

Reformation Day
ELW Service of the Word
Sunday, October 31, 2021

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Water may be poured into the font as the leader gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

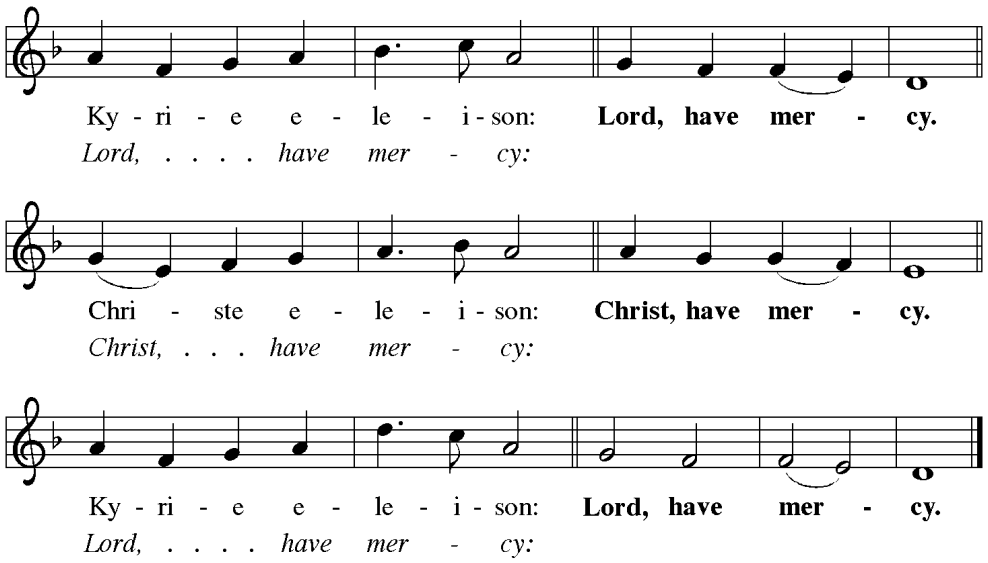
The time of gathering song may be brief or extended, and may include one or more of the following: hymns, psalms; a Kyrie; a canticle of praise.

GREETING (ELW p. 213)

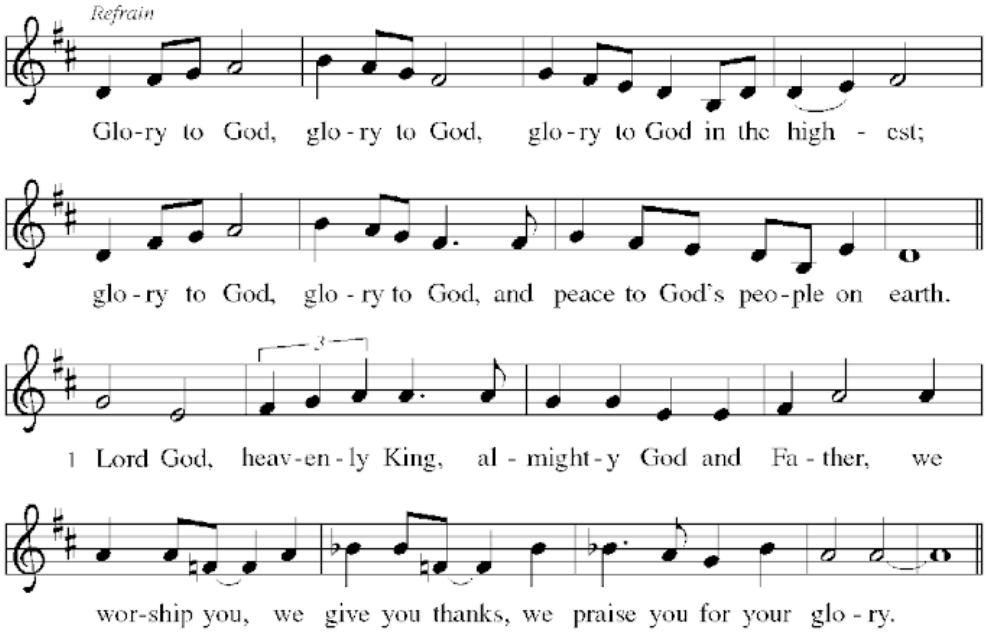
During this time, the leader and the assembly greet each other.

