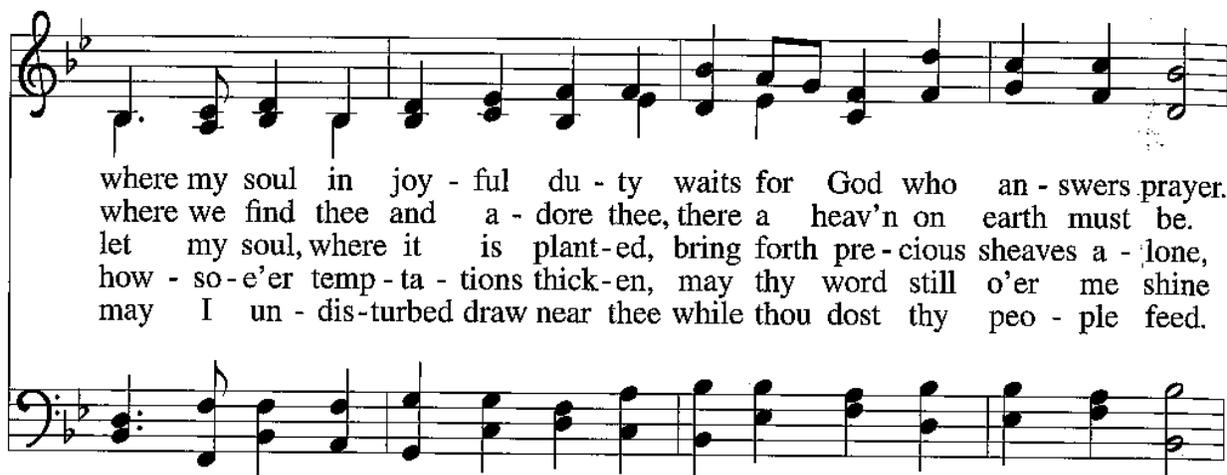
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## Gathering Hymn

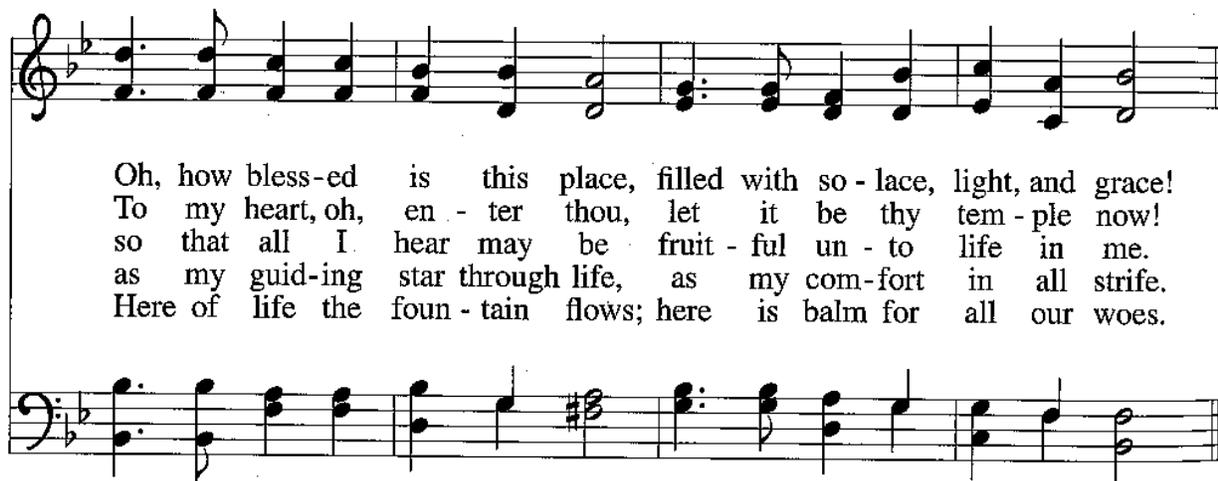
ELW #533 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty", verses 1, 5



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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## Apostolic Greeting

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

**Congregation:** **And also with you.**

## Kyrie pg. 28



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy....  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

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## Hymn of Praise pg. 29

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ 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.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ 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.

