

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30th, 2026



SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	AUGUST 30	SEPTEMBER
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	Vicky Dean	Judy Conlan
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	Sandy Vivian	Judy Conlan
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		Vicky Dean
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A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

August 30th, 2026

Before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet.

All stand

THE PROCESSIONAL

“Come Thou Fount”

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wan-d’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

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O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

All stand

PRAISE MUSIC

"Future / Past"

You hold the reins on the sun and the moon
Like horses driven by kings
You cover the mountains the valleys below
With the breadth of Your mighty wings

Pre-Chorus

All treasures of wisdom and things to be known
Are hidden inside of Your hand
And in this fortunate turn of events
You ask me to be Your friend, You ask me to be Your friend

Chorus

**And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past
And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past**

The constellations are swimming inside
The breadth of Your desire
Where could I run where could I hide
From your heart's jealous fire

Pre-Chorus

All treasures of wisdom and things to be known
Are hidden inside of Your hand
And in this fortunate turn of events
You ask me to be Your friend, You ask me to be Your friend

Chorus

**And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past
And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past**

Bridge

You are the beginning and the end,
You are the beginning and the end,
You are the beginning and the end,
You are the beginning and the end

Chorus

**And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past
And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Jeremiah 15:15-21 (Page 643)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26

- ¹ Be my judge, O LORD, for I have walked innocently; *
my trust has been in the LORD; therefore I shall not fall.
- ² Test me, O LORD, and prove me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your loving-kindness is ever before my eyes, *
and I will walk in your truth.
- ⁴ I have not dwelt with evildoers, *
neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of the wicked, *
and will not sit among the ungodly.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
and so will I go to your altar,
⁷ That I may lift up the voice of thanksgiving *
and tell of all your wondrous works.
⁸ LORD, I have loved the habitation of your house *
and the place where your honor dwells.
⁹ O take not away my soul with the sinners, *
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
¹⁰ Whose hands are full of wickedness, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
¹¹ But as for me, I will walk innocently; *
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
¹² My foot stands firm; *
I will praise the LORD in the congregations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from Romans 12:1-8 (Page 947)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**
“I Give You My Heart”

This is my desire, to honor You.
Lord with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise.
All that I adore is in You.

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Chorus

Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul.

I live for You a-lone.

Ev'ry breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm a-wake,

Lord, have Your way in me.

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

St. Matthew 16:21-27 (Page 822)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

This is my desire, to honor You.

Lord with all my heart I worship You.

All I have within me, I give You praise.

All that I adore is in You.

Chorus

Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul.

I live for You a-lone.

Ev'ry breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm a-wake,

Lord, have Your way in me.

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THE SERMON – FR. BEN EDSTROM

THE EXHORTATION

The Celebrant then says to the People

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that this candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this candidate that which by nature they cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents:

I present Case Michael Calkins to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Today, on behalf of Case, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that Case is taught, as soon as he is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When he has embraced all these, he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may publicly claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant then examines the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

The Celebrant prays over the Candidate(s) and may anoint each Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Case in his life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATE

Prayerfully sit. The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for **Case** who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant leads the following petitions

That he may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which he has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever he falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as living members of the Body of Christ, he may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, he may run with endurance the race set before him, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant now prays for the Candidate(s) as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy Spirit, that he may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Candidates are presented to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon them, saying

Name this Child. **Case**

Case, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

Case you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Candidate(s) are then presented with a Baptismal Candle.

Case, receive the light of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received him as your own child by adoption, made him a member of your holy Church, and raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that he may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People together

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Officiant and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say the following sentences, first saying

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. *1 Peter 2:9*

All stand

OFFERTORY SONG

“O Come to the Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself?

Do you thirst for a drink from the well?, Jesus is calling

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Bridge

Oh, what a Savior! Isn't He wonderful?
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen! ***[Repeat] [Chorus]***

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Ending

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.

Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.

Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,

Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



THE SANCTUS

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Bless - ed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Tune: Land of Rest Arranged by: Marcia Pruner

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here * may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." 🕯

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." 🕯

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit 🕯 to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, † that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People pray together

**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 FRACTION

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Safe In The Covering”

Shadows flee all fear is gone
Hope is here I’m moving on
I’m pressing in to his wondrous love
For I know it’s where I belong

Chorus 1

**I am safe in the covering of the Lord
I have found peace and rest for my soul
It is here that I know my confidence is sure
I am safe in the covering of the Lord,
I am safe in the covering of the Lord**

There’s no need to run there's no need to hide
When the Father’s arms are open wide
He rescued me from the shame inside
Now I’m clothed in love’s pure light

Chorus 2

**I am safe in the covering of the Lord
I have found peace and rest for my soul
It is here that I know my confidence is sure
I am safe in the covering of the Lord,
I am safe in the covering of the Lord
I have found peace and rest for my soul
It is here that I know my confidence is sure
I am safe in the covering of the Lord,
I am safe in the covering of the Lord**

[Instrumental]

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Bridge

In you I'm home again
My heart finds peace within
I will sing in the shadow of your wings
And I will rest in the covering ***[Repeat]***

Chorus 2

**I am safe in the covering of the Lord
I have found peace and rest for my soul
It is here that I know my confidence is sure
I am safe in the covering of the Lord,
I am safe in the covering of the Lord
I have found peace and rest for my soul
It is here that I know my confidence is sure
I am safe in the covering of the Lord,
I am safe in the covering of the Lord**

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“None But Jesus”

Chorus

**There is no one else for me,
None but Jesus.
Crucified to set me free;
Now I live to bring Him praise.**

Bridge

All my delight is in You, Lord;
All of my hope, all of my strength,
All my delight is in You, Lord,
Forevermore. ***[Repeat → Chorus]***

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

MILESTONES & CLERGY BLESSING

THE BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL

“Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery”

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN

James Tissot

(1836-1902)

“Matthew records five occasions when Jesus told His disciples that He would die (17:22-23; 20:17-19, 28, 26:2), yet not until after the Resurrection, did they truly understand. Here He again said He would suffer in Jerusalem, be killed, and be raised from the grave - events that transpired about six months after He spoke these words.

“Even Christians who have recognized Jesus for who He is (16,18) are sometimes quick to deny His words, either by their words or actions. Peter’s statement was arrogant, even if prompted by love for his Master. When believers focus on their own agendas or than the concerns of God (Mark 8:3-30, they can expect the Lord to discipline or rebuke them.

“In these verses [16:24-28], Jesus gives perhaps the clearest presentation of discipleship found in the Bible. Its cost is exceeded only by its reward (Luke 17: 33; John 12:25; Acts 14:22)... The Laws of Discipleship are: Law of Self-Denial (‘must deny themselves’); Law of Sacrifice (‘take up their cross’) and the Law of Submission (‘Follow Me’)... ‘For whoever wants to save their life will lose it’ meaning that joy and fulfilment are found when we exchange our lives for the life of Christ.

“The Price of Discipleship: ‘what good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?’ We all get only one chance to live by faith as believers. It is priceless.’ The Prize of Discipleship: ‘He will reward each person according to what they have done.’” *(The Jeremiah Study Bible)*

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