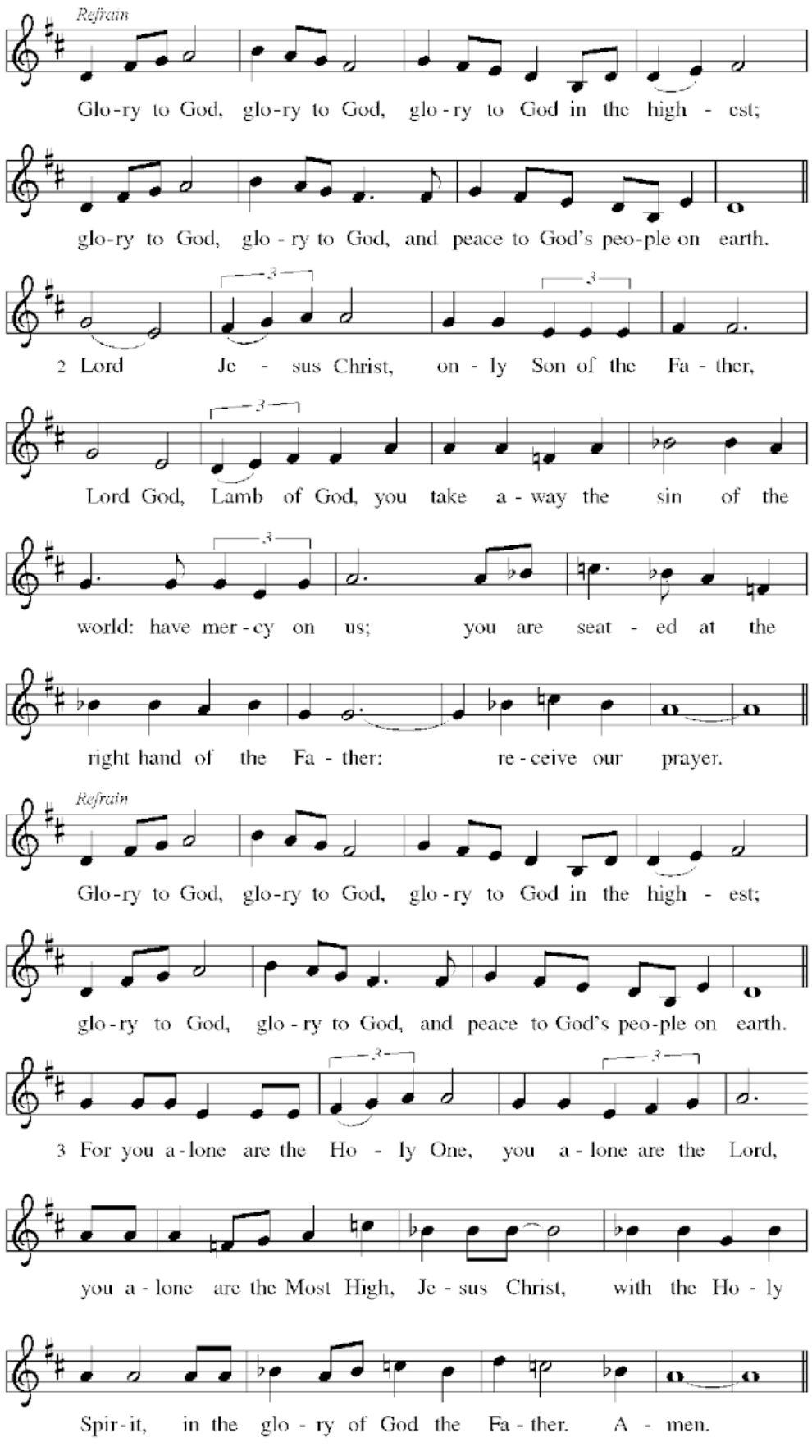
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