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☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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## Prayer of the Day

Dear God, it has been a long time of “sheltering in place”. Some people are bored, some are grieving the lack of connection with loved ones, while others are afraid for the economy and wondering how long they can hold on. These are strange and scary times. We need you God. You are what keeps us going and keeps us having hope for the future. Thank you for this time of worship. It is a sacred time of building our relationship with you, God. AMEN

## First Reading      Ezra 8:24-30

Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests: Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their kin with them. <sup>25</sup>And I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the offering for the house of our God that the king, his counselors, his lords, and all Israel there present had offered; <sup>26</sup>I weighed out into their hand six hundred fifty talents of silver, and one hundred silver vessels worth . . . talents, and one hundred talents of gold, <sup>27</sup>twenty gold bowls worth a thousand darics, and two vessels of fine polished bronze as precious as gold. <sup>28</sup>And I said to them, “You are holy to the LORD, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD, the God of your ancestors. <sup>29</sup>Guard them and keep them until you weigh them before the chief priests and the Levites and the heads of families in Israel at Jerusalem, within the chambers of the house of the LORD.” <sup>30</sup>So the priests and the Levites took over the silver, the gold, and the vessels as they were weighed out, to bring them to Jerusalem, to the house of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm 19:1-4, 14** (Read responsively)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
**and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech,  
**and night to night declares knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words;  
**their voice is not heard;**

<sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
**and their words to the end of the world.**

**In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,**

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
**be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

Gospel Acclamation pg. 31

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

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**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

This the Gospel of the Lord.