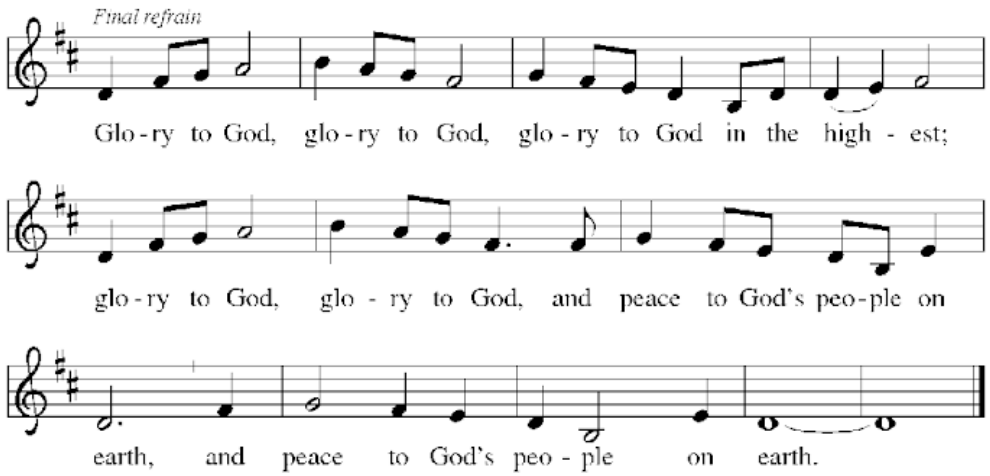
KYRIE (ELW p. 213)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 213)


Refrain
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.
1 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.


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glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, 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.
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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.
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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 215)

The leader prays the prayer of the day.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The reading may be concluded: Word of God, word of life.

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 46

1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
6 **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
7 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
[11]The LORD of | hosts is with us;
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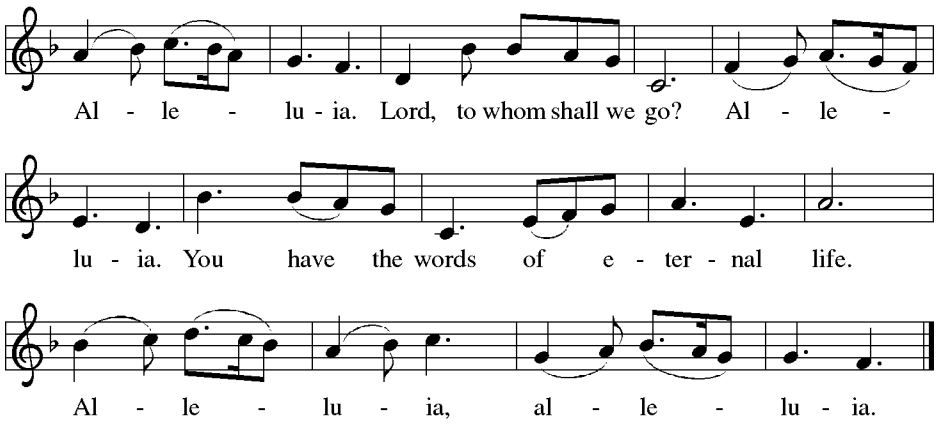
SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The gospel is announced.
The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ENGAGING THE WORD IN SONG

The assembly proclaims the word in song. Each hymn will be introduced by the leader with some information about the hymn. Following each hymn the assembly is invited to share something about the text or tune that moved them.

ELW 722 O Christ, your heart, compassionate

ELW 665 Rise, shine, you people!

ELW 837 Many and Great, O God

ELW 513 Listen, God is Calling

CREED (ELW p. 217)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE (ELW p. 217)