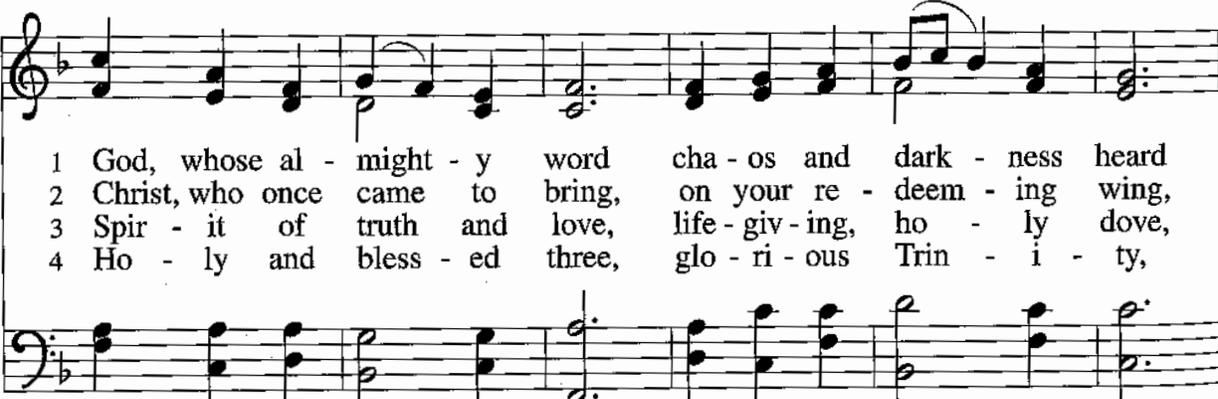
**Glory to you, O God.**

**Sermon**

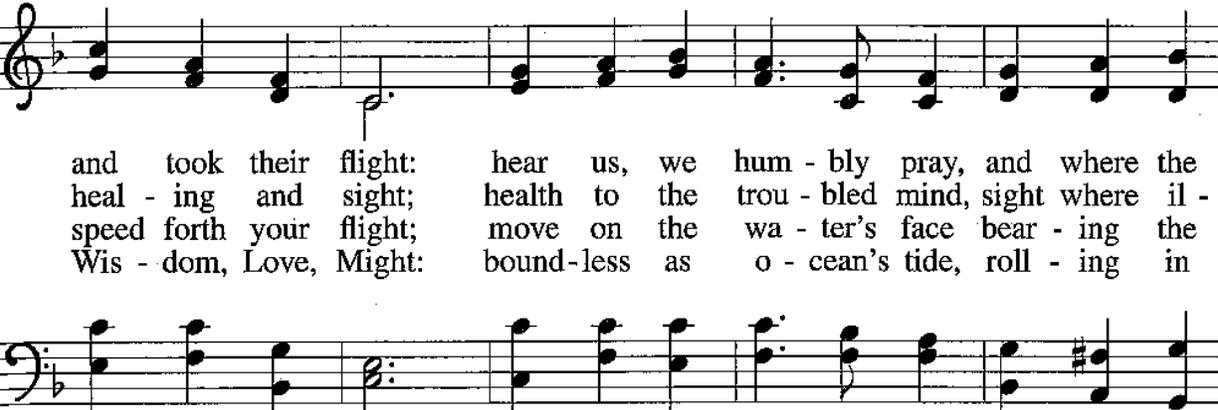
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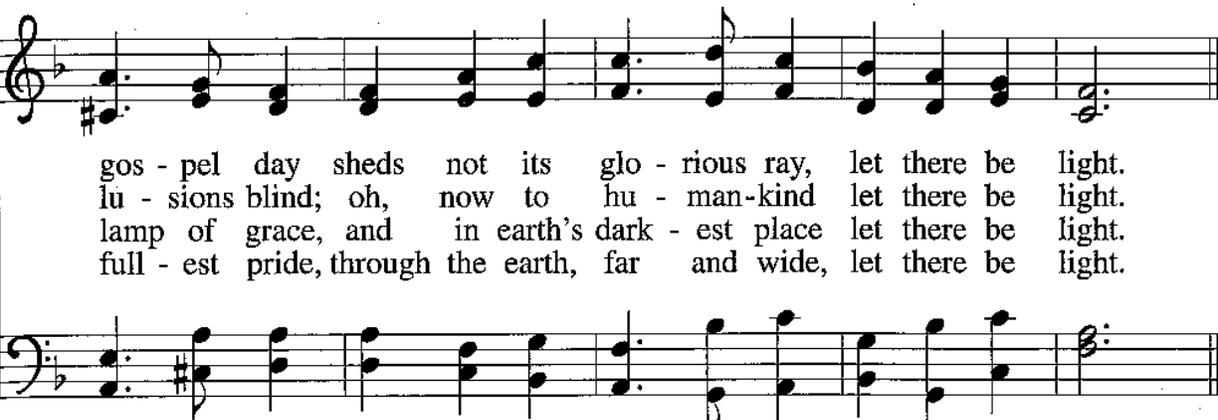
Sermon Hymn ELW #673 “God, Whose Almighty Word”, verse 1



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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## Prayers of the People

Spirit of the Universe, each one of us has a load of trials that we carry and we are worried about our families, our neighbors, those who are in detention centers, those without homes, without jobs, those affected by fires and those who are ill. This load is too heavy for us to carry. We turn all these worries over to you, God. You know what is needed. Your power and your mighty actions are what we need right now. We turn over to you all that is too heavy for us. (pause)  
Blessed Holy One, just turning over this weight helps us to feel lighter and your hope gets shines bright. Thank you for all of your blessings. You save us and you heal us. **AMEN**

## Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: Peace of the Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another. (PEACE SIGN, BOW)

## Offering

\*I invite you to donate your offering to St. Andrews by sending in a check. You can also donate by PayPal or through our website. Click on the heart on the page. Or you can contact our administrative assistant, Marjorie Goodwin, at the office to setup one-time and reoccurring contributions through our vendor – Vanco, using your checking or savings account.

## Offering Prayer

Creator God, there is nothing we have that you have not given us.  
All we have and all we are belong to you. **AMEN** (CWE)

## The Great Thanksgiving pg. 36

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## Eucharistic Prayer pg. 37

In every place, in every moment, God is present with us.

God was present with Abraham and Sarah when God created a covenant with them. God was with Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah and Rachel as they traveled their journey of faith. God was with Moses when the Israelites left Egypt and journeyed in the desert. God was with Esther when she saved her people. God came to live among us, to heal us, teach us and love us. Jesus died and rose again for us that death is not the last word—that God brings life everlasting.

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## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

## 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.**

## Holy Communion

### Blessing

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in God's grace.

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Jesus Christ be with us now as we savor the meal that you have provided us. Your forgiveness is sweet on our tongue and your love nourishes us. We are filled with gratitude for this meal that reminds us of the powerful gift that you gave us. In Jesus' name, AMEN**

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Sending Hymn ELW #534 "Savior Again to You Dear Name", verse 1

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise  
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;  
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.  
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,  
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;  
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.  
that in this house have called up - on your name.  
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.  
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

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## **Benediction**

Go forth in peace. Remember and rejoice in God's promise for you. Today, may you have gratitude for clean water, nutritious food, love of family and friends and a God who will never stop loving you. Bring hope to others all around the world. In the name of Jesus. **AMEN**

## **Dismissal**

Pastor:                   Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation:       THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Postlude**