The leader and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

THANKSGIVING

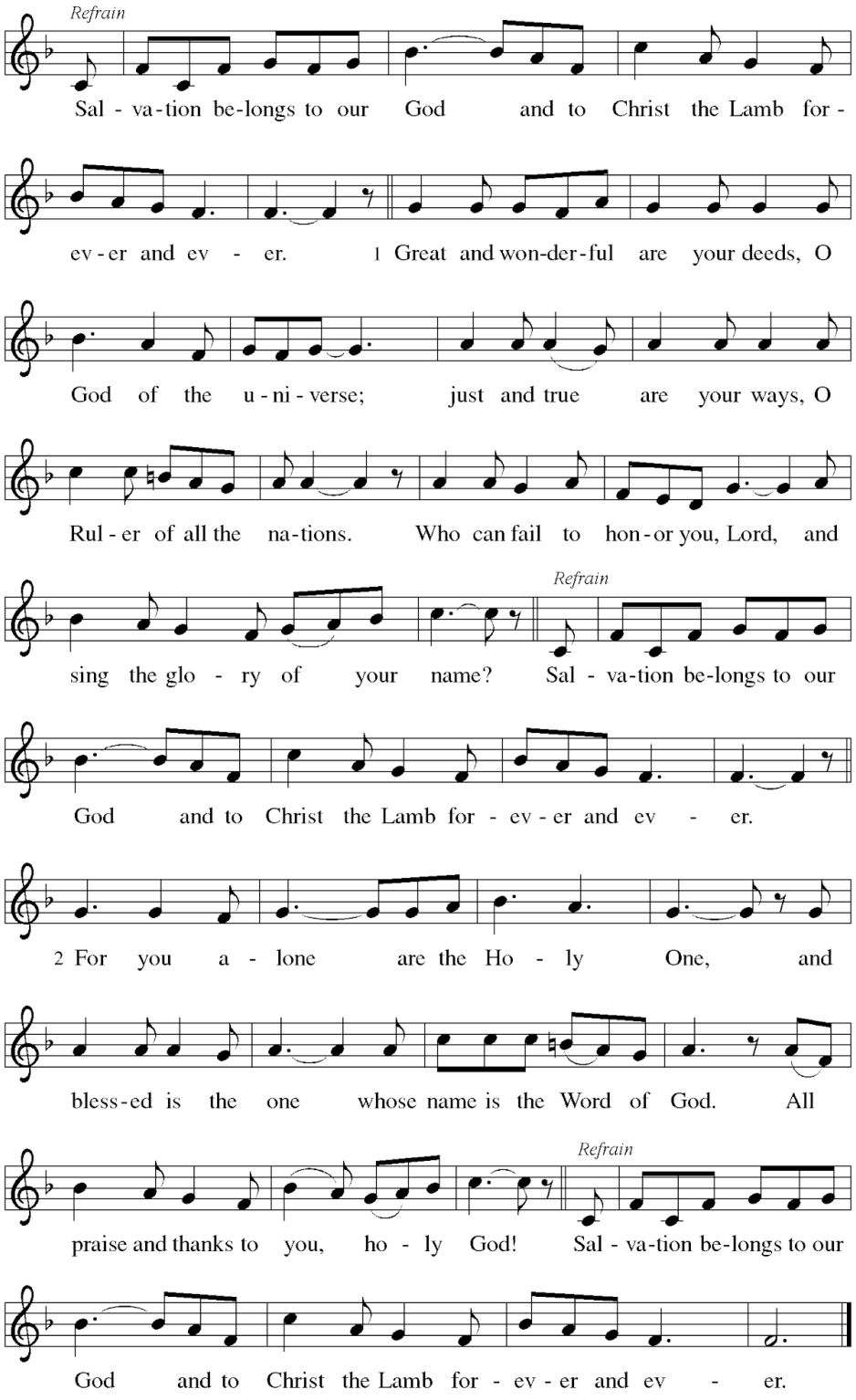
The people respond to the Word by giving thanks.

OFFERING (ELW p. 217)

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 219)

The assembly may sing this canticle or another appropriate hymn or song.



THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,
for calling creation into being,
declaring forgiveness from the cross
and delivering the spirit of rebirth.
We praise you, O God, for your Word.
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Your word is a lamp lighting our path,
a mirror reflecting our selves,
a shield providing us refuge,
a fire burning for justice and truth.
Your word is sweeter than honey:
it nourishes our bodies like milk,
it sustains your people like bread.
We receive your promises, more treasured than gold.
We bless you, O God, for your Word.
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Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints
and to all the cries of the needy.
Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ,
that heeding your voice of beauty and power
we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called.

To you, Father, Son, and Spirit—the Source, Word, and Breath—
we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.
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Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 221)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 221)

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

BLESSING (ELW p. 221)

The leader proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.